



Toward Excellence

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Spring Programs Scheduled for Students

As part of their on-going efforts to help students achieve success, the counseling office has scheduled their spring TRiO/SSS events.

Planned for January are:

The New Student's Guide to Time Management

Wednesday, January 26

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Edmunds Conference Center

Learn how to manage multiple priorities and make time for school, work, family, friends and fun.

FAFSA Frenzy!

Friday, January 31

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Christie 206

Come meet the assistant director of financial aid and learn what's new with federal student aid.

Other sessions planned for the semester include student strategies for successful students, an UMPI transfer panel and reception, Senior Make-Over Day, the Job Fair, and a luncheon with President Crowley.

For more information on any of the sessions or to register, stop by the counseling office on the first floor of the Christie Building.

The NMCC TRiO/Student Support Program receives all of its funding through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The grant award for AY2010-2011 is \$255,504. It also receives in-kind support from NMCC.

College Announces \$1.2 Million Gift

A gift of \$1.2 million was announced this morning (Monday, January 24) during a joint press conference led by NMCC President Tim Crowley and Brian Hamel, chair of the NMCC Foundation Board of Directors. Also taking part was Richard Engels, immediate past president of the Foundation Board. Engels, who is the attorney for the donor, spoke on behalf of his client.

The generous gift is provided by California resident and Presque Isle native Mary Smith in honor and memory of the life of her late husband Rodney Smith, a native of England,

who, despite an impoverished youth and incredible odds, achieved extraordinary success in the United States as a businessman and pioneer in the semi-conductor industry.

The gift, which was made to the Foundation, will be used to establish the college's Northern Maine Center for Excellence in Alternative Energy Training and Education, as well as to support expansion of the wind power technology program.

For the complete story on this amazing gift, check out the quarterly NMCC newsletter, which should be out on campus by next week.

Readers Sought for African-American Read In

An African-American Read In will be held in the library on Friday, February 11, at 12:00 noon. This year's program will be informal, and those who would like to participate can choose any short excerpt to read with fellow participants and audience members. This could be a poem, letter, diary, entry or passage from fiction or non-fiction. Those who read a section aloud should also share why they chose that selection. All readings must be by African-American authors.

Students and employees interested in taking part can visit the library to see the African-American literature display for ideas. Notify instructor Jen Graham by February 4 if you plan to participate at jgraham@nmcc.edu or 768-2890.

Those who don't feel comfortable doing a reading are still encouraged to take part by coming to the Read In on February 11.

Dean's List Released

Congratulations to the 264 NMCC students who were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester for achieving a Grade Point Average of 3.2 or better. Sixty-five of these student were named to high honors with a GPA of 3.85 or better; thirty-eight of these had the distinction of earning a perfect 4.0 semester. Look for the Dean's List to be posted soon on campus as well as in the local papers.

Mark Your Calendars...

- A **book signing** will be held in the Edmunds Conference Center on Wednesday, February 9, from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The book, *Breathe*, is a collected volume of works from a local writers' group. It will be available for purchase, and several of the authors will be on hand to sign it.
- On March 9, NMCC will be the site of one of only 22 clean energy forums to be held nationwide. Information shared at the **Focus the Nation Clean Energy Forum** will identify roadblocks and solutions to moving the renewable energy industry forward.

Lunch Menu

Monday

Broccoli & Cheese Soup
Chesapeake Bay Corn Chowder
Floribbean Chicken Stew
Soy Sesame Chicken
Cheese Lasagna
Orange Spiced Carrots
Cheddar Mashed Potatoes
Corned Beef Special Sandwich
BBQ Bacon Swiss Mush. Brgr.
Sweet Potato Fries
Meatball Calzone
Buffalo Bistro Chicken Wrap
Dessert

Tuesday

Kielbasa, Cabbage & Pot. Soup
Tomato Rice Soup
Floribbean Chicken Stew
Stuffed Green Peppers
Baked Macaroni & Cheese
Spinach
Brown Rice
Boca Burger
BBQ Bacon Swiss Mush. Brgr.
Sweet Potato Fries
Hawaiian Thin Crust Pizza
Genoa Salami w/Mozzarella
Dessert

Wednesday

Vegetable Chowder
Asian Beef & Ramen Soup
Floribbean Chicken Stew
French Dip
Eggplant Parmesean
Veggie Blend
Herbed Chips
State Fair Corn Dog
BBQ Bacon Swiss Mush. Brgr.
Sweet Potato Fries
Greek Pizza
Caesar Wrap
Dessert

