Toward Excellence

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Weekly Bulletin

Creative Writers Reading Series Continues

The Creative Writers Reading Series continues this week in the library. Members of the campus and the community are invited to the noon-time session on Wednesday, April 18.

The guest author this week is poet Melissa Crowe. Crowe's poems have appeared in the Atlanta Review, Calyx, the Crab Orchard Review, and the Seneca Review, among other journals. She was the winner of the Betsy Scholl Award in 2011 for her poem The River. Crowe earned her MFA in Poetry at Sarah Lawrence College and her Ph.D. in English at the University of Georgia. She sits on the editorial board of the Beloit Poetry Journal and teaches American literature and writing in the online English program of the University of Maine at Presque Isle. She lives in Portland with her husband and daughter.

Crowe will be reading from some of her work, as well as answering questions about her experiences as a writer and other areas of interest audience members may have. A number of students will also be reading from their work during the event.

Following the session, Crowe will be speaking to students in Jan Grieco's Creative Writing class. She will critique their work, share with them the process to becoming a professional writer, discuss inspirations, and answer questions.

The series concludes on April 25, with Jen Blood, who writes across the genres.

Business Wing to Be Dedicated in Honor of Gauvins

The wing of the Christie Building that houses NMCC's business technology department will soon bear the name of a prominent central Aroostook couple. College officials will dedicate the Raynold and Sandra Gauvin Business Technology Wing during a noontime ceremony on campus on Thursday, April 19.

"Our campus community has benefited time and again from the generosity, benevolence and unwavering support of Ray and Sandy Gauvin. We are so grateful to them both," said NMCC President Timothy Crowley. "This is a most fitting gesture to recognize their support, the impact they have made on our campus community, and their legacy that will live on for generations to come."

The Gauvins have long been supporters of NMCC, both as donors and as active and involved members of the NMCC Foundation Board of Directors. The two were also driving forces in the \$2.5 million Campaign for the County's College, the first-ever major gifts campaign undertaken by the College and Foundation in 2006.

In addition to their work with the NMCC Foundation, the Gauvins have designed funds to help support the educational efforts of NMCC. The Gauvin Family Scholarship Fund helps several students annually achieve their educational goals, the Ray and Sandy Gauvin Faculty Advancement Fund allowed for the purchase of notebook computers in 2008 for NMCC faculty to advance the use of wireless technology in classroom teaching and learning, and the Gauvin County Scholarship Fund, a new effort will soon provide scholarships to students from each Aroostook County high school annually who attend a higher education institutions in northern Maine.

The couple has tirelessly given of their time and money through the years to the College, and fully supports the idea of providing accessible, quality education at an affordable price – the very essence of NMCC. They additionally provide grants to area educational institutions for student achievement.

BENEFIT SUPPER

April 20 beginning at 5:00 pm in the Reed Commons

Meal includes Spaghetti, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread & Desserts - "To Go' Boxes Available

DONATIONS FOR FRANK WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR.

There will also be a 50/50 Raffle and a Garden Basket Raffle.

Help us raise money to support Frank Labbe, a long-time employee of NMCC's dining serves, with his medical expenses during this difficult time.

20s Retro Movie Night Marathon

The Goonies
Tuesday,

April 17 7:00 p.m. Hunt Classroom

The Breakfast Club Wednesday, April 18

> 7:00 p.m. Hunt Classroom

E.T. Thursday, April 19

7:00 p.m. Edmunds Conf. Center Future
Friday,
April 20
7:00 p.m.

Hunt Classroom

Come enjoy this flash to the past! Free refreshments every night!

Lunch Menu

Monday

Chicago Style Hot Dog Grilled Italian Sausage Milano Wrap Vegetable Beef Soup Chicken Noodle Soup Cheddar & Cauliflower Soup Rotini Marinara Broccoli Vegetable Enchilada Milano Wrap

Tuesday

Bistro Chicken Sandwich
Beef Stroganoff
Egg Noodles
Mexican Chili Soup
Chicken Noodle Soup
Spicy Veg. Barley Bean Soup
Mashed Potatoes with
Carmelized Onions
Steamed Green Peas
Farfalle w/Broccoli & Ricotta

Wednesday

Falafel on Pita

Tuna Melt Cheeseburger Pie Chicken Salad Club Sauerkraut Kielbasa Soup Tomato Soup Lentil Soup Steakhouse Roasted Potatoes Stewed Tomatoes Classic Spanakoptia

Thursday

Chili Dog w/Cheddar Cheese French Dip Sandwich Turkey Sub Mandarin Style Egg Drop Soup Tomato Soup Carrot & Ginger Soup Scallian Mashed Potatoes Steamed Carrots Autumn Barley Pilaf

