

# Toward Excellence Weekly Bulletin

# Instructor of the Year Vote

Students are encouraged to vote for their choice for NMCC Instructor of the Year this Monday - Wednesday. To cast your vote. stop by the IT office, located near the Christie Lobby. This award, sponsored by the NMCC Student Senate, is presented annually during the Student Honors and Award Ceremony, which takes this year on Saturday, April 28. Be sure to cast your vote for the instructor who you believe most deserves this honor!

#### **Boucher to be Honored**

Daryl Boucher will be honored as the 2012 inductee to the Aroostook County Health Care Professionals Wall of Distinction at a 2:30 p.m. ceremony on Monday, April 30. Members of the campus community are invited to attend. Contact the development office to register or learn more. Look for more on this story next week!

# **Writers Reading Series**

The Creative Writers Reading Series concludes this week in the library. Members of the campus and the community are invited to the noon-time session on Wednesday, April 25. The guest author is Jen Blood, who writes across the genres. Blood, who was born and raised in midcoast Maine, is a freelance writer and editor with writing credits in Down East, The Bark, *Pif*, and a number of newspapers, websites and periodicals around the country. Her novel All the Blue-Eyed Angels was just released. It is a fictional Biblical/Occult murder mystery that takes place on the Maine coast. In addition to Blood. there will be readings from students from their original works.

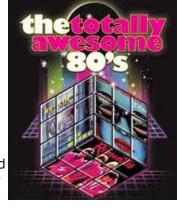
# Totally Awesome 80s Day

Come join the fun as our 50th anniversary celebration continues. Last year we rocked to the 1960s, and then got the chance to "jail" some members of campus as we remembered the 1970s. Now it's time to have fun with the 1980s!!

Thanks to the efforts of a team of students, we will all have a taste of the sounds, food and fun from the 80s on Tuesday, April 24.

Music and snacks from the 1980s will be found throughout the day in the Christie Lobby, but the real fun takes place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Edmunds Conference Center. There will be live Pac-Man games. Rubik's Cube competitions, and much

more!! Students and employees are invited to stop by and take part.



Don't miss your opportunity to get a 'flash from the past' of some of the faculty and staff as well. Photos of various faculty and staff will be posted on the monitor in the Christie Lobby, and there will be a contest to vote on categories such as "biggest hair" and more.

Come enjoy the fun and goodies and support this great student effort!

# **Dining Services Offers Earth Week Activities**

ARAMARK, NMCC's dining services provider, will be offering some special opportunities in honor of Earth Week. Campus and community members are invited to enjoy the food, while learning more about sustainable meals and local healthy eating options.

On Monday, April 23, a Sustainable Maine Meal 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 ployes; and blueberry cobbler, Lunch is 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 a video stream TED Talks presentation by celebrity chef Jaime Oliver.

On Tuesday, Stan and Gail Maynard from Aroostook Highlands Certified Organic Farm will be at lunch to talk about farming and the Scottish Highlands breed of cows. Beef from their farm will be featured for lunch. They will be bringing two of their Scottish Highland cows. Carol Bell from Healthy Aroostook will also be on hand to answer questions about sustainable food, local choices and the overall importance of eating right.

On Wednesday, lunch guests will be John Chartier from the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association and Candy Shrewsberry from The Talk of The Town Farm in Connor Township. Shrewsberry will bring a couple of her goats with her to campus and will offer free samples of goat's milk and goat cheese.

### **President's Award Nominees Sought**

The President's Award is presented annually to an individual who has provided meritorious service to the College. This person may be a graduate or graduating senior, an employee, or a member of the community. This award is intended for a person with a distinguished record of service to the College, service which has contributed greatly to the fulfillment of the mission, vision and goals of the College.

#### The Vision

"Educating Today's Students for Tomorrow's Opportunities"

#### **Mission Statement**

Northern Maine Community College provides career and transfer programs that lead to associate degrees or certificates. The students served have an opportunity to develop as individuals and to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for employment or for transfer to a senior college or university. The college assists in economic and human resource development by offering programs of study, courses or seminars to employed individuals, specialized training to attract business and industry, and various community interest courses or seminars.

#### **College Goals**

- Complete the transition to a comprehensive community college.
- II. Enhance the quality of programs and services, assure continuance of institutional accreditation, and foster professional program accreditations and/or certifications.
- III. Promote and support professional development, diversity, professionalism, ethics, integrity and opportunity.
- IV. Enhance accessibility to viable program services.
- V. Continue to support regional economic growth.
- VI. Increase enrollment and retention.
- VII. Enhance the long-term fiscal and physical viability of the college.



#### Gauvin Dedication

Taking part in the unveiling of the new lettering dedicating the Raynold & Sandra Gauvin **Business Technol**ogy Wing during a ceremony on April 19 at the College were, from left, Maine Community College System President John Fitzsimmons, Ray and Sandy Gauvin, and NMCC President Tim Crowley.

# **Junk to Funk Jewelry Night**

At 8:00 pm on Wednesday, April 25, students are invited to bring their creative juices and come "build" some new, repurposed jewelry just in time for spring and summer! The group will be making different types and styles of earrings and bracelets with non-traditional items. This is a FREE event for NMCC students, and all necessary items will be provided. Anyone who has some old jewelry, other items or t-shirts that they'd like to re-purpose into something funky, cool, unique, and entirely them, feel free to bring it to add to the stash. The possibilities are limited only by your imagination, so let's have fun! More information is available on the NMCC in the Loop Facebook page and on the student portal. *Organized by Residential Life* 

# **NMCC President's Award Nomination**

Name of Nominee:	Date:
Meritorious service:	
List the outstanding way(s) the college's mission, vision and go this nominee:	•
Please use additional pages as needed to provide your nomina	ation rationale and return by <b>May 4</b> to the president's office.

Signature of person submitting nomination