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Tax Day Talent Show will be hosted at NMCC

Aroostook County - The medical assisting students at Northern Maine Community College will host a talent show on April 15 in the College's Edmunds Conference Center. The event will start at 6:30 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5 per person or \$12 per family.

The students in the medical assisting program will be establishing a scholarship fund, using the money collected from the event for future and present students in the medical assisting program. Plans are that the fund will grow and each year one student will be chosen to receive the scholarship.

"We want to assist students who want to study in this rapidly growing field of work," said Susan Dugal, nursing faculty and medical assisting coordinator. "Today many of our students are facing challenging economic circumstances and our goal is to establish a fund for those who are struggling financially."

The talent show will feature individuals from The County who have a wide range of talents. Included will be solo and group performances. After each performance a panel of judges will evaluate each act based on criteria that the medical assisting students created.

Three NMCC employees will serve as the judges: John Levasseur, NMCC arts and sciences instructor; Brian McDougal, chair of the trade and technical occupations department; and Natalie St. Pierre, event and editorial coordinator for the development office. The master of ceremonies will be Pam Palm, an adjunct faculty member for medical coding.

"The medical assisting students have sent out letters, followed up with phone calls, and made personal visits to the local businesses to seek sponsorship for their event," said Dugal. "I am impressed with the number of local businesses, even during these challenging economic times, who took interest in sponsoring our talent show. Some of the businesses have donated money to go towards our scholarship, while other businesses have given us small items that will be put into a basket, which will be presented to the winner of the talent show."

“Each year the medical assisting students must achieve four goals in order to graduate: pinning, fund-raising, community service, and education. The students decided to combine both fundraising and community service this year by creating this talent show. The money collected is the fundraising aspect and having the public join in the fundraiser ties it in with community. This talent show will help our future students who are interested in the medical assisting program,” said Dugal.

The public and NMCC students are encouraged and welcomed to attend the April 15 talent show to support local talent and NMCC’s medical assisting program.

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