

⚓ *To take ownership of our future we will increase collaboration with each other, our customers and suppliers.*

IT Solutions' Technology Day a Success



IT Solutions held a Technology Day on April 2 with over 600 people in attendance. The theme for the day was "Technology enabling Human Capital Management and Other Business Processes." On display were existing and emerging information technologies that enable human capital management and other business processes at Newport News and across Northrop Grumman. IT Solutions staff, Newport News employees and industry partners such as Sprint, Cisco and Hyperion presented technologies. Students from the Achievable Dream program were also on hand for the experience. Pictured (left to right) are **Irin Portnaya** (K76), **Drelena Saunders** (IT Solutions) and **Leni Kaufman**, vice president and chief information officer, IT Solutions, along with several students from the Achievable Dream program. *Photo by Ricky Thompson*

⚓ *To take ownership of our future we will improve our environmental, health and safety performance.*

"Go Green" Challenge Underway

Newport News employees collected 1,340 pounds of recycled goods in support of the shipyard's "Go-Green Challenge." More than 65 bags of aluminum cans, plastic bottles, magazines, and newspapers were transported to the TFC recycling center in Newport News on March 28. Employees interested in recycling are encouraged to join the campaign. For more information, visit the Yardnet Go-Green Challenge website:

<http://yardnet/gogreen/index.stm> or contact **Julie Ware** (X12) at 4-0354.



Datebook

- ☑ **April 8:** The Peninsula chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) will meet at 6 p.m. at Point Plaza Suites at City Center in Newport News. RSVP to: Beverly.Ware@ngc.com.
- ☑ **April 10:** The Apprentice School baseball team will host a game vs. Virginian Wesleyan at 5 p.m.
- ☑ **April 10:** Newport News' "Spear & Gear" Toastmasters Club will meet at 11:30 a.m. in VASCIC (Bldg. 905-5 East). Guests are welcome. Contact: Dave Peck (E83) at 8-2271.
- ☑ **April 14:** Newport News will host an American Red Cross Bloodmobile from 8 to 11:30 a.m. outside Bldg. 600. To schedule an appointment, call 8-8136.
- ☑ **April 15:** Newport News' Process Excellence Learning Dept. (O09) will offer Livelihood training from 9 to 10 a.m. Contact: **Jennifer Cook** (O09) at 0-7690.
- ☑ **April 15:** Newport News' Contracts and Pricing Dept. (O19) will host annual Export/ITAR training sessions in Bldg 520-6, James River Room. Employees may register through [Learning Exchange \(LX\)](#).
- ☑ **April 15:** Newport News will host an American Red Cross Bloodmobile from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. outside Bldg. 902. To schedule an appointment, call 0-4698.
- ☑ **April 16:** Newport News' Propeller Club will host its annual Maritime Banquet at 6 p.m. at Plaza Point Suites in Newport News. Contact Angie Browne (O64) at 8-5153.

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✚ *To take ownership of our future we will continue to develop and engaged workforce.*

20 Employees Complete Production Planning Class



Twenty Newport News employees graduated from the sector's 27th Production Planning Class on April 3. The course, taught through East Carolina University, includes 72 hours of classroom study in four modules: Master Planning, Material Requirements Planning, Production Activity Control and Inventory Management. Pictured (left to right) are class graduates **Samuel Griffin** (X87), **Jimmy Norris** (X87), **Jeremy Bartos** (X87), **Nicky Winbush** (M53), **Welton Pierce** (X54), **Jerry Dye** (X75), **Michele Smith** (O57), **Bob Gunter** (senior vice president, Operations), **Allen Duff** (O64), **William Puryear** (X54), **Patonya Lassiter** (X42), **Max Tickner** (X54), **John Coffey** (E82), **Francine Carter** (X33), **Harold Evans** (X54), **James McDonald** (E23), **Quentin Gatling** (X54), **Amber Brinkley** (E51), **Jorge Munoz** (E63). Not pictured: **Kevin Barnwell** (E21) and **Victoria Lancaster** (O43). For more information about the Production Planning class, contact **Marilyn Jones** at (O44) 8-6528. *Photo by Chris Oxley*

✚ Steam Heat Shut-Down Will Begin On April 7

Newport News' Facilities and Waterfront Support Division announced it has started reducing steam supply to buildings/facilities for heating purposes. The process should be completed no later than Monday, April 14 and will not affect buildings or facilities requiring steam to support a process or hotel steam for shipboard service. For special heating needs, call the Facilities Service Desk at 8-9888. For other energy or utility related issues, call **Mac MacPherson** at 8-4388, **Larry Blanchfield** at 8-8312 or **Buzz Halleen** at 0-2518.

✚ New Hire CoP Management Open House Planned April 15

Newport News' New Hire Community of Practice (NHCoP) will host its fifth annual Management Open House at 3:30 p.m. April 15 in Bldg. 520-6 in the James River Room. Management is invited to learn more about the NHCoP and interact with members of the core team. For more information about the event, contact **Zach Burger** (O88) at Zechariah.D.Burger@ngc.com.

✚ O44 Announces New Dale Carnegie Offerings

Newport News' Career and Professional Development Dept. (O44) has announced two educational opportunities in its Employee Development Curriculum. "The Dale Carnegie Course" will be offered from 5 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from April 15 through July 8, and "High Impact Presentations" will be offered from 5 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays from April 24 through May 15. The courses are eligible for tuition reimbursement. To enroll, contact Emily Whittaker at 478-3378 or Emily_Whittaker@dale-carnegie.com. For more information, visit the [O44 Yardnet site](#).