



Winter Mini-term Provides Unique Opportunity

Classrooms at most colleges and universities are quiet around the holiday season as students return home from the break between the traditional fall and spring semesters, but that isn't the case at NMCC, where a dozen courses are offered in what is known as the winter mini-term.

The concentrated classes, held over an abbreviated three week period beginning December 26, offer appropriate college credit by meeting daily and for a longer period of time than the same courses would in a 15-week semester, the average length of the fall and spring semesters at most higher education institutions around the country.

Albeit over a shorter timeframe, the winter mini-term mirrors what many colleges and universities, including NMCC, are offering during the summer months. The expansion of year-round learning opportunities is reflective of and in response to student, business and community needs.

"The winter mini term was established several years ago to accommodate the needs of individuals finding it very difficult to continue their education because of the other demands their life placed on them, in particular, work schedules. Shortening the time frame for classes was something they and their employers were better able to manage," said William Egeler, NMCC dean of students.

"Since then, other groups of people have found the abbreviated time frame to

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NMCC Brightens and Enlightens the Holiday Season by Giving Away Books at Light Parade

As County organizations participating in this year's Presque Isle Holiday Light Parade on December 1st collected food and gifts for the needy from parade goers, and yet others hand out candy and other treats to children lining the route, students and employees at NMCC took a different twist on the event's spirit of giving.

Acting in the capacity of Santa's literary elves, the NMCC volunteers handed out more than 1,000 books to kids of all ages enjoying the parade. The free book distribution marks the fourth year the College has undertaken the unique project.

The initiative, led by instructor Colleen Harmon, evolved both as an idea to give-away something that had a connection to the nature of the College and what it offers the community, as well as providing area children with something from which they would benefit.

"Everyone should be able to read and everyone should be able to have books without worrying about it taking away from paying for fuel to heat the home or food for the table," said Harmon. "Sharing a book is like sharing an adventure, and we wanted to make certain all children had the opportunity to enjoy an adventure."

Harmon and volunteers worked for weeks in advance of the parade to col-



Many NMCC students and employees, along with their children, braved the cold on December 1 to take part in the Presque Isle Light Parade, handing out free books to kids along the parade route from the back of the College's ambulance, which served as a book mobile for the event.

lect donated books (new and used) from groups and individuals. "Books are expensive and the price is going up. Once a child or adult reads a book it often sits around on a shelf or is stored away. Our goal was to dust those books off and put them to good use in the hands of a different reader," said Harmon.

Boxes full of books filled the back of the NMCC emergency medical services training vehicle, which served as the "book mobile" for the parade. Several students and employees handed the books out to children along the route.

The "book mobile" which led the parade was accompanied by NMCC's parade float entry, which this year, to reflect

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Info Night to Be Held

Northern Maine Community College will host a *College Info Night* for residents of Aroostook County and neighboring regions of New Brunswick on Thursday, January 3 between 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Edmunds building lobby.

The evening is designed for members of the public who want to learn more about the College and the various degree programs offered on the Presque Isle campus and at distance education centers throughout Aroostook County, as well as course offerings for the upcoming spring semester, which begins January 14. College officials will be on hand to discuss opportunities for enrolling as either a full- or part-time student or to help interested individuals sign up for specific courses.

In addition to information on programs offered at the College, Info Night attendees will have the chance to discuss financial aid opportunities. NMCC offers the lowest tuition rates in Maine and awards financial aid to more than 80 percent of its students.

As a further incentive for individuals attending Info Night, NMCC will waive the standard application for admission fee of \$20 for the spring semester for those enrolling in a degree program, or the course registration fee of \$11 for non-matriculating students registering for classes.

"Info Night provides a wonderful opportunity for community members to learn what the College has to offer and see for themselves how convenient class offerings can work into most schedules," said Jason Parent, director of development and college relations. "Over the years, many individuals have found success at NMCC, and subsequently in the workforce, because they took the first step and attended Info Night."

Interested individuals are encouraged to attend the information night by simply showing up between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on January 3. For more information, contact the NMCC admissions office at (207) 768-2785.

Foundation Celebrates Year of Impressive Growth

With a growth in net assets of 60 percent over the previous fiscal year and in celebration of surpassing the \$1 million mark for the first time in history, the Northern Maine Community College Foundation held its 2007 annual meeting recently at the College.

The non-profit organization exists to support the NMCC campus community by raising and managing student scholarship funds and other special initiatives that assist students in reaching their goals of attaining a post-secondary degree at the College.