Friday

Chicken Cheddar BBQ Sand. Turkey & Gravy Sandwich Chicken Salad Sub Swiss Crab Soup Tomato Soup Cuban Black Bean Soup Mashed Potatoes Veggie Medley Gardenburger Jambalaya

AVAILABLE DAILY
Deli Station & Salad Bar
Pizza
Hamburgers
Garden Burgers

Hot Dogs Chicken Patty Sandwiches, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, French Fries Assorted Desserts

Lunch & Learn Opportunities

The "Lunch & Learn" series being offered courtesy of the professional development committee continues this week with a session on e-books. Bring your reading device (Kindle, iPad, Nook) and your lunch to the Edmunds Conference Center at noon on Friday, April 20. Gail Roy will walk you through how to download eBooks for free through the library.

Wii Tournament Winners

Congratulations to the following teams for their results in the Wii Beer Goggle Challenge last week: Pink Tees, 1st place, 671; E-bowl-a, 2nd place, 666; Cougars, 3rd place, 614; Stars of David, 4th place, 588; and Takin' Care of Business, 536.

Vote for Shining Star

Students and employees are encouraged to nominate a student from the graduating class to represent that class as a 2012 Shining Star. The person who is selected will be honored during NMCC's homecoming activities in September, and his or her poster will join the "constellation" of 50 stars that are currently on display in the campus hallways.

Nomination forms are being distributed this week or can be picked up in the counseling office. Please take a moment to nominate a student/classmate that you feel would be a good "star" to represent the class of 2012!

Nomination forms must be submitted to Cindy Albert in the counseling office by Monday, April 30.

Volleyball Tournament

The Student Senate is hosting their "Support Maine Veterans" Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, April 21, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. Come cheer on the teams!

Earth Week Activities Slated

ARAMARK, the dining services provider for NMCC, will be holding several activities on campus during the week of April 23 in honor of Earth Week. Campus and community members are invited to enjoy some great food, while learning more about sustainable meals and local healthy eating options.

Things kick off on Monday, April 23, with a Sustainable Maine Meal featuring food products from throughout the state, with an emphasis on foods grown and raised in Aroostook County. Lunch will feature Maine clam chowder; Maine lobster bisque; free range chicken breasts encrusted with Fox Family potato chips with a Spring Break Maple and honey glaze; whole wheat pasta with Twenty-2 vodka sauce; cage free egg salad; local produce from Northern Girl; Bouchard Family Farm ploys; and blueberry cobbler. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Reed Commons; the cost is only \$ 5.75 per person.

During the lunch, a representative from Northern Girl, LLC will be on site to showcase their products and to answer questions about their new operation. Monday will also feature a video stream TED Talks presentation by celebrity chef Jaime Oliver.

Special activities are also planned for Tuesday and Wednesday. Look for more details in next week's bulletin.

Paul Cyr Display

If you haven't been in the NMCC library yet this month, be sure to take a few moments and stop by to see the photographs on display from well-known local photographer Paul Cyr. The display features his scenic photographs from Aroostook County and the Katahdin area. Proceeds from all photographs sold will benefit student scholarships at NMCC.

Events.

MONDAY

Holiday, College Closed

TUESDAY

Foundation Executive Committee, 8:00 - 9:30 am, Martin Third Floor Conference Room

Mechanized Wood Harvesting Forum, 9:00 - 11:00 am, Edmunds Conference Center

Health Information Technology Advisory Meeting, 12:00 - 2:00 pm, Keegan Room

Student Senate Meeting, 12:15 - 12:45 pm, CHR 201 80s Retro-Movie - Goonies, 7:00 pm, Hunt Room Intramural Volleyball, 8:30 pm, Gym

WEDNESDAY

General Advisory Council, 7:30 - 9:00 am, Keegan Room **Faculty Luncheon,** 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Edmunds Conf. Ctr. **Student Organization Meeting,** 11:30 - 1:00 pm, Keegan Rm. **Creative Writers Reading Session,** 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Library

80s Retro-Movie - The Breakfast Club, 7:00 pm, Hunt Room

THURSDAY

NESHRM, 8:00 - 9:30 am, Edmunds Conference Center PROBUS, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Keegan Room

Gauvin Business Wing Dedication, 12:00 pm, Christie Lobby & Edmunds Conferenc Center

80s Retro-Movie - E.T., 7:00 pm, Edmunds Conf. Ctr.

FRIDAY

MMTA Drug & Alcohol Training, 8:30 - 11:30 am, Edmunds Conference Center

E-Books Learning Session, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

Medical Assisting Advisory Board, 2:00 - 3:30 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

Frank Labbe Benefit Supper, 5:00 pm, Reed Commons 80s Retro-Movie - Back to the Future, 7:00 pm, Hunt Room