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NMCC students honored for academic achievement and campus involvement

Aroostook County - More than 50 Northern Maine Community College students had an opportunity to shine recently as they were recognized in front of family members and College faculty and administrators during the annual Student Honors and Achievement Awards Ceremony. Students were honored for academic excellence as well as for campus involvement.

“For many of our students, this is the first opportunity for them to receive recognition at this level,” said Bill Egeler, dean of students. “I believe it’s important that we recognize our students for their academic achievements and accomplishments, not only because it is so well deserved, but also because it sets a benchmark for other students. When excellence is noticed and celebrated by the institution, it motivates and raises aspirations for others. We know our students value their education and that they often times have to go through a lot of personal struggle to balance the demands of family, work and school, making their success all the more meaningful and impressive.”

Faculty from each of the College’s academic programs typically selects one senior to recognize with the Academic Achievement Award for their respective programs. The award is based on numerous criteria, including overall academic performance, degree of improvement, participation and behavior in the classroom, and more.

Receiving the awards from the arts and sciences department were: Shelly M. Ouellette of Presque Isle, early childhood education; and Kimberly A. McAvory of Woodland, liberal studies.

Academic achievement award recipients from the business technology department were: Tia R. Crouse of Westfield, accounting information systems; Krissy T. Williams of Presque Isle, business administration; Ericka S. Workman of Presque Isle, medical coding; Noel M. Dame-Potter of Hodgdon, medical office administration; and Donna S. Bixler of Fort Fairfield, office assistant.

Recipients of the nursing and allied health department academic achievement awards were: Amber N. Bennick of New Limerick and Angela M. Davis of Houlton, associate degree nursing; Hannah E. Wurgler of Gray, emergency medical services; and Owen D. Thibault of Presque Isle, medical assisting.

Being honored from the trade and technical occupations department were: Carl D. DeLong of Blaine, automotive collision repair; Connie A. Caron of Fort Kent, automotive technology; Richard S. Caron of Houlton, computer-aided drafting; Shawn T. Morin of Caribou, computer electronics; Dylan P. Forrest of Fairfield, diesel hydraulics technology; Nathan S. Woods of Rumford, electrical construction and maintenance; Jason J. Madore of Eagle Lake, plumbing and heating; Kent R. Burgoyne of Littleton, precision metals manufacturing; Daniel N. Bernier of Frenchville, residential construction; Jonathan M. Allen of Van Buren and Matthew J. Dionne of Grand Isle, welding and metal fabrication; Lee R. Deschaine of Hamlin and Bradley G. Therrien of New Sweden, wind power technology.

Amber Bennick of New Limerick and Lee Deschaine of Hamlin each received the Award of Excellence, a cash award established by a donor to recognize two seniors who have demonstrated a high standard of excellence, good judgment, ability to use critical thinking skills when implementing new ideas and the highest standards of honesty and integrity while being an inspiration to others.

The Falcon Spirit Award was presented to five students who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help make the NMCC campus a better place for both students and employees. Recipients were Jessica Bartlett of Presque Isle, Daniel Bernier of Frenchville, Michelle Longley of Presque Isle, Gene Martin of Mapleton, and Simon Tutlis of Greene.

Four students were honored with the NMCC Community Service Award for their service to the college by volunteering and contributing their time, energy, and knowledge to help with a variety of activities. Award recipients were: Amber Bennick of New Limerick, Sarah Carmichael of Presque Isle, Kim McAvoy of Woodland, and Krissy Williams of Presque Isle.

Also recognized during the evening's activities were the students who were named to *Who's Who Among Students in America's Colleges and Universities*, the two NMCC members of the Maine All-Academic Team, the Student of the Year, and those individuals who serve the campus as tutors, resident assistants, and as officers in the various student organizations at NMCC.

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Students from Northern Maine Community College receiving achievement awards for their respective programs from the business technology department were (seated from left) Tia Crouse of Westfield, Krissy Williams and Ericka Workman of Presque Isle, Noel Dame-Potter of Hodgdon, and Donna Bixler of Fort Fairfield. Honored from the arts and sciences department were (standing from left) Shelly Ouellette of Presque Isle and Kimberly McAvory of Woodland. Continuing from the left are the honorees from the nursing and allied health department: Amber Bennick of New Limerick, Angela Davis of Houlton, Hannah Wurgler of Gray, and Owen Thibault of Presque Isle.



Those students earning academic achievement awards from the trade and technical occupations department during NMCC's Student Honors & Award Ceremony were (seated from left) Connie Caron of Fort Kent, Shawn Morin of Caribou, Dylan Forrest of Fairfield, Nathan Woods of Rumford, and Kent Burgoyne of Littleton; (standing from left) Daniel Bernier of Frenchville, Jonathan Allen of Van Buren, Matthew Dionne of Grand Isle, Bradley Therrien of New Sweden, and Lee Deschanie of Hamlin. Absent from photo: Carl DeLong of Blaine, Richard Caron of Houlton, and Jason Madore of Eagle Lake.



Northern Maine Community College seniors Lee Deschaine and Amber Bennick received the Award of Excellence, a cash award from a donor through the NMCC Foundation.



Receiving the Falcon Spirit Award for going above and beyond the call of duty to help make the Northern Maine Community College campus a better place for both students and employees were, from left, Michelle Longley of Presque Isle, Gene Martin of Mapleton, and Daniel Bernier of Frenchville. Absent from photo: Jessica Bartlett of Presque Isle and Simon Tutlis of Greene.



Receiving Community Service Awards for their service to the Northern Maine Community College campus were (seated from left) Krissy T. Williams and Sarah Carmichael, both of Presque Isle; (standing from left) Amber Bennick of New Limerick and Kim McAvoy of Woodland.