



Weekly Bulletin

Class Cancellation Procedure

With quite a few new students on campus this semester, it's time for a second look at our class cancellation procedure.

While the college does not typically close due to inclement weather, in cases of extreme weather, classes may be cancelled or the College closed early. Any decision to cancel daytime classes will be made by 6:00 a.m., and the decision not to hold evening classes will be made by 4:00 p.m.

Any College wide closing will be sent to students and employees using the emergency alert system. Since we are using a new system from last year, it is especially important that ALL students and employees go on-line to the portal and make sure that their contact information is current and that they have "opted in" to the system.

After you log in to the portal (my.nmcc.edu), go to the IT-Facilities tab and click on the "RaveAlert Instant Alert" heading in the left column. Messages regarding closing will be sent to all of the phone numbers and e-mails that you have listed.

Announcements will also be posted under the "Take Note" section on the College's website (www.nmcc.edu).

Finally, announcements will be made through local media:

WAGM-TV (Ch. 8/4)	WBPW - 96.9 FM
WCXX - 102.3 FM	WCXU - 97.7 FM
WQHR - 96.1 FM	WCVB - 98.1 FM
WOZI - 101.9 FM	W276AY - 103.1 FM

Please check these resources rather than calling the College. Allow for extra driving time during your commute when roads are poor. *Drive safely!*

NMCC Again Selected as Focus the Nation College

The country's leading clean energy youth empowerment organization has again selected NMCC as a national partner to raise awareness and move the country toward clean energy solutions. NMCC joins MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) as the only two schools in New England to carry the Focus the Nation banner in 2012.

Last March, NMCC hosted one of 22 nationwide clean energy forums. The "Maine Event" drew more than 100 participants from across the state and was the only such forum hosted in the northeast.

"We are thrilled to be working with Northern Maine Community College as a Focus the Nation campus again this year. Last year's event held at NMCC was one of the most successful FTN forums of the year," said Garrett Brennan, FTN executive director.

Four student leaders on the NMCC campus have begun work as project coordinators, engaging with FTN staff based in Portland, Oregon. Two of the organizers were members of last year's team. Gene Martin, a senior in NMCC's business administration program, and Natalie St. Pierre, a graduate student taking courses through Husson University's division of extended learning, are key members of the 2012 team. They have been joined by project newcomers Nathan Woods,

a senior electrical construction and maintenance student, and Jessica Ouellette, a business administration senior.

The four students will participate in regular on-line training sessions and work in the coming weeks to organize a second state forum "FTN 2.0" tentatively scheduled for early March. A preliminary outline includes a presentation on the latest work to connect northern Maine to the rest of the Maine and New England electric grid. That issue was cited at last year's forum as the major roadblock to promoting alternative energy generation, particularly in The County.

The main part of the forum, however, will be focused on the emerging biomass energy industry in the region and its future development. NMCC is one of several public institutions in northern Maine to install or announce plans to add a biomass boiler to heat its physical plant. Biomass energy has also been key to the Mobilize Northern Maine Initiative, which has identified the alternative energy sector as a key industry to propel the Aroostook economy forward.

The students are currently reaching out to prospective speakers and panelists to participate in the "FTN 2.0" event. The group plans to announce details of the forum by early February.

GRADUATION NOTE

Students planning to graduate in Spring 2012 must submit a "Request for Graduation" on-line. To do so, log into the myNMCC.edu portal. Click on the "Students" tab and then click on the "Request for Graduation" link from the navigation menu on the left-hand side of the web page. After reviewing the information on page 1, be sure to go to the next page of the form and hit "Submit Form" at the bottom of the screen.

Each graduating student will be charged a graduation fee of \$65. The fee is incurred and non-refundable upon the student completing the "Request for Graduation" form. The fee is required whether or not the student attends the graduation ceremony.

Submissions must be completed by Friday, February 3, 2012. If you feel your current degree/major information is incorrect or you have questions regarding the form, please contact the registrar's office.

Lunch Menu

Monday

Holiday - No Lunch

Tuesday

BBQ Welcome Back Lunch

Students and employees are invited to the Reed Commons for a special BBQ luncheon. Enjoy traditional BBQ food such as hamburgers, hot dogs and corn on the cob.

