



Weekly Bulletin

Totally Trades to Take Place April 27

A hands-on, day-long event designed to encourage girls to consider careers in fields traditionally dominated by men will bring together 100 participants from schools throughout Aroostook County on Wednesday, April 27, at NMCC.

The Totally Trades conference will feature sessions ranging from carpentry and green energy to heavy equipment operation and bridge building, all providing an opportunity for the girls to experience some aspect of the profession through a practical exercise.

"We want to give girls a hands-on workshop experience to spark their interest and raise awareness about a career field that they may not have previously considered, as well as provide female role models," said Suzanne Senechal-Jandreau, conference planner and regional manager of the Central Aroostook office of Women, Work and Community.

The conference is a free, one-day event for Aroostook County girls in grades 8 through 12. Funding is made possible through monies and in-kind services provided by the Maine DOT/Federal Highway Administration, Maine Department of Education, University of Maine at Augusta, Lane Construction Co., Time Warner Cable of Maine and Women Unlimited. Local sponsors include Northern Maine Development Commission, K-PEL Industrial Services, McCain Foods USA, Soderberg Construction, S.W. Collins, and NMCC, which serves as the host site for the event.

Please welcome our visitors to campus on Wednesday.

NMCC & PI Kiwanians Invite NMCC & Community to "Open House" for Sinawik #34

Hammers have been pounding and saws buzzing since early November in NMCC's residential construction lab as work on the 2011 Sinawik House has been underway. As the home building project nears completion, students and faculty are inviting the campus and community to come view their handiwork at an open house and barbecue on **Tuesday, April 26**, between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Mailman Trades Building.

The 1,400 square foot modular ranch-style home sits in two pieces inside the residential construction facility at the College. It is there where more than four dozen students and their instructors in five trade and technical occupations programs have spent the past six months making the home become reality.

For over three decades, the College and Sinawik (Kiwanis spelled backward), a non-profit organization founded by the Presque Isle Kiwanis Club, have partnered to build a home each year that is contracted by, and sold to, a family. This year, Terrence and Carolyn Hanlon, who live in the Portland area but plan to re-locate to Aroostook County, will make Sinawik 34 their retirement home in Chapman.

The Hanlons will be present at the celebration on April 26 as the official hosts alongside NMCC and the Presque Isle Kiwanis Club. The event will feature a barbecue lunch and tours of the new home and a brief ceremony where the work of the students and the importance of the partnership between NMCC and Kiwanis on the project will be recognized.

Graduation to be Held at Forum; Speakers Named

A record number of graduates, including the first associate degree wind power technology students trained in New England, will be among the highlights of NMCC commencement exercises on May 14.

The 274 students earning a total of 290 associate degrees or certificates will also take part in another first: the first commencement ceremony held off campus in more than a generation. As enrollment has grown in recent years to an all-time high of more than 1,100 students, the venue used to hold the event for more than three decades, the College gymnasium, will give way to The Forum in Presque Isle for the class of 2011.

Alternative energy and the changing energy landscape in Maine will play prominent in the commencement address that will be delivered by Gerard Chasse, president and chief operating officer of Bangor Hydro Elec-

tric Company. Bangor Hydro is owned by Emera Inc., the Halifax-based energy services company that acquired Maine Public Service Company late last year. Operating as sister utilities, Bangor Hydro and Maine Public Service Company serve more than 150,000 customers in Northern and Eastern Maine.

Also speaking will be Dustin Graham of Mapleton, a liberal studies graduate. Graham, who has been named NMCC's 2011 'Student of the Year,' has excelled both academically and in service to the campus and community during his two years at NMCC. He will continue his education at the University of Maine this fall, as a secondary education major.

Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 14, at 10:00 a.m. at The Forum on Mechanic Street in Presque Isle. Tickets are not required for general admission seating.

President's Award Nominees Sought

The President's Award is presented annually to an individual who has provided meritorious service to the College. This person may be a graduate or graduating senior, an employee, or a member of the community. This award is intended for a person with a distinguished record of service to the College, service which has contributed greatly to the fulfillment of the mission, vision and goals of the College.

The Vision

"Educating Today's Students for Tomorrow's Opportunities"

Mission Statement

Northern Maine Community College provides career and transfer programs that lead to associate degrees or certificates. The students served have an opportunity to develop as individuals and to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for employment or for transfer to a senior college or university. The college assists in economic and human resource development by offering programs of study, courses or seminars to employed individuals, specialized training to attract business and industry, and various community interest courses or seminars.

College Goals

- I. Complete the transition to a comprehensive community college.
- II. Enhance the quality of programs and services, assure continuance of institutional accreditation, and foster professional program accreditations and/or certifications.
- III. Promote and support professional development, diversity, professionalism, ethics, integrity and opportunity.
- IV. Enhance accessibility to viable program services.
- V. Continue to support regional economic growth.
- VI. Increase enrollment and retention.
- VII. Enhance the long-term fiscal and physical viability of the college.

Summer & Fall Registration Notes...

As many of you have already noticed, the Summer '11 course schedule is available for review and registration is underway. To register on-line follow the same procedures as last semester. For our new students (and for those of you wanting a reminder).....

The Course Registration and Changes portlet is found by **logging into my.nmcc.edu** → clicking on the **[Students]** tab & clicking on the folder labeled **[Registration - Summer '11]** which is located on the left hand side of the page.

Get a jump start on your degree completion by taking a class or two this summer.

*FYI - Due to some programming concerns and the degree audit feature within the **my.nmcc.edu** portal, we have delayed registration for Fall '11 classes. Our current estimate is that these concerns will be resolved this week and you will be able to register for Fall '11 classes shortly thereafter. We are all frustrated with the delay and appreciate your patience and understanding.*

Congratulations...

Members of Phi Theta Kappa extend their gratitude to the students, faculty and staff of NMCC for supporting their Japan relief raffle. They were able to raise over \$300 in a very short time thanks to everyone's help.

Congratulations to the following raffle winners: Shawn Lahey, \$50 bookstore gift certificate; Cole Davenport, NMCC hoodie; Michelle Bushey, Stephen King autograph; and Joyce Tremblay, Osprey backpack. Winners can pick up their prizes in the development office.

NMCC President's Award Nomination

Name of Nominee: _____ Date: _____

Meritorious service: _____

List the outstanding way(s) the college's mission, vision and goals have been enhanced or achieved through the service of this nominee: _____

*Please use additional pages as needed to provide your nomination rationale and return by **May 2** to the president's office.*

Signature of person submitting nomination