



Job Fair to Be Held March 11

The **NMCC Job Fair** takes place on **Thursday, March 11**, from **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the gym. Approximately 45 businesses and organizations will be on hand, and another 15 who cannot attend will be collecting resumes. Look for some tips on how to make the most of this opportunity on the back.

NMCC to Host Junior Olympics Activities

As you no doubt know by now, NMCC will be hosting several activities during the Junior Olympics taking place in Presque Isle on March 7 - 13, including coaches' meetings on a daily basis, as well as the Katahdin Trust Company Closing Ceremonies on Saturday, March 13. Another area in which we are helping out is by feeding two of the teams during the week. This should not have too much of an impact on students, other than at lunchtime on Tuesday and Thursday. We are working with the coaches to stagger when the athletes arrive to help alleviate any long lines on those days.

This is an exciting time, and we are glad to be playing a role in helping to make this a successful event for the region. We couldn't do it without the tremendous effort from many people across campus and in the community... so many thanks to those who are helping with these activities at NMCC!! We apologize in advance to those who may be inconvenienced due to parking or dining hall usage during this time. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated!!

Name the Tin Man Contest

The library has generously been given a new tin man, made by a student in the welding & metal fabrication program. They are looking for a worthy name for him! Campus members are encouraged to submit a nomination by March 19. The winner will receive a \$25 gas card.

Saturday, March 6:

PI Rec Soccer Tournament, 8 am - 4 pm, Gym *USSA Coaches Meeting,* 5 - 9 pm, CHR 101

Sunday, March 7:

Basketball Tournament, 8 am - 8 pm, Gym USSA Coaches Meeting, 5 - 9 pm, CHR 101

Monday, March 8:

USSA Organizational Meeting, 5 - 9 pm, Edmunds CC Dutch Soccer Academy, 3 - 9 pm, Gym

Tuesday, March 9:

Student Senate Meeting, 12 - 1 pm, CHR 201 USSA Coaches Meeting, 5 - 9 pm, CHR 101 Banking Course, 6 - 9 pm, CHR 208I Professional Bartending, 6 - 9 pm, MRT 212

Wednesday, March 10:

Public Health Solutions, 1 - 4 pm, Edmunds Conf. Ctr.

Thursday, March 11:

Job Fair, 9 am - 1 pm, Gym USSA Coaches Meeting, 5 - 9 pm, CHR 101 High Pressure Boiler Training, 6 - 9 pm, CHR 201

Friday, March 12:

Trade Tech Testing, 12:30 - 3:30 pm, MRT 105 *USSA Coaches Meeting*, 5 - 9 pm, CHR 101

Saturday, March 13:

USSA Closing Ceremony, 6 - 11 pm, Gym Aroostook Republican Caucus, 8 am - 12 pm, Edmunds

LUNCHTIME IN THE REED COMMONS

Monday Basil Tomato Soup Turkey Rice Soup Potato Chowder BBQ Beef Brisket Black Beans & Rice Seasoned Corn Brussel Sprouts Bacon Swiss Burger Southwest Panini Taco Pizza Chicken Fajitas BLT Sandwich Desserts

Tuesday

Vegetable Chowder Cream of Chicken Soup Potato Chowder Chicken Pot Pie Herbed Noodles Green Beans/Zucchini Buffalo Chicken Wrap Milano Wrap Mushroom Pizza Alfredo Summer Vegetables Marinated Green Beans Philly Cheese Steak Desserts Wednesday Oriental Beef Noodle Soup Potato & Leek Soup Potato Chowder Beef Enchiladas Spanish Rice Cauliflower Summer Squash Italian Sausage Sandwich Ham & Cheese Wrap Greek Pizza Stir Fry Station California Cruisin Ckn. Sand. Desserts

<u>Thursday</u>

Minestrone Soup Cream of Mushroom Soup Potato Chowder Hot Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Peas Spinach Hot Dog Grilled Smoked Turkey Panini Sausage Pizza Macaroni & Cheese Marinated Green Beans Desserts

<u>Friday</u>

Beef Barley & Noodle Soup Lentil Soup Classic Cuban Sandwich Blanched Broccoli Herbed Vegetable Blend BBQ Cheddar Turkey Burger Fried Fish Sandwich BBQ Chicken Pizza Fresh Veg. Fried Rice Marinated Green Beans Turkey Ceasar Wrap Desserts

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A salad bar and items from the grill are also available daily.

