



Toward Excellence

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Student Group Works to Raise Funds for Community Causes

Members of the NMCC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for students at two year colleges, has been continuing a legacy of community service this year as they work to raise funds in support of various causes.

As a Christmas fundraiser, the group sold wreaths and poinsettias to raise money for fuel assistance for needy families in The County. The event raised \$850 and was able to benefit four families from Madawaska to Smyrna. Each family received \$212.50, which provided between 70-80 gallons of heating oil per family.

PTK members would like to thank Dead River, Whitney Wreath Company, and SAD #1 for their contributions in helping this event to be such a success.

The group also collected winter clothing prior to the holidays to be distributed to families in need in The County. They want to thank all students, faculty, and community members for their generous clothing donations.

Just this week, the group held a jewelry sale to for a little girl in the community who is in need of a new pair of glasses. Again, the group wants to thank all who supported this activity by purchasing jewelry made by NMCC's own Laura McPherson and Sue Dugal.



NMCC to Host African American Read-In

To help celebrate Black History Month in February, as well as to promote literacy, NMCC will be joining with organizations across the country in hosting a Read-In. Members of the campus and local community are invited to the Read-In at noon on Friday, February 11, in the NMCC library.

Coordinating the annual event is English instructor Jennifer Graham and Gail Roy, assistant dean of learning resources. To keep things interesting, the duo are taking a different direction with this year's Read-In.

"This year, we have asked students, faculty and staff to identify a piece of work by an African-American author that they like and to explain why they like the author or the work they selected," explained Graham. "This will result in more choice and will reflect what our campus identifies with in literature. In this sense, it will be more personal than in past years."

Graham plans to read the poem "Theme for English B" by Langston Hughes. "It's one of my favorite poems. Hughes explores the dynamic between a white teacher and black student at a time (1951) when diversity, in and out of the classroom,

was less understood. In the poem, he points out that not only can students learn from instructors, but instructors can learn from their students. This poem is a good reminder for me to try to see things from my students' points of view and to learn from them and the experiences they bring to the classroom," said Graham.

To help facilitate the selection of readings for the February 11 event, as well as to celebrate Black History Month, the library will be hosting a display throughout the month of February of books by African American authors. A number of African American authors are represented at the NMCC library in a variety of genres.

"The Read-In encourages us to discover authors we might otherwise overlook and to recommend new books to add to the library's collection," said Roy.



NMCC to Hold Book Signing with Local Writers

Some members of a local writers' group whose work has been published in a new book, *Breathe Volume II*, will be at NMCC on Wednesday, February 9, for a book signing from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Edmunds Conference Center. In addition to signing books, which will be available for purchase during the event, the writers will be reading some of their favorite pieces.

Breathe Volume II is an anthology of poetry, prose, short fiction and non-fiction. It is a combined effort of every member of the writing group.

The February 9 book signing is being coordinated by Gail Roy, the College's assistant dean of learning resources.

"Book signings are a great way to support the creative efforts of those in our community, as well as to promote reading for pleasure," said Roy. "The *Breathe Volume II* book signing is a great opportunity for members of the campus and local community to see and hear more about work from these local writers."



Lunch Menu

Monday

Tomato Basil Soup
Turkey Rice Soup
Chunky Potato Chowder
Beef Brisket
Pasta with Sweet Sausage
Seasoned Broccoli
Fried Rice
Bacon Swiss Burger
Turkey Burger
Buffalo Fries
Cheeseburger Pizza
Milano Wrap
Assorted Dessert

Tuesday

Vegetable Chowder
Chunky Potato Chowder
Oriental Beef Noodle Soup
Chicken Pot Pie
Baked Macaroni & Cheese
Cauliflower Au Gratin
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Italian Sausage Sandwich
Turkey Burger
Buffalo Fries
Spinach & Ricotta Wheat Pizza
Gr. Panini Smoked Turkey
Assorted Dessert