Seventy-five board members, donors, students, alumni, faculty and administrators were in attendance to celebrate the increase in pledges and investments.

"This past year has been a busy and rewarding one for the NMCC Foundation. In February of this year we launched the college's first ever major gifts campaign – *The Campaign for the County's College*," said Raynold Gauvin, Foundation board chair. "It is a huge leap from dreaming about the concept, to actually building on the endowment to finance the future – the groundwork of which had already been laid by our strong backing of donors who, prior to the Campaign, had established our dozens of existing scholarship funds."

The Foundation's past fiscal year, which ended June 30, included disbursement of over \$14,000 in scholarships. Other activity included a successful partnering with TD Banknorth for the annual golf tournament and auction that raised just over \$22,000.

"The beneficiaries of the long list of accomplishments of the NMCC Foundation are students," remarked NMCC President

Timothy Crowley. "Every student at NMCC has been impacted either by a project provided through the major gifts campaign or scholarship support. As our campaign achieves its goal we have not only changed the lives of students, but we have changed the way the community sees the County's College. NMCC is a solid investment in the future of Aroostook County."

"With only four months left in this campaign and as we look forward to celebrating achieving and exceeding the goal of raising \$2 million, we are simultaneously changing the way the college and the NMCC Foundation are viewed by the community," said Jason Parent, director of development and college relations. "The work of our students, faculty and staff, coupled with the efforts extended for this campaign, have provided wonderful opportunities to share the NMCC and NMCC Foundation story."

Three scholarship recipients also took part in the event: Kelley McLaughlin, a nursing student; Justin McBreairty, a precision metals manufacturing student; and Patrick Beaulieu, a plumbing and heating student. During dinner, student Alyssa Snow and 2007 graduate Michaele Black impressed the crowd with their violin and piano playing.

Foundation and Institutional Advancement Assistant Angela Berry-Thompkins announced that over the past fiscal year three scholarships reached endowment level, including the Belinda Sewell Page Memorial Scholarship, the Sturdivant Island Tuna Tournament Charitable Foundation Scholarship, and the TD Banknorth Scholarship.

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their liking. College students home on Holiday break have taken elective or general education classes during the mini-term and transferred them back to their own college. This has been a very cost effective way to get ahead (or catch up). Our own students have used the mini-term extensively to reduce their academic load during the spring term. Spring is a busy time with job searches et cetera, so taking advantage of mini-term classes has been a popular way to ease the pressure."

In addition to more traditional courses such as general psychology and introduction to computer applications, the NMCC winter mini-term course

offerings include specific trade, allied health and business courses of benefit to individuals in the workforce who cannot take a full 15 week semester because of work or other commitments. These courses include oxyacetylene welding, industrial safety, spreadsheet applications, and trauma management among others.

"We offer a diversity of courses based upon the needs of the local business community and what our own students tell us they need," said Egeler.

For more information on the winter mini-term, contact the NMCC student services office at 768-2787.

Construction on Fourth Decade of Sinawik Homes Begins

After having completed construction earlier this year on the 30th Sinawik home, the faculty in the construction trade programs have begun work shepherding the next generation of students through the building process.

Floor joists, hammered together by first-year students in the residential construction lab, now form the footprint and base frame for a home that will soon rise above. And so begins the fourth decade of a project that has been lauded nationally for its positive community impact, renowned locally for its top quality craftsmanship, and recognized amongst those immediately involved as a most effective hands-on learning tool.

Sinawik (Kiwanis spelled backward), the project under which each of the 30 homes have been built, is the result of a partnership between the Presque Isle Kiwanis Club and NMCC that began in 1976. The founders of the non-profit organization wanted it to provide benefits and enrichment to both the community and the College.

“The Presque Isle Kiwanis Club is pleased to be working in conjunction with the Northern Maine Community College for the construction of the 31st Sinawik house. A project such as this is truly win-win, as it allows the trade and technical occupations students at



NMCC Residential Construction Instructor Guy Jackson (left) and Computer-Aided Drafting Instructor Roger Crouse review plans for Sinawik House #31 while students in Jackson's program install floor boards on the floor frame of the structure. First-year students working on this part of the project include (left to right) Shawn Raymond of Windsor, Andrew Wark of Millinocket, Damien Tetlow of Caribou, Luke Ireland of Mapleton, Adam Colyer of Amity, Derek Clair of Presque Isle, and Ben Goupille of Perham.

