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Hamel, Doody and Clark named tri-chairs for *Campaign for the County's College*; Harding to serve as honorary chair

Aroostook County - Four prominent and successful Aroostook County business and community leaders have agreed to fill the top spots and will direct the first major gifts campaign conducted by Northern Maine Community College.

Brian Hamel of Presque Isle, Kris Doody of Caribou and Robert Clark of Fort Fairfield will serve as tri-chairs for the *Campaign for the County's College*, a year-long initiative to raise \$2 million to support student scholarship, create an endowment to purchase instructional technology for the campus, and assist the College in meeting emerging community needs. Joining the trio and serving as honorary campaign chair is Floyd Harding of Presque Isle.

"We could not be more pleased that these four outstanding individuals have again committed their time, talent and expertise to the College. Each has been a longstanding and passionate supporter of NMCC," said President Timothy Crowley.

Harding, a Presque Isle attorney, was among the original founders of the College in the early 1960's. He not only served as a driving force in establishing vocational education in Northern Maine, he and his late wife Jean remained avid supporters of the institution.

The three campaign chairs are extensively involved with both NMCC and the Maine Community College System. Hamel, a partner in the Presque Isle financial services firm of Thompson-Hamel, is a former board chair of the MCCA Board of Trustees. Doody, the CEO of Cary Medical Center in Caribou, and Clark, the executive director of the Northern Maine Development Commission, headquartered in Caribou, were both appointed by Governor Baldacci to serve as system trustees last year.

The NMCC Foundation has been the beneficiary of the work of both Hamel and Clark. Hamel was elected to the board last fall and Clark recently left the organization, after several years of service, including most recently as vice chair of the board. In addition, Clark is a 1975 graduate of Northern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, a forerunner of NMCC.

Doody, in addition to her role on the Board of Trustees, was appointed to serve on the Governor's Community College Advisory Council. She has been actively involved with Northern Maine Community College over the years, serving in the past on the nursing program's advisory committee.

Hamel also serves as chairperson of the leadership team for the *Campaign for the County's College*. Doody and Clark also served as members of that group, which is comprised of a dozen prominent community leaders from throughout Aroostook County that agreed to lead, advise and assist the College as it prepared to launch a major fundraising campaign.

Representing the three geographic regions of The County and a diversity of professional backgrounds and civic involvement, members of the leadership team have worked work collectively and as individuals with NMCC officials. Specifically, the group has helped lay the foundation for a successful gifts campaign to support student scholarship and other initiatives that will allow the College to continue to evolve as a leading resource for meeting the educational, training and workforce development needs of the region.

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