Employees...with your discount, lunch is only \$5.

Wednesday

Turkey Burger
BBQ Beef Brisket Sandwich
Italian Sub
Beef & Barley Soup
Chicken Noodle Soup
Roasted Corn & Potato Soup
Hash, Sweet Potato & Bacon
Fresh Collard Greens
Eggplant Parmesan

Thursday

Bacon Bleu Burger
Crispy Chicken Sandwich
3-Cheese Sub
Turkey Rice Soup
Minestrone Soup
Chicken Noodle Soup
Mashed Potatoes
California Blend Veggies
Spinach Quiche

Friday

Texas Bacon Grilled Cheese
Creole Fried Pollock
Grilled Apple, Bleu Cheese & Bacon Bruschetta
New England Clam Chowder
Chicken Noodle Soup
Six Onion Soup
Grilled Red Potatoes
Seasoned Corn
Grilled Tofu

AVAILABLE DAILY

Deli Station, Salad Bar, pizza, hamburgers, garden burgers, hot dogs, chicken patty sandwiches, grilled cheese sandwiches, french fries and assorted desserts

Ice Cream Social

All resident students are invited to a *Welcome Back Ice Cream Social* on Tuesday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Snow Hall conference room/kitchen area. Come enjoy an ice cream sundae while you catch up on each other's breaks and meet some of the new resident students!

Incredibowl Wii Tournament

The Wii tournament held on December 8 was a huge success. More than 70 students and employees were in attendance for the event. Fourteen teams of four competed. The student team Strike Force took home top honors, with the employee team Pink Tees coming in as runners-up.

Connect-to-Complete organizers want to thank everyone who participated and those who came to watch and cheer on their peers. A special thanks goes out to: Shawn Lahey from IT for taking care of the logistics of the night; Rob Ottaviano from food services for generously donating refreshments; Laura McPherson from the academic success center; and all those who baked for the event.

With the great success of this tournament, the group looks forward to hosting another one.



Team Strike Force claimed top honors, winning the Incredibowl Wii Tournament. Student members were, from left, Gene Martin, Niki Bennick, Lindsey Rockwell and Reid Hankins.



Claiming second place were the Pink Tees, consisting, from left, of instructor Dennis Albert, Cindy Albert from the counseling office, and Heidi Graham and Norma Smith from the financial aid office.

Events

MONDAY

Holiday - College Closed

TUESDAY

Foundation Executive Committee Meeting, 8:00 - 9:00 am, Martin Third Floor Conference Room

Little Feathers, 10:00 - 11:00 am, Gym

Student Senate Meeting, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, CHR 201

AYBL, 5:00 - 7:30 pm, Gym

Ice Cream Social, 7:00 pm, Snow Hall Meeting Room

Basketball Practice, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, Gym

WEDNESDAY

Foundation Finance Committee Meeting, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Martin Third Floor Conference Room

iPads in the Library

The library has two iPads for use in the library. Come by and test out an iPad and let them know what you think. Would you use one for school? Would you want your textbook on a tablet? Can you see this as something useful or just a fun device? The iPads have lots of apps (both fun and educational). Take the iPad survey. Give feedback and share some of your favorite apps.

Thank You...

Members of Phi Theta Kappa would like to thank NMCC students and employees who supported their annual wreath sale. Because of your support, they were able to help out many people in Aroostook County. Proceeds went to the Children's Miracle Network and the Ouellette family who recently lost their home in a fire. A special thanks to Bruce and Jan Grieco for making and donating the wreaths, and for Cindy Beaulieu for donating the handmade Christmas cards.

Another Thanks...

Residential construction students want to say a big THANK YOU for all who supported their Silent Auction before break. Proceeds will support their "Send Them Off with Tools" program. Your generosity will benefit seniors graduating in May.

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.**

Basketball Practice, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, Gym

THURSDAY

NESHM, 8:00 - 9:30 am, Keegan Room

Probus, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Keegan Room

AYBL, 5:00 - 7:30 pm, Gym

Basketball Practice, 8:00 - 9:30 pm, Gym

FRIDAY

Special Events Committee Meeting, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Keegan Room