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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# Toward Excellence

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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### Welcome...

We welcome all our new students (and a few new faculty, too!) to campus...and for those students and faculty members who are returning for another year at NMCC, welcome back!

Let us introduce you to our new "look" and format of this year's newsletter, a departure from what we have done in previous years. To better meet the needs of both our on-campus and off-campus audiences, we will be producing this bulletin version of *Toward Excellence* on a weekly basis for the college campus community, highlighting quick news briefs of upcoming activities and campus events as well as the weekly lunch menu.

An expanded 8-12 page *Toward Excellence* newsletter will be produced monthly for both our on- and off-campus constituents. This monthly edition will feature more indepth stories and photos on college events.

We welcome your submissions to the newsletter as well as feedback on our new format! Drop us an e-mail at [info@nmcc.edu](mailto:info@nmcc.edu) or stop by our office on the third floor of the Martin Building. Please submit items by Wednesday morning for inclusion in the weekly Friday edition.

*-Jason Parent and Karen Gonya  
Editors*

### Welcome Back Breakfast

The Student Senate is sponsoring a **Welcome Back Breakfast** for students on Wednesday, September 6. Stop by the Christie lobby anytime between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and help yourself to some goodies. Coffee, juice, muffins and donuts will be available.



**Want to learn more about what the Student Senate does and how you can get involved?** The student group meets each Tuesday from 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. in the Christie lecture hall. The Senate is always looking for more members, so stop by and check it out!

### Monday, September 4:

**Resident Students Move on Campus**

### Tuesday, September 5:

**Semester Begins!!**

**Student Senate Meeting**, 12:15-1:00 pm, Christie Lecture Hall

**Exercise Class**, 1:00-2:00 pm, Christie Gym  
(offered every Tuesday, come whichever weeks you can!)

**Evening Orientation Session**, 5:15-6:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

**Open Gym**, 9:00-11:00 pm

### Wednesday, September 6:

**Welcome Back Breakfast**, 8:00-10:00 am, Christie lobby

**CRMA Certification Class**, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Martin 212

**Evening Orientation Session**, 5:15-6:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

**Movie Night**, 9pm, Edmunds Conference Center  
(Showing this week: *Take the Lead*)

### Thursday, September 7:

**Maine State Planning Office Code Enforcement Officers**, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Ctr.

**Evening Orientation Session**, 5:15-6:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

**Open Gym**, 9:00-11:00 pm

### Friday, September 8:

**Commercial Driving Academy Graduation**, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Keegan Room

### Saturday, September 9:

**White Water Rafting Trip**, depart campus 5:00 am

*What's Happening on Campus...*

*Weekly  
Menu*

### LUNCHTIME IN THE REED COMMONS

#### Monday

Holiday

#### Tuesday

Vegetable Beef Soup  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Hot Dogs  
French Fries  
Potato Chips  
Peas  
Cheesecake  
Choc. Chip Cookies

#### Wednesday

Chicken Noodle Soup  
Ravioli w/Cheese  
Beef Supreme Nachos  
Spanish Rice  
French Fries  
Corn  
Blonde Brownies  
Molasses Cookies

#### Thursday

Minestrone Soup  
Sloppy Joes  
Ckn. Noodle Casserole  
French Fries  
Potato Chips  
Mixed Vegetables  
Peanut Butter Cookies  
Rock 'n Roll Brownies

#### Friday

Fish Chowder  
Hamburgers  
BBQ Chicken  
Red Roasted Potatoes  
Onion Rings  
Corn on the Cob  
Strawberry Shortcake

*Don't see what you want? Check out our salad and pizza bars available daily!*

## Interested in Soccer?

**Want to get in the best shape of your life? Have fun? Meet new people? Travel?**



Meet Coach Robbie Krul at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, September 5 in the NMCC gym. Anyone interested in playing soccer is encouraged to attend. If you are unavailable at that time, please contact Robbie via e-mail [nrkrul@nmcc.edu](mailto:nrkrul@nmcc.edu) to express your interest and to ask questions. Those interested have a chance to join Robbie and returning team members after the meeting on the soccer field. Please bring your shorts and soccer shoes (sneakers, if raining).

