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NMCC computer electronics graduates gain tech industry certifications

Aroostook County - Thanks to a continued educational collaboration between Northern Maine Community College, Microsoft, and the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA), twelve recent graduates from NMCC's computer electronics program can now add a series of tech savvy certifications to their resumes to accompany the diplomas they received at commencement.

CompTIA is an association representing the information technology industry that has continued to provide students enrolled in the college's computer electronics program and the employers who hire them upon graduation a significant professional advantage. The partnerships between the three organizations allow the college to administer more than half a dozen certification examinations on the Presque Isle campus as part of the computer electronics associate degree program curriculum.

"These certifications will give the graduates a third party evaluation and validation of the skills they have learned here at NMCC. The certifications provide graduates with the training employers are looking for. These graduates are prepared and ready to go to work," said Joe McLaughlin, NMCC computer electronics instructor.

There are a variety of certifications students can earn within the program including A+, Net+, Security+, Linux+, LPIC-1(Linux Professional Institute), Novell Certified Linux Administrator, Novell Technical Data Center Specialist, and 72-642 Microsoft Server 2008 Infrastructure (MCTS). The following five students each earned all of the previously mentioned certifications: Douglas Ewing and Shawn Morin both of Caribou, Jesse King and Patrick Lupien both of Presque Isle, and John Bursey Jr., of Lincoln.

Gerald Belanger of Caribou and Buddy LaCombe of Mapleton each earned the following certifications: A+, Net+, Security+, Linux+, LPIC-1(Linux Professional Institute), Novell Certified Linux Administrator, and Novell Technical Data Center Specialist. Dean Patten of Presque Isle earned A+, Net+, Security+, and 72-642 Microsoft Server 2008 Infrastructure (MCTS).

Lucas Dube of Ashland and Pierre Gagne of Portage, each earned A+, Net+, and Security+ certifications. Kenneth Prescott of Presque Isle earned certifications in A+ and Net+. Scott Rossignol of Caribou earned A+ and Security + certifications.

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Northern Maine Community College Computer Electronics Instructor Joseph McLaughlin (left) congratulates 2011 graduates from the computer electronics program who recently earned industry certifications. Among the recipients from the Presque Isle area were (left to right) Dean Patten, Jesse King, and Patrick Lupien, all of Presque Isle; Lucas Dube of Ashland, Pierre Gagne of Portage, and Buddy LaCombe of Mapleton.



Northern Maine Community College Computer Electronics Instructor Joseph McLaughlin (left) congratulates 2011 graduates from the computer electronics program who recently earned industry certifications. Among the recipients from Caribou were (left to right) Gerald Belanger, Douglas Ewing, Shawn Morin, and Scott Rossignol.



Northern Maine Community College Computer Electronics Instructor Joseph McLaughlin (left) congratulates 2011 graduate John Burse Jr. of Lincoln on earning his industry certifications.