



News Release

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NMCC Students Shine at Open House

Aroostook County— Current students, faculty and staff at Northern Maine Community College brought the campus to life on a recent Saturday morning for the College's Trade and Technical Occupation Department's Open House. Students from each of the twelve trade programs set up informational displays and spoke one-on-one to participants about the programs they are enrolled in and gave demonstrations on various pieces of equipment.

"Students put themselves out there and acted very professional," said Trade and Technical department chair Pam Buck. "They are all very proud of attending NMCC and wanted everyone to know the quality of education they receive here."

This is the first open house in several years at the College. In recent years, many of the programs in the Trade and Technical Department have gone through significant changes and improvements including, but not limited to, a completely remodeled welding shop, new equipment in the precision machining area and a 3D laser scanner & printer in the computer-aided drafting room. The faculty decided it was time to invite people to tour the state-of-the-art facilities and see the areas that most people don't have the opportunity to explore.

Several traveled to the event from throughout Aroostook County while some families made the trip from central and southern Maine.

"I was pleased with the number of families that came through to find out more about our programs and what we offer at the College," said Dottie Martin, NMCC's academic dean. "Parents were asking all the right questions to help ease their mind about sending their child off to college."

As an incentive and thank you to attendees, several door prizes were drawn at the close of the event. Winners were: Jeanne Bugbee, 3-credit Trade and Tech course; Zachary Morton, 6-month Wellness Center membership; Jeramie Ledger and Nicole West, NMCC sweatshirt; Cameron Bragg, shelf made by Building Construction Technology program; Brian McDougal, Margie Hunter & Aubrey Buck, travel mug.

The College plans to offer a campus-wide open house in the Spring of 2015.

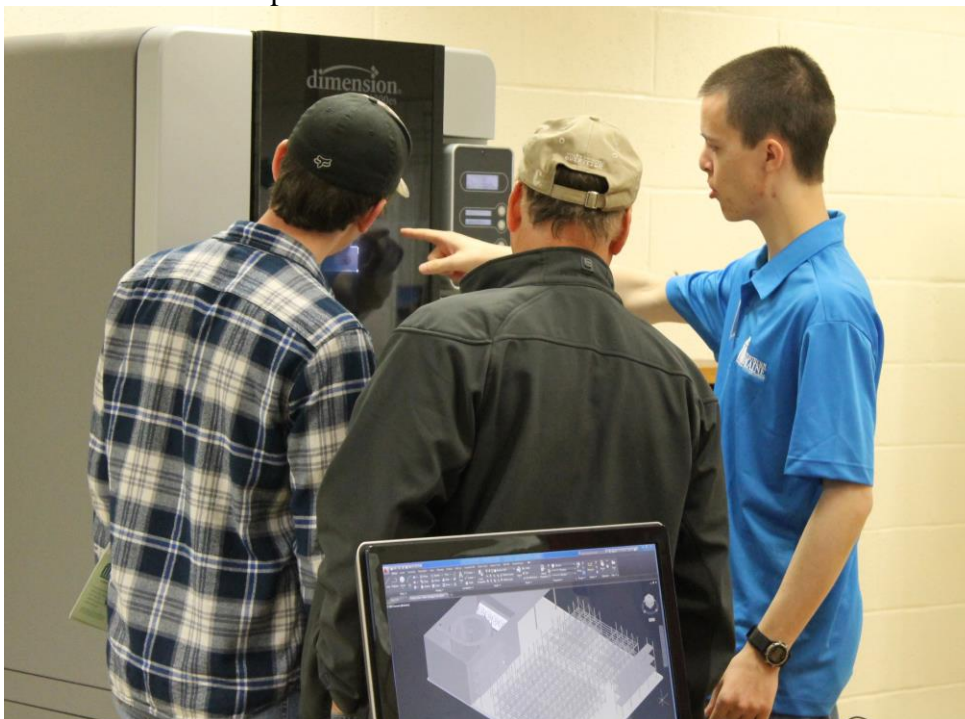
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Central Aroostook photo:



Precision Machining student, David Wentworth (right), talks about the program and equipment to Jon Rayborn of Midstate Berkshire in Winslow, ME. Midstate Berkshire maintains a 250,000 square-foot manufacturing facility with more than 100 state-of-the-art, multi-axis CNC machines operated by some of the industry's finest professionals. This is one of the many companies that NMCC works with who are looking for potential quality-trained employees.

Southern Aroostook photo:



Computer-Aided Drafting student, Caleb Williamson (far right), explains the 3D laser printer to Linneus residents Jeremy Ledger (left) and Peter Ledger (center) during the NMCC Trade & Technical Department's Open House.