



# Toward Excellence

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## NMCC Fall Semester Dean's List Released

Congratulations to all of the NMCC students who were named to the Dean's List for the 2011 fall semester. Two hundred forty full-time students achieved a 3.20 average or better; fifty-nine of these students were named to high honors with a grade point average of 3.85 or better. Twenty-five students had the distinction of earning a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

The Dean's List has been sent to all of the Aroostook County newspapers, as well as local papers across the state and out of state in the towns that NMCC students being honored call home. The news release can also be found on the College's website at [www.nmcc.edu](http://www.nmcc.edu).

"Once again, we are pleased to publically acknowledge the hard work and dedication of many NMCC students," said Dr. William Egeler, dean of students. "Students achieving this academic honor recognize the value of higher education to their future and to the lives of their families. Their sacrifices and hard work are reflected in this recognition and we hope all who know them take the time to acknowledge their achievement."

Again, congratulations to all of the students who were recognized for their outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester!

## NMCC to Host African-American Read-In on February 13

NMCC will be joining with schools, libraries and other organizations across the country in hosting a Read-In to celebrate Black History Month as well as to promote literacy. The event takes place at noon on Monday, February 13, in the library.

This year's Read-In topic is "Slave Narratives." The readings will focus on accounts of what life was like during and after slavery.

"Slave narratives are powerful because they capture first-hand the cruelties, struggles, and triumphs experienced by slaves," explained Jennifer Graham, NMCC English instructor and coordinator of the Read-In. "The narratives are vital historical accounts that provide a snapshot of what life was like for slaves. The stories are important as pieces of literature as well. They form one of the most far-reaching and influential traditions in African-American literature and culture."

Graham has worked collaboratively with NMCC's assistant dean of

learning resources, Gail Roy, to host the event. "Over the past three years, the library has expanded the collection of African-American authors and literature," said Roy. "A display will be in the library throughout February, and we encourage everyone to browse the selections and learn more about the writers and their work."

The Read-In event is sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and by its Black Caucus. The goal is to make the celebration of African-American literature a traditional part of Black History Month activities.

"The African-American Read-In gives students, staff, and faculty a chance to come together and listen to, learn about, and enjoy African-American literature," said Graham.

Those interested in reading at the event should contact Graham at [njgraham@nmcc.edu](mailto:njgraham@nmcc.edu) or 768-2890 no later than February 9. All are welcome to come listen to the readings.

## Early College for ME to Receive Award of Excellence

For Ruth White, regional director for the Early College for ME program, encouraging high school students to go onto College isn't just her job - it's her passion. It's because of that passion and outstanding work of White and her colleagues that the program will be recognized by the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE) with a State Merit Award in March.

Early College for ME is a college transition program that targets high school students who are undecided about higher education but who have the potential to succeed in college. It serves over 1,700 high school students a year at 74 schools across the state, providing support and guidance throughout the college planning process, the opportunity to take up

to two community college courses during their senior year of high school, and scholarships to the community colleges of up to \$2,000. Since 2003, Early College for ME has engaged over 5,200 students, and with available funding, was able to award scholarships to over 1,600 students.

White covers the largest geographic area of any of the six regional directors in the state. Her territory includes Aroostook and Washington Counties, as well as northern Penobscot County. She works collaboratively with both the NMCC and Washington County Community College campuses.

Look for more details on White and the Early College for ME program in the next quarterly newsletter.

## Lunch Menu

### Monday

Spicy Chicken Chipotle Sand.  
BBQ Pork Sandwich  
BLT  
Chicken & Okra Creole Soup  
Tomato Soup  
Curry Cauliflower Soup  
Spicy Black Beans  
Mexi-Corn  
Eggplant & Bean Casserole

### Tuesday

Italian Burger  
Chicken & Broccoli Stir Fry  
Southwest Tuna Melt  
Beef Vegetable Noodle Soup  
Tomato Soup  
Hearty Vegetable Soup  
Baked Macaroni & Cheese  
Broccoli  
Veggie Indian Curry

### Wednesday

Buffalo Blue Chicken Sand.  
Classic Chicken Parm  
Chicken Provolone Ciabatta  
Bacon, Tomato Veg. Soup  
Minestrone Soup  
Potato Leek Soup  
Rotini Marinara  
Italian Green Beans  
Chili Baked Potato

### Thursday

Texas Bacon Grilled Cheese  
Cheesy Meat Lasagna  
Salami & Bologna Sub  
Chipotle Chicken Tortilla Soup  
Minestrone Soup  
Vegetable Orzo Soup  
Mashed Potatoes  
Grilled Zucchini Squash  
Cakes, Bean, Garbanzo

### Friday

Meatball Sub  
Fish & Chips  
Honey Mustard Chicken Wrap  
Chunky Potato Chowder  
Minestrone Soup  
Cheesy Soup  
Steamed Green Peas  
Vegetable Chimichanga

### AVAILABLE DAILY

Deli Station & Salad Bar

Pizza

Hamburgers

Garden Burgers

Hot Dogs

Chicken Patty Sandwiches,

Grilled Cheese Sandwiches,

French Fries

Assorted Desserts

## BigRock Ski & Ride Day Trips

The residential life staff has organized day trips to BigRock Ski Resort in Mars Hill on February 4 & 11. All students are welcome to attend. Transportation is free, and your lift ticket will be only \$7 with your valid NMCC ID.

No sign up is required, and space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The van will depart from Andrews Hall at 11:00 a.m. and return between 4:30-4:45 p.m.

In addition to your student ID, you should bring your own equipment or funds to rent from BigRock. Also, bring a lunch or money to buy lunch or a snack in the lodge.

## Classic Film Series Continues

The Classic Film Series continues this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Edmunds Conference Center. This week's film will be *The Radiant Child*, a 2010 documentary about New York painter Jean-Michael Basquiat. All members of the campus community are invited to attend. Admission is free.

## Literature Circle to Begin

Members of the campus community are invited to join a newly formed Literature Circle. The group will meet twice a month to build reading strategies while discussing *The Last Boy on Earth*, a book by Maine author Thomas Burby. The group will be led by Laura McPherson from the Academic Success Center and instructor Eric Pelkey. As an extra bonus, the author will visit the group later this spring.

The first meeting of the Literature Circle will be on Monday, January 30, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in study room 2 in the library.

## Snowshoe Fun

Thanks to a donation by LL Bean, the library has two pairs of snowshoes to loan out for winter outdoor fun. If you have never gone snowshoeing, now is the time to try it! You can snowshoe on campus or borrow them for the weekend.

## Events

### MONDAY

**Literature Circle**, 2:00 - 3:00 pm, Library Study Room 2

### TUESDAY

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

### WEDNESDAY

**Student Senate Officers Meeting**, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Keegan Room

## Graduation Reminder...

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, 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.** If you have questions, please contact the registrar's office.

## Hockey Game

The NMCC Falcons will play the Thrashers on Tuesday, January 31, at 8:45 p.m. at the Forum. Students, faculty and staff are invited to come and cheer on their team.

## Skating at the Forum...

Students who present their NMCC student ID card at the door can skate for free at the indoor rink at the Forum. Call the Forum for times at 764-0491.

*Courtesy of Student Senate*

## 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.

## 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.**

### THURSDAY

**Marketing Committee Meeting**, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, MartinThird Floor Conference Room

**Stress Reduction**, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Edmunds Conf. Ctr.

**Movie Night**, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

### SATURDAY

**Republican Party Caucus**, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center