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6/3 - Newport News' Process Excellence Learning Dept. (O09) will offer Livelink training from 9 to 10 a.m. Contact: **Jennifer Cook** (O09) at 0-7690.

6/3 - Newport News' SNAME Student Society will hold a general membership meeting at 4 p.m. in the Apprentice School Auditorium. All apprentices are welcome.

6/4 - Newport News' Contracts and Pricing Dept. (O19) will host annual Export/ITAR training sessions in Bldg. 520-6 in the James River room. Employees may register through [Learning Exchange](#) (LX).

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Employees Earn Leadership Certificates



Thomas Nelson Community College President Charles Taylor (seated, fourth from left) poses with Newport News employees: (seated, left to right) **Toney Garrett** (X42), **Diane Spratley** (X33), **Pamela Jones** (X05), **Wanico Brown** (X36), **Anita Skinner** (M42), **Jacqueline Fogg** (X18), **Rose Godwin** (X10); (standing, left to right) **Jeffrey Harrell** (X18), **Dale Fullwood** (O53), **Andrew Sweeney** (X18), **Jason Parker** (X43), **Michael Gramby** (X31), **Arthur Rogers** (X11), **Mark Clarke** (X18), **Jeffrey Sinclair** (X31), **Richard Eckert** (X18), **Bruce Conley** (X67), **Michael Holmes** (X32), **Hosea Salaam** (064), **Johnnie Edwards** (X36), **Rufus Taliferro** (X11), **Lawrence Antonetti** (M32), **Derrick Hicks** (X67), **McLendon Blue Jr.** (X42), **Keith Wood** (M32), **Johnnie Shaw** (M32), **Gary Preston** (X36), **Curtis Donaldson Jr.** (X11), **Glen LeBlanc** (X10), **Timothy Marks** (X33), **Leonard Morris** (X05), **Lorenzo Williams** (X32) and **Shirley Smith-King** (O22).

Thirty-two Newport News employees were recognized at Thomas Nelson Community College's May commencement ceremony for earning certificates in the Career Studies Certificate Program.

Altogether, 86 employees completed the Fundamentals of Organizational Leadership certificate, and 54 completed the Supervision Career Studies certificate. Both certificate programs, offered as part of Newport News' Trades Leadership Development Program, are designed to improve leadership, supervisory and managerial skills.

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6/9 - **Bloodmobile** from 8 to 11:30 a.m. outside Bldg. 600. To schedule an appointment, call 8-8136.

6/10 - **Bloodmobile** from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. outside Bldg. 902. To schedule an appointment, call 0-4698.

6/10 - 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.

6/12 - 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.

6/20 - The Hampton Roads chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers Alumni Extension (NSBE-HRAE) will host a golf tournament at 8 a.m. at the Pines Golf Club at Fort Eustis. Deadline to register is June 13. Contact: **John Futrell** (X89) at 8-7839.

View all events on [Yardnet calendar](#)

"Our employees who completed Career Studies certificates exemplify the true definition of continuous learning and taking control of one's career," says **Everett Jordan**, trades director (O61). "Over 60 individual participants to date have been promoted to supervisor with numerous others promoted into jobs across more than 20 departments in the company. The Trades Leadership Development Program is successful because our employees have stepped up and taken advantage of the opportunity."

Certificate program courses are offered on-site, after hours, and all course credit hours apply toward an associate's degree. For more information, contact **Charlie Massie** (O67) at 8-3946 or **Shirley Smith-King** (O22) at 8-8608.

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Cans for Habitat Gives Donation to Local Habitat for Humanity



Newport News employee **Phyllis Evans** (left, E85) presents Janet Green, executive director, Peninsula Habitat for Humanity, a check for \$160, raised through the Cans for Habitat program. The money was raised from more than 200 pounds of cans recycled March through May, from collection bins throughout the yard.

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ODU to Offer E-Waste Recycling

Old Dominion University (ODU) and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation will host a recycling event in celebration of the 20th annual Clean the Bay Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 7 at ODU's parking lot 43 located on the Norfolk campus. Old computers, monitors, printers, fax machines, televisions, VCRs and cell phones are all recyclable equipment. For more information visit: cleanthebayday.poweron.com.

