

## **Graduation Notes...**

**Graduation rehearsal will** be held on Friday, May 13, at 10:00 a.m. at The Forum. Please plan to be there! A lot of details will be reviewed at this time, forms need to be filled out, and caps and gowns will be distributed.

- This year's Commencement will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, at The Forum on Mechanic Street in Presque Isle.
- Graduates are asked to arrive at The Forum by 9:00 a.m. to robe, be available for college photos and be lined up.
- Doors will open to seat guests at 8:45 a.m. Those with floor seat tickets (each graduate should have received two) will be seated there: all other seating will be in the bleachers. No tickets are required for bleacher seating.

Graduates who are living on campus are reminded that they MUST complete sign out (including room key turn in) by 2:00 p.m. on the day of graduation. The residential life department encourages students to sign out prior to graduation if possible. RA staff will be available from 8:00-9:00 a.m. for check out. Final inspections will be conducted for damages as well as cleanliness of living areas, etc. after students vacate the buildings. Fines will be assessed where applicable.

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### **Pinning Ceremonies Held as Part of Year End Events**

In addition to the College's Commencement, students in certain programs take part in pinning ceremonies to celebrate the successful completion of their studies.

On Friday, May 6, seniors in the medical assisting program held their pinning ceremony (see photo below). Guest speaker for the event was NMCC faculty member Susan Dugal, with senior Kim Flemings speaking on behalf of her classmates. After the awarding of pins, the graduates recited the Medical Assistant Creed and enjoyed a slide show created by Michael LeReaux.

Twenty-five nursing seniors will take part in a similar pinning ceremony for on Friday, May 13, at the Presque Isle Middle School.

A special highlight of the annual Nursing Pinning Ceremony is the pinning of each graduate by family members or friends. After reciting the Florence Nightingale Pledge, the class will share a slide show commemorating their time at NMCC.

In addition, early childhood education seniors will take part in their own pinning ceremony in the Edmunds Conference Center on Wednesday, May 11.



Medical assisting seniors taking part in the Pinning Ceremony were, from left: Kimberly Boulier, Wanda Campbell, Tanya Clark, Kim Flemings, Shauna Johnston, Teresa LaReaux, Richard Michaud, Christine Ramos and Stephanie Simon.

Message from the Editors... This is the last edition of the weekly bulletin, as we draw to the close of another academic year at NMCC.

To our graduating seniors... we wish you the best of luck as you go on to enter your career field or to continue your education. Please remember to keep the College's alumni office informed of address changes and milestone that you would like to share in upcoming alumni publications.

To our remaining students and our faculty... have a wonderful and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you again in the fall, recharged and ready for another year.

To our peers across campus who, like us, will continue to work diligently throughout the summer to get the College ready for another academic year... what can we say, besides see you next week!



Among the students recognized during the annual NMCC Student Honors & Award Ceremony were (seated from left), all from Presque Isle: Jason M. Parmelee, liberal studies; Vanninnia K. Small, business administration; Benjamin T. Everett, emergency medical services; Leo Hackworth III, welding & metal fabrication; and Kimberly J. Rotge, residential construction. Also recognized were (standing from left): Sheri L. Anderson for medical coding, Melanie F. Davenport for medical office administration, and Roland W. Wortman for plumbing and heating, all of Fort Fairfield; Benjamin A. Dutil of Ashland, wind power technology; Shane T. Adkins of Monson, welding & metal fabrication; and Buddy L. LaCombe of Mapleton, computer electronics. Absent from photo: Desiree H. Dow of Presque Isle, nursing.



LEFT: NMCC students from the St. John Valley receiving Academic Achievement Awards during were (left to right): Lyse H. Dionne of Madawaska, nursing; Jamie J. Lizotte of Madawaska, precision metals manufacturing; Shawn Lagasse of St. David; Timothy L. Voisine of Fort Kent, electrical construction & maintenance; and John M. Parent from St. Anne, NB, automotive technology.

## Annual Student Honors & Awards Ceremony



Also receiving Academic Achievement Awards were (ABOVE, from left): Lisa M. Plucker, early childhood education, and Thaddeus R. Gorence, accounting information systems, both of Caribou; Jesse M. Peterson, automotive collision repair, and Bradley G. Therrien, computer-aided drafting, both of New Sweden. BELOW, from left: Kimberly Smith Wright of New Limerick, office assistant; Teresa L. LaReaux of Haynesville, medical assisting; and Philip L. Chase of Houlton, automotive technology. Absent from photo: Calvin J. Brewer of Monticello, automotive collision repair



Receiving the Falcon Spirit Award for going above and beyond the call of duty to help make the NMCC campus a better place for both students and employees was, from left, Aaron Conroy, Teresa LaReaux and Benjamin Dutil.





Based on a vote by students across the Northern Maine Community College campus, nursing instructor Paula Flora (right) was selected as NMCC Instructor of the Year. Flora was presented the award by Aaron Conroy, president of the NMCC Student Senate.



### **NMCC Student of the Year**

Maine Community College System Board of Trustees Vice Chair Robert Clark (left) of Fort Fairfield congratulates Northern Maine Community College 2011 Student of the Year Dustin Graham (second from left) after a ceremony honoring all seven Maine Community College System Students of the Year in Augusta recently. Graham was also recognized by Maine Community College System President John Fitzsimmons and NMCC President Timothy Crowley. MCCS Board of Trustees Chair Kris Doody of Caribou (not photographed) participated in the presentation of the award to Graham.

Congratulations to all of our students on their accomplishments as they end the academic year!