Meet Your Faculty Senator

Hello, My name is Abdellah Laamarti. I earned a Bachelor’s degree in Mathematics from City University of New York. I began teaching at the University of New Orleans while I was working on my Master’s degree in Mathematics. I also taught for other institutions such as Southern University at New Orleans, Delgado Community College, and Herzing University. Now I’m honored to be teaching at Northshore Technical Community College since 2014. I love the NTCC environment, students, faculty and staff.

In my opinion, Math has always been a hard subject to teach just as it is a hard course for students to take. Therefore I’m doing all it takes me to get the students stop fearing the mathematics’ subject first, so they can focus on the learning process. I’m very happy now that we have tutors and teachers available at CTS helping students not only with their assignments, but with all their needs. Our library is full of students who are engaged in learning and sharing their experiences and knowledge. My best moment is when I meet students who are struggling with Math and help them get through it. I try to have an honest conversation with my students, and have them talk openly about the knowledge gaps they have and work on filling them. Not a long time ago, in the summer of 2018, I was nominated an NTCC’s Master Teacher, and had a chance to attend the Louisiana Master Teacher seminar. It was an exciting experience as I joined many other teachers from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines to share our teaching experience.

I want to thank every member of NTCC for being a good support for me, and helping me improve as a teacher and as a person. And of course without forgetting my wife and my 7 years old son whom I enjoy spending my free time with. We are either walking by the lake, watching a movie together, playing soccer, or just eating outside.
Sullivan Campus Skills USA
Criminal Justice at the Lacombe Campus has been active this Spring!

- CJ students toured the St. Tammany Parish Coroner’s Office in Lacombe!
- St. Tammany Sheriff’s Department spoke with CJ students in Lacombe.
- The New Orleans Paralegal Association Mentor Committee came to the Lacombe campus to meet with Paralegal students and partner as a mentor in the local paralegal community.
- New Orleans Police Department spoke with CJ students in Lacombe about what it is like to be an officer with NOPD.

Above: Major Palmissano of the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff’s Office talks about the hiring process for Law Enforcement.

Above: Sgt. Meyer of the St. Tammany Parish Sheriffs Office teaches about and demonstrates polygraph exams.

Above: Corporal Scott Harrell of the St. Charles Parish Sheriffs Office teaches CJ students about Search Incident to Arrest.

Above: Captain Mark Candies of the St. Charles Parish Sheriffs Office conducts a presentation on Use of Force.
Gator Tail 5k
Trail Race Recap

On March 23, 2019, a slew of NTCC faculty, staff, students and members of the Northshore community came out to enjoy the beautiful weather at the Northshore Technical Community College, Lacombe campus where the inaugural 5k race for the college was being held. There were more than 120 participants between the kids 1/2 mile race and the regular 5k, over 50 volunteers, and at least 10 business vendors. NTCC’s Youth Build Program provided the food for the event. Businesses provided great prizes for the raffle, and several businesses provided activities for participants.

The college entrance never looked so alive as it was buzzing with activity between registration/packet pick up for participants, vendors nearby, Trax hamming it up for the new visitors, people coming in and out of the building for campus and starlab tours, or for childcare services which was put on by our very own CDYC program. Volunteers could be easily spotted wearing bright green shirts with the race logo on front, and the roster of volunteers included faculty, staff, administrators, SGA officers and students from various campuses.

Bayou Yoga Instructor, Elizabeth Schonzart and Trax warmed up the kids for the kids’ race that went off at 8:15 and then the 5k participants before their race went off at 8:30. The kids’ “half mile fun run” (actually .8 miles) was the cutest sight to see as Randy from Southern Timing (our chip timer for the event) instructed the kids to try to catch Brandy Williams as she led kids on the course by bike.

One little girl who ended up winning the “Young Hatchling Award” for being the youngest participant ran the whole course with her dolly in hand.

The 5k race participants included some familiar faces such as Dr. Roberts and family, Paul Donaldson, Kayla Cooper, Kristen Bell, Crystal Hill, students, family and friends of faculty and students, and general members of the Northshore community of all ages. The course itself was beautiful; all the major ponds in the area were included on course as well. Trax was located on Mile 1 as a welcome surprise for participants. Trax was not the only one to cheer on participants, however. There were volunteers along the course holding funny and encouraging signs. In fact, after one brief muddy section which Paul Donaldson has now named “Brandy’s Bog,” participants were greeted by Abdellah Laamarti as he smiled holding a sign that said, “Gator Tail 5k Trail; we threw the mud run in for free.” The mud did not dampen the smiles of anyone crossing the finish line. The facial expressions seemed to prove that each participant enjoyed the adventure.
Our faculty held the finish line tape for the first male, the first female, and for “the tail end” finishers who all later received awards along with 1st and 2nd place age group winners, largest, fastest, and most spirited teams, first to register, and the “old hard hide” award (for the oldest...ahem I mean the most seasoned runner). Dr. Carlson emceed the event, so he announced the awards and kept the enthusiasm of the crowd by sprinkling in raffle ticket winners. Award winners proudly took pictures with Trax and were surprised to receive a steel water bottle which had a classy
design and label of what they won. Adding to the delightful atmosphere, the raffle ticket winners gleefully accepted their rewards as they won business sponsored prizes and scholarships. In fact, one of our student volunteers went home with a $500 scholarship.

The race was a success in that it strengthened our partnership with community and allowed us to showcase the best of what the Lacombe campus has to offer as well as NTCC as a whole; it drew the faculty, staff, students, and other campuses together, highlighted the diversity of our programs, promoted health and wellness in the community, and raised money for scholarships.

“That was a great trail run. I was so impressed with the event. I will definitely do it again next year.”