Currents is published every Monday for employees of Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding, Newport News. Visit the [O29 Yardnet website](#) to submit a story. The deadline for submissions is **noon Wednesday** for publication the following week.

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Please note: While all entries will be considered, not all entries can be included every week. For inclusion, please submit your entry as soon as possible.

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Newport News Employees Promoted to Positions at Gulf Coast



(Left, Dennis Gallimore, Right, Rick Spaulding)

Irwin F. Edenzon, vice president and general manager, Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding-Gulf Coast, made the following organizational announcements on May 27:

Dennis Gallimore has been promoted to vice president, Engineering & Integrated Logistics Support (ILS). In this position, Gallimore will be responsible for all ship engineering and design efforts for Gulf Coast operations. In addition, he will have responsibility for the development of all integrated logistical support products produced by the Gulf Coast operations and serve as the lead for integrating engineering related work between the Gulf Coast and Newport News facilities.

Rick Spaulding has been promoted to the position of vice president, Planning. In this position, he will be responsible for the development and management of project plans and schedules for all Gulf Coast product lines. In addition, Spaulding will manage production control, production engineering and industrial engineering, and labor resource and capacity planning for all Gulf Coast facilities.

For more information, visit [Yardnet](http://yardnet/news/NN/2008/Engineering%20Planning_5_27.pdf) (http://yardnet/news/NN/2008/Engineering%20Planning_5_27.pdf).

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OFI Campaign Yields 76 Inspired Ideas



Becky Stewart and **Dave Belanger** shake hands with **Dave Puckett** (X80) at the OFI recognition luncheon held in May.

Faced with challenging cost goals in the *Virginia*-Class Submarine program, Vice President **Becky Stewart** went to the one place she knew she could find inspired ways to meet those challenges: her employees.

In March she and her management staff began a month-long campaign to encourage employees to submit OFIs that would help protect equipment from damage, prevent lost tools and material, keep service lines running and keep the workplace organized.

The number of OFIs she received during that campaign proved she'd gone to the right place. Employees submitted 76 valid OFIs during the "Work at Home" campaign.

In May, she and her employees celebrated their achievements with a special luncheon and prizes for the submitters that included Apple iPods, George Foreman Grills and CD players.

"We are really pushing hard to get involvement from the deck plate on up because of the cost goals we have to meet for these ships," Stewart says. "Our employees know their jobs and the best ways to improve them. So far their cost improvement ideas have made a real difference. We're definitely achieving what we set out to achieve."

Director of Quality and Technical Services **Dave Belanger** agrees. "Seeing our folks on the deck plates getting recognition for the power of their ideas really excites me. We need programs like this to get these ideas surfaced."

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Supervisor **Dave Puckett** had the most hourly employees submitting valid OFIs during the campaign and was presented a check at the luncheon for his efforts. “We’ve been writing OFIs all along, but when this promotion started, everyone jumped on board. The ideas are unending. We have already initiated some of them in the shops. I have an engaged crew,” he says. “I am a lucky guy.”



X32 employee **Ken King** says it’s nice to be recognized. “This luncheon is a great opportunity to come and pick a prize and meet others trying to do the same thing – help improve the company. I’m always looking for ways to improve things. It should be a natural thing for everyone who works here.”



X42’s **Barry Lirette** submitted 10 OFIs during the first weekend of the program. Though only a shipyard employee for eight months, Lirette already sees the value of the OFI program. “It’s a good program. You’ve got to get input from the guys on the deck plate because that’s where the ideas come from.”



“Programs like this get more people writing OFIs,” says **Deborah Jordan** of X80/X42, who has submitted two OFIs so far. “We’re going to spread the word when we go back to the shop.”

..... L.E.A.R.N to Host After Work Event on June 3

Newport News’ L.E.A.R.N. Program will host an after-work presentation by **Rolf Bartschi**, chief nuclear engineer and vice president, Waterfront Engineering and Test, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. June 3 in Bldg. 520-6 (James River Room). For more information or to sign up, visit the L.E.A.R.N. website at: <http://yardnet/projects/learn/index.stm>.