



April 29, 2013

News Release

Contact:
Sue Bernard
Development and
College Relations Office
33 Edgemont Drive
Presque Isle, ME 04769
Phone: (207) 768-2808
Fax: (207) 760-1101
sbernard@nmcc.edu

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 on April 27. Students were honored for academic excellence as well as for campus involvement.

“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,” said Bill Egeler, dean of 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: Amy N. Corriveau of Caribou, early childhood education; and Crystal L. Brayall of Woodland, liberal studies.

Academic achievement award recipients from the business technology department were: Valerie L. White of Washburn, accounting information systems; Kelley L. Coyle of Caribou, business administration; and Pamela A. Easler of Presque Isle, medical office administration.

Recipients of the nursing and allied health department academic achievement awards were: Valerie J. Perry of Mapleton, associate degree nursing; Lucian H. Stahl of Millinocket, emergency medical services; Katelin R. Collins of St. Agatha, medical assisting; Brittany M. Clark of Houlton, medical coding; and Corey J. Felix of Caribou, paramedicine.

Being honored from the trade and technical occupations department were: Daniel P. Hitchcock of Mars Hill, automotive collision repair; Christopher M. St. Peter of Caribou, automotive technology; Alexander D. Page of Presque Isle, computer-aided drafting; Corey S. Shaffer of Caribou, computer electronics; Kaine T. Kingsbury of Bridgewater, diesel hydraulics technology; Tyler H. Eager of Presque Isle, electrical construction and maintenance; John A. McNamee of Fort Fairfield, heating certificate; Matthew L. Till of Caribou, plumbing and heating; Francis G. LaFave of Presque Isle, precision metals manufacturing; Gail T. Webb of Fort Fairfield, residential construction; Paul J. Beaulieu of Limestone, welding and metal fabrication; Benjamin J. Pooler of Presque Isle, wind power technology.

Francis LaFave and Gail Webb also 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 Coleen Rand of Presque Isle for going above and beyond the call of duty to help make the NMCC campus a better place for both students and employees.

Seven 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: Austin B. Hole, Hank E. King, James A. Rochelle II and David P. Shemkovitz, all of Presque Isle; Lisa Jenkins of Fort Fairfield; Lorrie A. King of Caribou; and Valerie J. Perry of Mapleton.

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 officers in the various student organizations at NMCC.

#####

(photos follow)



Students from Northern Maine Community College receiving achievement awards for their respective programs from the arts & sciences and business technology departments were (seated from left) Amy Corriveau of Caribou, Crystal Brayall of Woodland, Valerie White of Washburn, Kelley Coyle of Caribou, and Pamela Easler of Presque Isle. Honored from the nursing & allied health department were (standing from left): Valerie Perry of Mapleton, Katelin Collins of St. Agatha, and Corey Felix of Caribou. Absent from photo: Brittany Clark of Houlton and Lucian Stahl of Millinocket.



Students earning academic achievement awards from the trade and technical occupations department during NMCC's Student Honors & Award Ceremony were (seated from left) Christopher St. Peter of Caribou, Kaine Kingsbury of Bridgewater, and Tyler Eager of Presque Isle. Standing from left: Matthew Till of Caribou, Gail Webb of Fort Fairfield and Paul Beaulieu of Limseton. Absent from photo: Alexander Page and Francis LaFave, both of Presque Isle; Daniel Hitchcock of Mars Hill; Corey Shaffer of Caribou; and John McNamee of Fort Fairfield.



Receiving the Falcon Spirit Award for going above and beyond the call of duty to help make the NMCC campus a better place for both students and employees was Coleen Rand of Presque Isle (seated on left). Receiving Community Service Awards for their service to the NMCC campus were (seated from left after Rand): Austin Hole of Presque Isle, Lisa Jenkins of Fort Fairfield, Hank King of Presque Isle. Standing from left: Valerie Perry of Mapleton, James Rochelle of Presque Isle, and David Shemkovitz of Presque Isle. Absent from photo: Lorrie King of Caribou.



Based on a vote by students across the Northern Maine Community College campus, faculty member Dennis Albert (center) was selected as NMCC Instructor of the Year. Albert was presented the award by LeAnna Kimball, vice president of the NMCC Student Senate, and Herb DeMerchant, Senate president. Albert is the lead instructor for the welding and metal fabrication program. Additionally, he is very active in student activities throughout the year.