# Toward Excellence

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# Weekly Bulletin

# Tips for the Job Fair, Part 2

Students have a great opportunity to network and job hunt at the annual **NMCC Job Fair** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, **March 8**, in the gym. Here are some tips to help you:

# **What to Wear**

Wear professional business attire. A job fair is a professional networking opportunity, so you want to present your best professional image. Remember the importance of first impressions. Don't chew gum!

## At the Job Fair

- 1. Go early; some businesses leave early.
- 2. Carry a briefcase or file for your resume, references, application "cheat sheet" (with work and education history), note pad and pens.
- 3. Upon registering, get a floor plan so you can map out the companies you want to visit.
- Network solo, not in groups.
- 5. Respect the privacy of others. Do not interrupt unless invited to do so by the recruiter.
- 6. Be confident in shaking hands, delivering your self-intro, and asking your questions. Smile, be polite, remember the value of "please" and "thank you".
- 7. Distribute your resume to recruiters from companies you are most interested in. Do not "blanket" the gym with your resumes, as it will become obvious that you had no real focus in your search.

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# NMCC to Host Series of Presque Isle Historical Society Presentations on Key Aspects of County History

This week marks the beginning of a series of history presentations on key happenings that have shaped the history of the region that will be offered this year at NMCC by Kim Smith from the Presque Isle Historical Society.

In honor of The Aroostook
Medical Center's 100th anniversary, this week's presentation will spotlight the Presque Isle hospital.
Learn how the public hospital came to be here in Presque Isle and follow its growth from 1912 to the present.
The presentation will feature medical artifacts from the past. It will be held Wednesday, March 7, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Edmunds Conference Center.

"Engaging people in local history leads to a greater sense of community pride and is integral to the mission of the Presque Isle Historical Society. We are proud to continue our partnership with Northern Maine Community College to offer these presentations



PI Hospital on Second Street - 1940s

as NMCC has had a rich heritage of serving our community for over fifty years," said Smith.

Other upcoming topics include: the history of the Northern Maine Fair on June 6; the life and times of A.C.T. Wilson on September 5; and the topic of ice harvesting on the Presque Isle stream on December 5. All four talks in the series will be begin at 5:30 p.m. and run for an hour. All are free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the NMCC college relations office at (207) 768-2809 or e-mail info@nmcc.edu.

# Northern Maine Community College's Annual Community

# JOB FAIR

Thursday, March 8 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM NMCC Christie Gym



Don't miss all the fun on Pi Day...look for more next week!

# 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

Tips for the Job Fair, cont.

- 8. Collect company materials to review at a later date. Use your time AT the job fair to talk with the recruiters.
- 9. Gather business cards from everyone you speak to so that you can follow up with a thank you note. Ask the recruiter the name of the hiring manager and find out the procedures for securing an interview.
- 10. After speaking with a recruiter, step aside and jot a few notes for later reference.

According to a poll of recruiters, the following are their biggest concerns about attendees:

- 1. Lacking focus. Do not suggest "I'll take anything" or answer "I don't know" when queried about your interests.
- 2. Lacking enthusiasm; lacking confidence.
- 3. Asking about salary.
- 4. Lacking company knowledge.
- 5. Grabbing free stuff.
- 6. Lacking communications skills; not making eye contact; mumbling. Frequent use of words such as "uhm", "like", "ya know".
- 7. Not having anything to write on.

You will get out of the Job Fair exactly what you put into it. Be assertive; be positive. Approach recruiters confidently, initiate conversation, demonstrate your interest and skills . . . and perhaps that dream job offer will be forthcoming.

# **Student Senate Meeting**

The Student Senate meets at noon each Tuesday in Christie 201 (in the nursing wing). All students are invited to attend and have their opinions heard.

# **Congratulations...**

Congratulations to Tia Crouse for being selected as the new treasurer for the Student Senate.

# Events

### MONDAY

**PTK March Madness,** 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, Lobby **Campus Facilities Meeting,** 8:00 - 9:00 am, Lobby **Umpires Meeting,** 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Ctr.

#### **TUESDAY**

**PTK March Madness,** 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, Lobby **Student Senate Meeting,** 12:15 - 12:45 pm, CHR 201 **Baseball Umpires Meeting,** 5:30 - 7:30 pm, CHR 108

# **WEDNESDAY**

**Focus the Nation Forum,** 9:30 am - 4:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

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

# **PTK March Madness Raffle**

Members of Phi Theta Kappa are selling tickets this month for their March Madness raffle. Get your ticket now and be entered into a drawing in April. A ticket will be drawn each day during the month of April, with the lucky winner getting \$25, \$50 or \$100 depending on what day his/her ticket is drawn. The grand prize on the last day of April will be \$425. One ticket has more than one chance to win, since winning tickets will then be put back into the drawing for another day. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from any PTK member or at one of the tables that will be set up around campus this month, including this Monday and Tuesday in the Christie lobby.

# **Incredible Wii Tournament**

Connect-to-Complete will be bringing The Incredible Wii Tournament back to campus this semester on Wednesday, March 14, from 4:00-8:30 p.m. This is a Wii bowling tournament pitting student teams against faculty teams. The cost per 4-member team is \$4. The winning team will receive \$100 for the NMCC bookstore. Sign up your team in the Academic Success Center!

# **Focus the Nation Reminder...**

FTN 2.0: Biomass & Beyond, a conference on preparing Maine's renewable energy future, takes place on Wednesday, March 7, in the Edmunds Conference Center. It includes a featured addresses by Dr. William Strauss, president and founder of FutureMetrics, LLC, and Gerard Chasse, president and COO of Bangor Hydro Electric Company. There will also be a panel discussion with four professionals involved in the alternative energy field. To register, stop by the development office or call 768-2810.

# **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.** 

Admissions Testing, 1:00 - 3:30 pm, MRT 210
Homecoming Meeting, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Library Room 2
Financing Your Future, 5:30 - 8:30 pm, Keegan Room
History of the PI Hospital Presentation, 5:30 - 9:00 pm,
Edmunds Conference Center

## **THURSDAY**

Job Fair, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Gym Stress Reduction, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Edmunds Conf. Center Movie Night, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

#### <u>-RIDAY</u>

**BIT,** 9:30 - 10:30 am, Martin Third Floor Conference Room **Admissions Meeting,** 10:30 am -2:00 pm, Keegan Room