



# News Release

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## UIG pledges \$12,500 to *Campaign for the County's College*

**Aroostook County** - A statewide network of independent insurance agencies, which includes six locations in Aroostook County, has pledged \$12,500 to support students, faculty and programs at Northern Maine Community College.

The United Insurance Group (UIG) is the latest in a growing list of businesses and organizations contributing to the *Campaign for the County's College*, the first-ever major gifts campaign conducted by NMCC and the NMCC Foundation, with a goal of raising \$2 million by February 2007.

"We (our member agencies) are true believers in continuing education and are proud to be part of enhancing the opportunities of the youth and adults in Aroostook County who are creating a brighter future for themselves," said Chris Condon, UIG chief operating officer. "We are pleased to support Northern Maine Community College in its mission to serve the educational, employment training and economic development needs of the region the College serves."

UIG's gift to the *Campaign for the County's College* will be split evenly to support both the "Accessing Opportunity" fund and the "Investing in Innovation" fund. The former is an endowed fund to support student scholarships. The latter will allow the college to create an endowment to purchase technology and instructional equipment for the various college programs.

In addition to these two funds, the third campaign initiative the "College and Community Advancement Fund" is set up to provide an immediate source of funding, allowing NMCC to launch new curricula and respond promptly to evolving community needs.

"We are pleased that the United Insurance Group has joined in support of the *Campaign for the County's College*. Future generations of students attending NMCC will certainly benefit from this gift," said Robert Clark, tri-chair for the *Campaign for the County's College*.

The United Insurance Group is a statewide organization of independent insurance professionals who have combined their resources to provide comprehensive business and personal insurance.

Founded in August of 1976, UIG has become one of the largest independent agencies in Maine. Its origin in 36 locations has been consolidated into a network of key locations from Falmouth to Fort Kent.

Aroostook County locations are Thibodeau's Insurance in Fort Kent, Ezzy's Insurance in Madawaska and Van Buren, Haines Insurance in Limestone, H.O. Perry Insurance in Fort Fairfield, and the Hayden/Perry Insurance Agency in Presque Isle.

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*Officials from Northern Maine Community College, the NMCC Foundation and the Campaign for the County's College recently accepted a \$12,500 gift to the campaign from the United Insurance Group. Accepting the gift were (left to right) Alan Punches, NMCC vice president; Raynold Gauvin, NMCC Foundation president; Brian Hamel and Robert Clark, tri-chairs for the Campaign for the County's College; and representing UIG, Scott Kent of Thibodeau's Insurance in Fort Kent.*