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NMCC and UMPI Business Students Earn NESHRM Scholarships

PRESQUE ISLE—Business students from the University of Maine at Presque Isle and Northern Maine Community College have been named as scholarship recipients by an affiliate of the world's largest professional association devoted to human resource management.

Karin Petrin, a senior NMCC student majoring in Business Administration from Presque Isle, and Janelle Horten, a senior UMPI Business Administration Major from Hodgdon, recently received the Deborah Kierstead and Milton Bailey Memorial Scholarship from the Northeast Society for Human Resource Management (NESHRM). NESHRM is affiliated with the Society of Human Resource Management. The group established the scholarship in honor of two of their members who exemplified leadership and community service. Officials annually present the scholarship to two students.

The scholarship is open to students currently enrolled in a business-related program at Northern Maine Community College, the University of Maine at Presque Isle, the University of Maine at Fort Kent, or Husson University in Presque Isle. Scholarship applicants must have a career goal in business, and exhibit traits of leadership and service to the school and community.

In addition to her Business major, Horten is studying GIS [Geographic Information Systems] software and is involved in a cemetery mapping project in her community. "The resources made available to me, through UMPI, the Houlton Higher Education Center, and NESHRM, have enabled me to start making a real difference in my community," Horten said.

Clare Exner, Chair of UMPI's College of Professional Programs, nominated Horten for the scholarship, citing her determination to make a difference in whatever she sets out to do. "As Janelle completes her degree and moves on, I feel confident predicting that her leadership style, interpersonal skills, work ethic and strong sense of commitment will single her out as a business professional with high potential as well as a community member engaged in service in significant ways," Exner said.

Petrin is actively involved in several organizations including the Presque Isle Historic Society, the Crown of Maine Balloon Fest and Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges. "I am thankful to receive this prestigious scholarship which will help me pursue my passion of supporting small business with financial, development and strategic planning."

Northern Maine Community College Business Administration Instructor Pam Crawford enthusiastically supported Petrin's application for the scholarship. "Karin has made the commitment to further enhance her learning so that she can become a significant contributor to the economic development of Aroostook County."

The Northeast Society of Human Resources Management seeks to be the recognized regional resource on human resources-related issues by encouraging adherence to ethical conduct and high professional standards, promoting personal and professional development, providing a forum for networking and idea exchange, offering education, resources and services to the region, coordinating legislative advocacy on local, state and national HR issues, and maintaining financial viability as a professional group. For more information about the organization, visit <http://neshrm.shrm.org>.

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NMCC Business Administration Major Karin Petrin (right) accepts the 2012 NESHRM scholarship from Tom Richard, NESHRM president.



UMPI Business Administration Major Janelle Horten recently received a 2012 NESHRM scholarship. Taking part in the scholarship presentation are (from left), Caroline Dorsey-Durepo, UMPI assistant professor; Tom Richard, NESHRM President, Horten and Clare Exner, UMPI professor.