## Want to play golf?



Anyone who is interested in joining this year's golf team should be at the Presque Isle Country Club on Tuesday, September 5, at 3:00 pm. There will be an informational meeting followed by 18 holes. If you can't make the meeting but would like to play, see instructor/coach John Corrigan. You can reach him via e-mail at [jcorrigan@nmcc.edu](mailto:jcorrigan@nmcc.edu) or by phone at 768-2890.

## Fall Golf Special

Presque Isle Country Club is offering a golfing special to all NMCC and UMPI college students. Students who bring a valid college ID card can purchase a package for unlimited play with no restrictions from September 1 through the end of the season (normally October 21). The cost is \$100. For more information, visit the Pro Shop or call 764-0430.

## White Water Rafting Trip...

The residential life staff will be holding their annual white water rafting trip on Saturday, September 9. The cost is \$50. All students are invited to attend. See Tom Richard in res life as soon as possible to register!

## Community News

### New Financial/Career Planning Training

Women, Work and Community centers in Presque Isle and Houlton are offering a new, free workshop series, **Creating Your Future**. During this 12-week workshop, participants explore their values and interests, identify transferable skills, and investigate potential career fields. They will look at ways in which a job affects personal finances and determine what new skills, education, or training may be needed to fulfill a lifelong learning plan.

*Creating Your Future* will be held in Presque Isle on Tuesday, September 12, through November 28 at the WWC center located in Aroostook Hall on the NMCC campus. In Houlton, sessions run on Wednesday, September 13, through November 29 at the Houlton Higher Education Center on Military Street. Classes in both locations will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The first class is orientation. Pre-registration is required.

Please call 764-0050 to register or for more information.

## Welcome...

We have several new employees joining the campus community as we begin the new academic year. Some new... and not so new...faces to look for include:

- **Heidi Broad-Smith**, who has been teaching as an adjunct instructor, is the new Early Childhood Education instructor.
- **Jan Grieco** has joined the ranks of full-time faculty in the English/Communications area.
- **Deborah Folsom**, who previously taught the nursing group in Houlton for the college, has now returned as we have once again added a Houlton cohort of nursing students.
- **Heather Craig** has been hired as the office support staff person for both the Tech Prep and Early College for ME programs.
- **Gayle Dickinson** has been hired as the office assistant for continuing education, and she will also be managing use of facilities.
- **Dick Duplessis**, who was formerly the college's IT instructor, was moved to the Arts & Sciences Department, where he will be teaching math courses.
- **Karl Jackson**, from the Continuing Education Division, has temporarily joined the ranks of the Trade/Tech Department, serving as the OSHA/safety instructor in Dave Guerrette's absence.

## Who Moved Where...

Here's a quick recap of office changes that took place over the summer:

- The **Tech Prep, Early College for ME, and NMCC Foundation** office, all formerly located in the Annex Building, have been moved to the first floor of Andrews Hall.
- The **Commercial Driving Academy** classroom, also formerly located in the Annex Building, has been moved to Martin 209. **Dennis Dyer's** office is in the continuing education area.
- **Nikki McNally** has moved from the lobby area to IT.
- **Georgia Dicker** is now working in the Financial Aid Office.
- **Dan Butts** has moved from his office in the Learning Center area to office space across from the reference desk in the library.
- **Dwight Clayton** has moved to the office vacated by Gary Soucie in the business technology area on the second floor of the Christie Building.
- **J.P. Levasseur** has moved into Dwight Clayton's former office on the second floor of the Christie Building.
- **Heidi Broad-Smith**, the new Early Childhood Education instructor, has moved into JP's former office in the science lab area on the second floor of the Christie Building.
- **Karl Jackson** moved into the office temporarily vacated by Dave Guerrette near the safety classroom.
- **Jan Grieco**, the new writing instructor, will move into the office vacated by Laura McPherson (beside Dick Duplessis) on the second floor of the Martin Building.
- Once on board, the **new nursing instructor** will be located in the office vacated by Karen Campbell-Sawyer in the nursing wing.
- In the IT office area, **Robert Smith** has moved to the back work area, **Dave Wyman** moved into Robert's former office, and **Shawn Lahey** moved into Dave's former office.