



# News Release

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## **Senior Makeover Day prepares NMCC students for job-hunting**

**Aroostook County** - Free haircuts, clothing fittings and even manicures were offered to both male and female students of all majors at Northern Maine Community College's "Senior Makeover Day" on Thursday afternoon, March 4. The event was sponsored by TRiO/Student support services, Early College for ME, and Alpha Beta Gamma (business honor society).

"The prior year the businesses at the Job Fair said 'have the students come with a resume in hand!' It was all over their evaluations," stated Ruth White, regional director of Early College for ME at NMCC.

It was created two years ago to help students prepare themselves and their resumes for the NMCC Job Fair. The services weren't exclusively offered to seniors either, as the name suggests, but to students in all stages of their college careers.

White brainstormed with another NMCC employee to come up with what she calls "a relaxing atmosphere for the students to be able to get ready for their first big interview." Together they decided that a makeover day would be the best way for students to sharpen up their appearance in addition to improving their resumes.

Shelli Cronkhite, student support specialist and coordinator of the event hoped for a turnout of 100 people. Their expectations were exceeded, and they are delighted that 123 people were in attendance.

"We're extremely pleased with the turnout," commented Tammy Nelson, the school's director of counseling, who helped plan the event. "This is an awesome opportunity for students to get ready to go out into the workforce." A career counselor from the local Career Center and a Human Resources manager were also present to rehearse interviews and offer resume advice.

“I couldn’t believe how many clothes the faculty donated! I’m so grateful to the administration and coordinators for taking the time to put this on. With the new outfits and tips I got today, I feel prepared for my first job interview,” said Becky York, a liberal studies student.

Because the wardrobe of the average college student is very casual, many students don’t have the proper interview attire. The NMCC faculty solved this problem by generously donating their unwanted clothing, which was free for students to try on and take home.

Beautician Penny Robinson took the time from her salon in Mapleton to volunteer her hair-styling talents. “It’s been fun. I’ll definitely do it again next year,” she said enthusiastically.

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Plumbing and heating senior John Dennis gets a hair cut from Penny Robinson of Mapleton.