Aisha Khan

Graduate Profile

Aisha Khan moved to Winchester from Prince George’s County, Md., in 2003 after her husband accepted a residency position in family practice at Winchester Medical Center and Warren Memorial Hospital. Upon getting settled in the area, Khan eagerly began looking for a college where she could continue her education.

After discovering Lord Fairfax Community College (LFCC), she enrolled and began exploring her love for photography. Khan graduated from LFCC on May 12, 2006, with two associate degrees and two career studies certificates.

Based on her academic performance and community service, Khan was one of 10 students to be named to the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) “First Virginia Team” in April 2006. She was selected out of 63 nominations from the 23 colleges in the Virginia Community College System. Khan, 21, was also recognized on a national level by being chosen for the All-USA Academic Team, which is made up of the top 60 students across the country. PTK, USA TODAY and the American Association of Community Colleges sponsor the All-USA Academic Team program annually.

What did you enjoy most about your three years at LFCC?
I really enjoyed the learning environment that LFCC provided. Even though I consider myself a city girl, the small class sizes allowed me to meet a lot of people and get involved in a variety of activities.

What is it about photography that inspires and excites you?
Photography gives you the ability to communicate your opinions about life through images. I especially enjoy black-and-white photography and working in the dark room. It is so much more personal and gives you more avenues to creatively express yourself.

Where to now? What are your future plans?
It’s back to Maryland for me. I have been accepted into the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, where I will pursue a bachelor’s degree in photography. After that, I plan to obtain master’s and doctoral degrees in photojournalism. My ultimate goal is to work for the United Nations or National Geographic. I plan on working as a freelance photographer until I reach those goals.

What did it mean to you to be recognized nationally on the All-USA Academic Team?
It was an incredible experience to be recognized for everything I’ve done over the past few years. I never thought it would actually happen, because there are so many people out there who have done great things. I’m very thankful to so many people who have helped me along the way.
Teaching and Learning
LFCC is committed to (1) meeting the need of students by increasing academic offerings, convenient class locations and partnerships with business, industry and senior educational institutions and (2) providing professional development for all employees.

The Associate Degree Nursing Program recently purchased a “Sim baby,” a computerized mannequin that can replicate most anything a “real” baby does. The Sim baby enables nursing and emergency medical technician students to practice clinical skills in the area of pediatrics in a non-life-threatening environment. This $20,000 piece of equipment was purchased with money from a federal Perkins Postsecondary Supplementary Funds grant.

The Luray-Page County Center began offering classes in its new location this spring with 172 students taking 24 different classes. An open house was held on May 13 at which approximately 150-200 community members toured the facilities and received more information about the programs, classes and services offered at the Center.

LFCC is one of six Virginia Community College System (VCCS) institutions to receive funding from a National Governor’s Association grant to hire a part-time career coach for the 2006-07 academic year. Marie Rutz has been hired as LFCC’s career coach for James Madison County. Rutz will help students plan for college, assist them with the training and educational needs of students by increasing interaction between adults and children. For more information about the seminar, contact Humbert at (540) 868-7229 or chumbcr@lfcc.edu.

Student Success
LFCC is committed to providing students with a variety of academic, cultural and wellness activities and services to enhance their educational experience at the College.

Overall student headcount for the spring 2006 semester totaled 5,307. This is an increase of 6.9 percent over the previous spring 2005 semester.

A total of 1,440 students are expected to receive approximately $2.74 million in financial aid awards for 2005-06. This is an increase of approximately $350,000 (or 14 percent) over financial aid awards for 2004-05, serving an additional 315 students.

In an effort to educate LFCC students about transfer opportunities, the College hosted approximately 25 transfer counselors from area colleges and universities during LFCC’s spring transfer fairs.

LFCC is piloting an expanded new student orientation program at the Middletown Campus. The day-long program features information sessions on academic advising and registration, academic program information, distance learning, financial aid and student activities. Sessions began in April and will be held through the end of July.

Partnerships and Outreach
LFCC is committed to meeting the training and educational needs of businesses and individuals in the area.

In March, The Consular Offices of Mexico and El Salvador set up a “Mobile Consul” at LFCC’s Middletown Campus. A community service project sponsored by The Latino Connection, the “Mobile Consul” assisted Mexican and Salvadoran nationals in the area with the completion of paperwork for a number of official documents, such as passports, national identification cards and driver’s licenses. Over 700 individuals from the surrounding communities were served.

The Office of Workforce Solutions (formerly the Office of Workforce Services and Continuing Education) has contracted with Trex Corporation to provide the company with a year of training and development. The Office will be conducting leadership training, front-line supervision training, assessments, teambuilding workshops and other professional development skills training.

Other organizations utilizing the training and development services offered through the Office of Workforce Solutions include Annandale Millworks, the city of Winchester, Marathon Bank, Merillat Industries, Page Memorial Hospital, SYSCO and Winchester Medical Center.

Seventy-eight students have enrolled in the new four-track viticulture (vineyard management) and enology (wine making) series offered through the Office of Workforce Solutions. The program began in spring 2006.

Resource Development and Public Relations
LFCC is committed to (1) keeping the public informed about the programs and services available at the College and (2) coordinating fund raising for scholarships, faculty appointments, capital and program development.

The LFCC Educational Foundation received the following contributions recently and is grateful to the generous donors. These individuals will be profiled in future issues of “LFCC Connections.”

• More than $82,000 to establish an endowed scholarship for high school graduates of Shenandoah County Public Schools who attend LFCC
• $30,000 to establish a scholarship for LFCC forensics and debate team students

The following scholarships have been established this year:
• American Woodmark Scholarship for Kitchen and Bath Design
• American Woodmark Scholarship for Nursing
• American Woodmark Scholarship for Professional Development
• Jim Strutzman Chevrolet-Cadillac-Buick Scholarship
• LFCC Winchester North End Scholarship
• Margaret T. Burdick Memorial Nursing Scholarship
• The Randy Carter Chapter of the Float Fishermen of Virginia Scholarship
• Scott Edwards Memorial Scholarship
• Tim Melton Memorial-Shenandoah Audubon Scholarship
• Timothy R. Lee EMT Scholarship
• William F. Dalle Jr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Flint Hill resident Alfred Kummilli was among 23 Virginia community college donors to receive the first-ever Chancellor’s Awards for Leadership in Philanthropy at the third annual VCCS Foundation Leadership Conference on March 31, 2006. Kummilli, the award recipient for LFCC, has shown his support for the College through contributions of more than $758,000 over the years and past service on the LFCC Educational Foundation Board for 11 years.

Alfred Kummilli is shown with LFCC President John J. “Ski” Sygielski and VCCS Chancellor Glenn DuBois after receiving the Chancellor’s Award for Leadership in Philanthropy. Kummilli’s contributions of time and money have greatly benefited LFCC throughout the years.

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