Thursday

Chicken & Okra Gumbo Soup
Chicken Noodle Soup
Floribbean Chicken Stew
Mexican Beef Fajitas
Cavatappi, Ckn., Portobella
Vegetable Medley
Chipotle Rice
Philly Beef Steak & Cheese
BBQ Bacon Swiss Mush. Brgr.
Sweet Potato Fries
Chicken Parmesean Rolletto
Hummus & Toasted Pita
Dessert

Friday

Beef Barley Soup
New England Clam Chowder
Floribbean Chicken Stew
Zesty Beef Stroganoff
Deep Fried Ravioli
Acorn Squash
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Fishwich with Lettuce
BBQ Bacon Swiss Mush. Brgr.
Sweet Potato Fries
WW Spinach, Feta & Ham Pizza
Apple Tuna Salad Sandwich
Dessert

PMM Students Earn Credentials

Congratulations to students in Dean Duplessis' precision metals manufacturing program for earning their respective NIMS (National Institute for Metalworking Skills) credentials last semester. In all, 23 students earned a total of 34 certificates. This marks the first time that students in the program have achieved a 100 percent success rate.

Job Planning/Layout/Benchwork

1st Year Students (11 total credentials)

Francis Albert
Kent Burgoyne
Joshua Clayton
Thomas Grant
Joshia House
Glenn Kreyszig
Daniel Philbrick
Thomas Pickance
Joel Pickens
Christopher Stairs
Frank Stickney

CNC Mill & CNC Lathe Operator Level I

2nd Year Students (22 total credentials)

Leon Botting
Luther Phelan
David Richardson
David Flint
Daniel Jones
Jon Howe
Madison Bechard
Clayton Willigar
Jamie Lizotte
Paul Felix
Brock Junkins

CNC Mill Operator Level I

2nd Year Student (1 credential)

Michael Lewin

A special thanks to computer electronics instructor Joe McLaughlin for his ongoing support as a NIMS exam proctor.

Events

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

NMCC/Foundation Press Conference, 10:00 am, Edmunds Conference Center

PRISM Meeting, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, Keegan Room

Legislative Hearing, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Edmunds Conf. Center

Admissions Testing, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, MRT 105

Dutch Soccer Academy, 5:00 - 8:00 pm, Gym

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

Student Senate Meeting, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, CHR 201

Aramark Focus Group, 2:00 & 5:00 pm, Keegan Room

NMCC Basketball Practice, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Gym

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

Admissions Testing, 1:00 - 5:00 pm, Edmunds Conf. Ctr.

Retention Committee Meeting, 3:00 - 5:00 pm, Edmunds C.C.

New Student's Guide to Time Management, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Library Study Room 2

Sign Up to Win a Free Web Cam

Five free web cams will be given away in February courtesy of the Academic Success Center as part of their efforts to promote their new Skype tutoring program. All you have to do for a chance to win is sign up! Stop by the ASC, located just off the Christie lobby.

News from Dining Services...

- The college's food services provider, Aramark, is asking members of the campus community who are interested in helping them to ensure optimal service to participate in one of two upcoming **focus group sessions**. The sessions will be held on Tuesday, January 25, with one at 2:00 p.m. and the other at 5:00 p.m. Both will be held in the Keegan Room in the Reed Commons.

- Employee discounts** are back. Faculty and staff can now purchase meals at a discounted price. Breakfast is available from 7:00-9:30 am, lunch from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, and dinner from 4:30 - 6:00 pm.

- Bring your Valentine to lunch in the Reed Commons on February 14. Buy one meal and get one free!

Bookstore note...

Stop by and check out the new healthy options and smaller portion sizes in the bookstore. There is now a vegetarian soup option available daily. The full line of naked juices are also available.

Newsletter Items...

Do you have items that you would like printed in the *Weekly Bulletin*? If so, submit your information to the development office by calling 768-2809, e-mailing info@nmcc.edu or stopping by the office, just off of the lobby of the Christie Building. **The deadline is Friday by 10 a.m.**

AYBL Practice, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Gym

NMCC Basketball Practice, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, Gym

Classic Movie Night, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Edmunds Conf. Center

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

Aroostook County Guidance Counselors Meeting, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, Keegan Room

VALIC Rep., 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Library Study Room 2

Business Advisory Meeting, 12:15 - 1:00 pm, CHR 208

Medical Biathlon, 5:00 - 6:15 pm, Edmunds Conf. Center

AYBL Practice, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Gym

Aroostook Football, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, Gym

Movie Night, 8:00 - 10:30 pm, Reed Commons

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

CS Lewis Reading Group, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, MRT 212

Medical Assisting Meeting, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, CHR 201

NMCC Basketball Practice, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Gym