Wednesday

Lentil Soup
Beef Barley & Noodle Soup
Chunky Potato Chowder
Hot Turkey Sandwich
Beef Ravioli Casserole
Carrots
Reuben Melt
Turkey Burger
Buffalo Fries
Gr. Chicken & Broccoli Pizza
Ham & Cheese Wrap
Chunky Chicken Salad Sand.
Assorted Dessert

Thursday

Italian Wedding Soup
Very Veggie Vegetarian Soup
Chunky Potato Chowder
Beef Taco
Primavera Casserole
Mexi-Corn
Spanish Rice
Ballpark Dogs
Turkey Burger
Buffalo Fries
Calzone
Focaccia, Turkey, Cranberry
Assorted Dessert

Friday

New England Clam Chowder
Cream of Broc. & Caul. Soup
Chunky Potato Chowder
Fish & Chips
Gnocchi with Morel Sauce
Green Beans
Couscous Pilaf
Turkey, Bacon, Cheddar Burger
Turkey Burger
Buffalo Fries
Dough Rolletto, Marinated
Garlic
Turkey Caesar Wrap
Assorted Dessert

Community Notes

Literacy Volunteers of America Training

There will be a Literacy Volunteer Training program at the Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library in Presque Isle on Tuesday, February 15, and Thursday, February 17, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. This program will train tutors to work with adults to learn to read or to learn more about math. It is being sponsored, in part, by Presque Isle Student Ministries (PrISM). Anyone from campus who is interested in taking part in this training is encouraged to contact the library at 764-2571 for more information or to register.

Red Cross Training

Water Safety Instructor training is being offered at the Presque Isle Indoor Pool on February 24, 25, 26 and March 12. Participants must be at least 16 years old and a proficient swimmer. Learn to teach children and adults to swim, and give water safety presentations to kids and their parents. Those completing the training will become certified in: Parent and Child Aquatics; Preschool Aquatics; Learn-to-Swim; Safety Training for Swim Coaches; Longfellow's WHALE Tales; and water safety courses and presentations. This certification is through the American Red Cross, so it is recognized nationwide. This is an opportunity to develop leadership and communication skills, gain teaching experience, and earn money while having fun. The cost for the training is \$200. For more information, contact the indoor pool at 764-2564

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.**

Events

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

PTK Jewelry Sale, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Christie Lobby
Admissions Testing, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, MRT 105
Dutch Soccer Academy, 5:00 - 8:00 pm, Gym

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Student Affairs Meeting, 9:30 - 11:00 am, Martin 3rd Floor Conference Room
Student Senate Meeting, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, CHR 201
Study Strategies for Successful Students, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center
NMCC Basketball Practice, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Gym

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Book Signing, 11:30 am - 2:00 pm, Edmunds Conf. Ctr.
AYBL Practice, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Gym
NMCC Basketball Practice, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, Gym

Valentine's Day Guessing Contest

The Student Senate is sponsoring their annual Valentine's Day Guessing Contest in the Christie lobby this week. Stop by and check out the jars in the Christie lobby. The person with the closest guess without going over for each jar will win a \$25 gas card. The jars will be on display in the lobby on Tuesday through Friday.

VALENTINE'S DAY FLOWER SALE

**Carnations of assorted colors
will be on sale
in the Christie Lobby on
Monday, February 14.**

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Phi Theta Kappa

Senior Banquet Voting Reminder

All graduating seniors are reminded to vote for their preference of location for the Senior Banquet: **Presque Isle Inn & Convention Center, Crows Nest, or the NMCC Campus.** Each location will include a meal, cash bar and music. Voting will take place in the counseling office this week. Bring your student ID with you to vote.

Survivor Basket Raffle

Every student can benefit from this basket! Check it out and see all its goodies in the Christie lobby display case.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
Tickets are available from any medical assisting student or from the information window in the lobby.

Drawing will be February 18.

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Medical Assisting Student Group

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

NESHM, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, Keegan Room
AYBL Practice, 4:30 - 7:30 pm, Gym
Aroostook Football, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, Gym
Movie Night, 9:00 - 10:30 pm, Reed Commons

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Allied Health Accuplacer Testing, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, MRT 105
Medical Assisting Meeting, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, CHR 201
NMCC Basketball Practice, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Gym