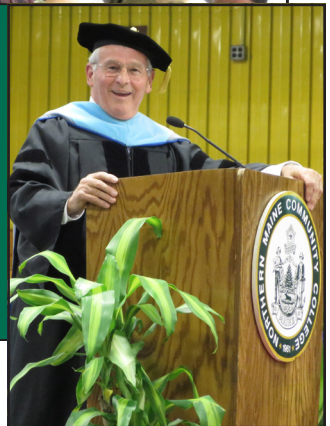




Bagpipers Lynn Alexander & Scott Heney

Congratulations to the GRADUATING CLASS of 2014



Commencement Speaker: Dr. William Cassidy, President Emeritus of Washington County Community College



Academic Dean, Dr. Dottie Martin, addresses the audience.



College Chorale



Student Speaker Jessica Lahey



Dean of Students, Dr. William Egeler, announces the candidates.



Michael Thibodeau, President of Alumni & Friends Org.



President Crowley gives a high-five to graduate Myasia Williams.

Nurse Pinning Ceremony



Thirty-three prospective new registered nurses celebrated a milestone recently as Northern Maine Community College held its annual pinning ceremony. The event signifies the official entrance into the nursing field for members of the graduating class. The graduates are now eligible and prepared to sit for the NCLEX-RN examination to obtain licensure as registered nurses.

Approximately 250 family members, friends and college personnel gathered for the ceremony held at the Presque Isle Middle School. The

highlight of the event was the presentation of a pin to each graduate by relatives or close friends chosen for their important role as members of the student nurse's support network.

Dr. Kimberly Esquibel, chair of the college's nursing and allied health department, reflected on the hard work faced by student nurses and professional nurses. "Nursing is the most satisfying profession...but it's tough. It is exhausting. The key is to never lose sight of the fact that you're taking care of a patient who is someone's family or loved one and it is

an honor to do so. Be life-long learners, work as a team, be encouraging to nursing students just as others have supported you," she advised.

The guest speaker for the pinning ceremony was Janice Anderson, RN from Northern Maine Medical Center who also serves as an adjunct faculty member at NMCC. "I encourage you to continue to grow, to learn and to teach. Treat everyone with courtesy, dignity and compassion. And always challenge yourself to be the best person you can be," said Anderson.

Turnbull Donation to Scholarship Fund

Thanks to the generosity of a New Sweden family, their friends and acquaintances, a large donation has been made to a memorial scholarship fund at Northern Maine Community College.

Lynn and Alan Turnbull have donated \$10,500 to the Livin'the Dream scholarship fund which was established last spring. The money was raised during a benefit dance and auction held in March commemorating the life of Matthew Turnbull who died in an auto accident at age 23.

"It's a struggle dealing with the loss every day, but working on something that was important to our son is helpful," said Lynn Turnbull. "Matthew loved his time at NMCC; it's where he found his niche, so our family is thrilled to have the opportunity to help students who are moving along the same career path as Matthew. We hope the scholarships will help others who strive to better themselves and contribute to our community."



Alan and Lynn Turnbull (second and third from left) present NMCC Foundation Chair Bruce Sandstrom and NMCC President Tim Crowley with a check for \$10,500 for the "Livin'the Dream" scholarship fund established in their son Matthew's memory. Far left: Brian Mosher, songwriter and guitarist of Common Crossing, major supporter of the scholarship fundraiser.

President's Award: Rob Ottaviano



In recognition of his dedication and his willingness to go above and beyond, Rob Ottaviano was selected as the recipient of the 2014 President's Award.

Ottaviano is the food service director for Aramark which is NMCC's provider of dining services. They provide dining at Reed Commons as well as, retail Grab-and-Go dining at the College store and catering services across campus.

Congratulations Rob!