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Maine Congressman to Give NMCC Commencement Address

Aroostook County - Congressman Michael H. Michaud will deliver the commencement address during the graduation ceremony for Northern Maine Community College on May 18.

This year's graduating class has 235 students: the largest group will graduate from the Trade and Technical Occupations Department. One hundred three students will earn associate degrees in programs ranging from Automotive Technology to Computer Electronics, Electrical Construction and Maintenance to Precision Metals Manufacturing, to name a few.

The Nursing and Allied Health Department has the second largest cohort with 43 nursing students, and 22 students earning degrees in Medical Assisting and Emergency Medical Services, among others.

Congressman Michaud has been representing Maine's Second Congressional District for 10 years. He was raised in Medway and attended Schenck High School in East Millinocket. After graduation, he followed in his father and grandfather's footsteps by working at Great Northern Paper Company. He was elected to the Maine House of Representatives in 1980 and served seven consecutive terms followed by election to the Maine Senate in 1994. During his Senate tenure, Congressman Michaud served as chair of the Appropriations Committee and president of the Senate, and has been recognized for his commitment to higher education.

In the U.S. House of Representatives, Michaud serves on the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, where he is the ranking member, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Through his work as chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health, Michaud helped pass the largest-ever funding increase for the Department of Veterans Affairs and has passed provisions into law which led to increased access to health care services for rural Maine veterans.

Representative Michaud attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at Harvard University. He has also been awarded an honorary Doctor of Public Service from Unity College, Husson College, and Maine Maritime Academy.

NMCC's commencement will be held at The Forum in Presque Isle at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 18th. A reminder to those planning to attend, be aware that large bags will not be allowed inside the Forum due to increased security measures.

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