Toward Excellence

Nominations Sought for Student Awards

Faculty and staff are encouraged to submit nominations for the three special student honors to Bill Egeler no later than noon on Thursday, March 18.

The **Student of the Year** should be a model student as well as an exemplar of community service to the campus and their classmates. He or she should embody the values of the campus, including a commitment to lifelong learning. This person will be the student speaker at commencement.

The **Falcon Spirit Award** is for those students who deserve special recognition for going above and beyond the call of duty to help make this campus a better place.

The **NMCC Award of Excellence** is a \$500 cash award presented to two well-rounded seniors who have a history of making good judgements, being generous in working with others, thinking creatively, and possessing high standards of integrity and excellence.

Written nominations should include why the student is deserving of the award, as well as information on the student's interests and activities, family, career plans, etc.

Resident Assistants Needed

Selection for the 2010-2011 residential life staff will be taking place over the next several weeks. Any full-time students interested in applying for an RA position should pick up an application packet in the residential life office in Andrews Hall or with Nikki in the IT office. Applications must be completed and returned by March 26. Questions can be directed to a current member of the residential life staff or to Tom Richard at trichard@nmcc.edu or 768-2795.

TRiO Luncheon

The counseling office invites all TRiO/SSS students to have lunch with President Crowley on Tuesday, March 16, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Edmunds Conference Center. Please stop by the counseling office or call Cindy at 768-2839 to RSVP.

Passport Note...

Thinking about getting a passport book or passport card? You may want to apply soon. Passport Services is proposing new fees. Stop by the library for more information.

Pre-Retirement Session

Any NMCC employee considering retirement in the near future should consider attending a Pre-Retirement informational session sponsored by the MEA on Saturday, March 27. Information will be provided by Anthem of Maine, Maine Public Employees Retirement System, Social Security and the MEA at this session, which will take place at Presque Isle High School from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Space is limited. To register please contact Peggy Belanger at pbelanger@nea.org or call 888 942-2907 ext 2301.

For more information, please contact Tom Richard, NMCC Human Resources.

Tips for the Job Fair, Part 2

Students (and others in the community) have an excellent opportunity to network and job hunt on campus at the annual NMCC Job Fair from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 11th in the gym.

Here are some tips to help you make the most of the Job Fair:

What to Wear

Wear professional business attire, regardless of the culture of the company you may interested in. A job fair is a professional networking tool, so you want to present your best professional image. Remember the importance of first impressions. Don't chew gum!

At the Job Fair

1. Go early; it's not uncommon for some to leave early.

2. Carry a briefcase or file for your resume, references, application "cheat sheet" (with your work and education history), note pad, and pens.

3. Upon registering, get a floor plan so you can map out the companies you want to visit.

4. Network solo, not in groups.

5. Respect the privacy of others. Do not interrupt unless invited to do so by the recruiter. Wait your turn.

6. Be confident in shaking hands, delivering your self-intro, and asking your questions. Smile, be polite, remember the value of "please" and "thank you".

7. Distribute your resume to recruiters from companies you are most interested in. Do not "blanket" the gym with your resumes, as it will become obvious that you had no real focus in your search.

8. Collect company materials to review at a later date. Use your time AT the job fair to talk with the recruiters.

9. Gather business cards from everyone you speak to so that you can follow up with a thank you note. Ask the recruiter the name of the hiring manager and find out the procedures for securing an interview.

10. After speaking with a recruiter, step aside and jot a few notes for later reference.

According to a poll of recruiters, the following are their biggest concerns about attendees:

- 1. Lacking focus. Do not suggest "I'll take anything" or answer "I don't know" when queried about your interests.
- 2. Lacking enthusiasm; lacking confidence.
- 3. Asking about salary.
- 4. Lacking company knowledge.
- 5. Grabbing free stuff.
- 6. Lacking communications skills; not making eye contact; mumbling. Frequent use of words such as "uhm", "like", "ya know".
- 7. Not having anything to write on.

You will get out of the Job Fair exactly what you put into it. Be assertive; be positive. Approach recruiters confidently, initiate conversation, demonstrate your interest and skills . . . and perhaps that dream job offer will be forthcoming.