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NVCC Students Excel after Receiving ServiceSource Foundation Scholarship

Alexandria, VA—Colin Burnett and Yvonne Sydnor Bowling are now well into a thirteen-month Career Studies Certificate Program in Entrepreneurship at Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC), thanks in part, to a scholarship from the ServiceSource Foundation. Colin and Yvonne both earned full scholarships from the Foundation, which covered tuition as well as a laptop computer to help them in completing online courses and assignments. Both students are individuals with disabilities who hope the program will help them become successful entrepreneurs in the future.



Yvonne Sydnor Bowling (left) and Colin Burnett (right)

NVCC and the Community Business Partnership (CBP) have partnered to offer this unique, twenty-six credit program designed to prepare students to start and grow successful small businesses by providing instruction in entrepreneurial culture, strategy, operations, financial management, marketing and leadership. The program caters to working adults who do not have a college degree and offers a variety of scholarship opportunities to potential students.

The ServiceSource Foundation, understanding that individuals with disabilities often face financial barriers other students may not, agreed to fund scholarship awards for two qualified

students in and effort to remove financial barriers preventing students with disabilities from pursuing educational opportunities. The two deserving students chosen to receive the scholarship funds in 2008 were Colin Burnett and Yvonne Sydnor Bowling.

Both students are excelling in the program, and plan to graduate later this year. Colin hopes the program will give him the skills he needs to pursue his dream of opening his own recording studio and eventually owning a record label. "I am learning a lot and enjoying every minute of it," Colin says. "This program will ensure that I gain the know-how and support of other business professionals so I can be taken seriously; no longer taken advantage of due to my disability and lack of business knowledge." Yvonne also has her sights on owning a small business in the future, and says she is overwhelmed by her accomplishments. "I am now a middle-aged student with a walker," she says. "I have determination, great grades and a testimony of success!"

The ServiceSource Foundation is a non-profit organization that assists ServiceSource, Inc. by developing and providing resources that impact local communities and foster sensitivity and support for individuals with disabilities in community life. The provision of these scholarships demonstrates the Foundation's commitment to collaborating with well-respected community partners to benefit people with disabilities in fulfilling the organization's mission of providing valued employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

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