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Boucher to be inducted in Aroostook County Health Care Professionals Wall of Distinction

Aroostook County - A highly regarded educator, nurse and professional in emergency medical services, Daryl Boucher, will be honored as the 2012 inductee to the Aroostook County Health Care Professionals Wall of Distinction at a ceremony at Northern Maine Community College on Monday, April 30.

The wall of honor, the concept for which was developed by faculty in the nursing and allied health department at NMCC, was originally unveiled to the public in 2008. Criteria for selection to the Health Care Professionals Wall of Distinction include demonstrated commitment to health care, commitment to health care education, and contribution to the larger community of health care. Boucher will be the seventh individual to be honored by inclusion with this select group of health care professionals.

Boucher has been a member of the allied health department faculty for nearly 20 years, first as an adjunct nursing and EMS instructor and then transitioning to a full-time faculty member in 1998. He continued his role in the nursing program while taking on the added responsibilities of coordinating the new emergency medical services program beginning in 2001.

Under his leadership, the EMS offerings at the College have continued to expand to meet emerging needs in the region, in both credit and non-credit areas. Most recently, he was among those responsible for bringing a new Community Paramedicine program to NMCC, which will officially begin being offered this fall. The program allows for expanded career choices for experienced, licensed paramedics. He has worked to bring other advanced training opportunities to County EMS professionals as well, such as critical care emergency transport training and pediatric critical care transport training.

“Not only has Daryl strived to stay at the top of his field by devoting his time and effort to pursue advanced training, but he has brought that training back to The County so that his peers can obtain it locally,” said Dr. Kimberly Esquibel, NMCC nursing and allied health department chair. “He is a skilled paramedic and educator, who has played a large role in helping to build those same skills in both those new to the EMS profession and established paramedics and EMTs.”

Boucher has been working as a paramedic since 1988, first for Ambulance Service Inc. in Fort Kent and then for Crown Ambulance in Presque Isle. In addition to his duties at NMCC, he continues today to work as a paramedic for Crown Ambulance, as well as a staff and critical care flight nurse for The Aroostook Medical Center.

Boucher holds a bachelor of science in nursing from the University of Maine at Fort Kent, a master of science in nursing education from St. Joseph's College of Maine, and is currently a doctoral student at Capella University. He is a nationally registered paramedic and holds certifications in UMBC Pediatric and Neonatal Critical Care Transport and UMBC Critical Care Transport. He holds instructor certifications for AHA Basic Life Support, AHA Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support and Trauma Life Support.

He is a member of the Aroostook Region EMS Council, the Maine EMS Education Committee and the National Association of EMTs Exam Committee. He is a board member for the Aroostook County Public Health District Coordinating Council, a medical/rescue volunteer for the Maine Winter Sports Center and a volunteer for Special Olympics. He has authored several articles and textbook chapters. Boucher resides in Presque Isle with his wife Stacy and two daughters, Hana and Hilary.

A reception and induction ceremony for Boucher will take place on Monday, April 30, at 2:30 p.m. The event will be held in the Edmunds Conference Center, and will include the unveiling of his official photo to be hung on the wall of distinction, located in the Christie Building near the entrance to the nursing and allied health wing.

For more information on the Aroostook County Health Care Professionals Wall of Distinction or the upcoming reception and induction ceremony, contact the NMCC college relations office at 768-2809.

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