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Hundreds attend 15th annual job fair at NMCC

Aroostook County - Hundreds of community members and students alike were on hand to try to find a job or to learn more about career opportunities during 15th annual job fair at Northern Maine Community College on March 9.

More than 460 people visited with representatives from approximately 40 businesses, organizations and state entities interested in hiring employees or simply educating the public about their organization. According to event coordinators, approximately 60 percent of those attending were students, while the remaining 40 percent were community members looking to make the most of the opportunity presented by the college's job fair. While more than half of attendees (about 60 percent) were from central Aroostook, people traveled from as far as St. David and Fort Kent in the Valley and Patten and Sherman in southern Aroostook to attend.

"It was an excellent turn out, and a good mix of students and the public," said Rick Thurston, from Reed & Reed, Inc., one of northern New England's largest general contractors. This marked the first year that the company, based out of Woolwich, Maine, was at the Presque Isle job fair.

"While the number of vendors were down a little bit from previous years, with less businesses looking to hire right now, those that were here were very pleased by the quality of the people who stopped by their booth," said Ruth White, regional director of Early College for ME program and event coordinator, "The fair had an excellent turnout and I'm pleased that the students and community members took advantage of such an opportunity."

According to White, vendor feedback at the end of the day included comments calling the job fair outstanding and the best in The County. Vendors were also pleased with the level of support they received from NMCC students helping out at the fair, doing everything from helping to unload and park vehicles to assisting fair participants in finding vendors.

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Rick Thurston (right) from Reed & Reed, Inc. speaks to Luke Cyr, an electrical construction and maintenance senior at Northern Maine Community College, during the 15th annual NMCC job fair on March 9.



Yusuf Ghodgeri, a senior in NMCC's computer electronics program, learns about career opportunities at MMG from Margo Dyer during the NMCC job fair.



Robbie Krul (center) from NMCC's admissions office talks to job fair attendees about educational opportunities at the College to help prepare them for the career of their choice.



Kelly O'Mara and Dick Palm, WAGM-TV's morning news team, share insights about working in the news field and job opportunities at the station with participants at the job fair.