NMCC hands-on experience while they assist Kiwanis in helping meet the needs of the local community,” said Carolyn Dorsey, president of the Presque Isle Kiwanis Club.

“I think the students' enthusiasm is just as high as when we started 30 years ago. Just yesterday some freshmen were saying how they couldn't believe that the floor frame they were working on would be part of a house that a family would live in,” said Guy Jackson, residential construction instructor.

Jackson has the experience to back up his words. Sinawik number 31 is the 27th home he has had a hand in building. “After all this time this is still the main focus of the program,” said Jackson. “People say – ‘you've done this many times, it must be easier’ – but its not,

each one is a challenge because you start fresh with a new group of students and a new set of plans.”

Those plans, for the 29th year, are the responsibility of Roger Crouse, NMCC computer-aided drafting instructor. Crouse sits down with the family to begin the process of making their dream reality.

“The first contact for this year's home was made early last spring,” said Crouse. “Preliminary floor plans were developed and approved by the customer in May. This fall a college work-study student in the computer-aided drafting program is developing working drawings for the residential construction students to use.”

Once the plans are handed over, framing work on the walls, doors, windows and roof will get underway and be completed by the first-year students in Jackson's program. Then students in the plumbing and heating program, instructed by Al St. Peter; the electrical construction and maintenance program, instructed by Charles Kelley; and the metal fabrication program, instructed by Dennis Albert, come in to do what is referred to as the “rough-in” work.

Once the plumbing and heating conduits have been installed, the wiring laid and any required ductwork is in, the structure is inspected. Then it is time for the senior residential construction students to come in and do the finish work, installing windows, doors and cabinets and completing the interior trim. This



NMCC Residential Construction Instructor Guy Jackson (far right) discusses the next phase of Sinawik Project #31 with his first year students who will frame the structure. Working on this year's home are (left to right) Nick Hadley of Waterville, Derek Demerchant of Presque Isle, Brian Nadeau of Connor, Preston Tracy of Woodland, Rocco Risbara of Scarborough, Scott Fletcher of Fort Kent, and Peter Albert of Presque Isle.



Community Gifts Update

As the first-ever major gifts campaign undertaken by the College and the NMCC Foundation approaches its tenth month, the *Campaign for the County's College* has received \$38,744.50 in community gifts since July 2007. The latest announced donations bring the overall total of funds raised to \$1,831,336.50, nearing the \$2 million goal.

The 38 gifts, pledged by community donors and County businesses between July and November, range from \$10 to \$7,840 and add to the previously announced total of community gifts released by the College in June of \$72,475. Community gifts are defined as contributions in value of up to \$10,000.

"It is clear that the citizens and business owners of Aroostook County take great pride in supporting the education of NMCC students, and the County's College," said NMCC President Timothy Crowley. "The funds raised through this campaign will have a significant impact on the institution for years to come."

With a goal of raising \$2 million to fund student scholarships and instructional technology, as well as to assist the College in meeting immediate community needs, *The Campaign for the County's College* was publicly launched in late February 2007.

Among the community donors since July 1, is Connect North America, with a technology gift valued at \$7,840. Contributors at the \$5,000 level are Dysart's Service, Inc., Industrial Heating and Piping, Inc., and SFE Manufacturing, Inc.

Making a gift of \$4,707.50 is Dan Eber, Mary Darsch, and Michael Eber. Community supporters at the \$2000 level are Walter Purda and Davis CPA.

Other community gifts include: Vince and Kathy Bernier, \$1200; Hugh S. Kirkpatrick and Knox Machine Company, \$1000; Tori Barber, \$520; Durward Huffman, Bridget A. McIntosh & Michael Wolland, Tom and Mary Umphrey,

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Leading New England Transport Services Company Contributes \$10,000 to Campaign

H. O. Bouchard Transportation Services, one of the largest trucking companies in the Northeast and a firm that bears the name of Harold Bouchard, the Fort Kent native who founded it nearly five decades ago, is giving back to its roots in the form of a \$10,000 contribution to the *Campaign for the County's College*.

The gift, directed to the College and Community Advancement Fund to support immediate and emerging needs in the college's transportation industry related programs, was announced recently by Brian Bouchard, the second generation company owner.

"H. O. Bouchard is proud to help the young people of Northern Maine prepare for the future. Our roots are in Aroostook County and we will always remember the lessons we learned there," said Brian Bouchard. "Hard work, dedication and knowledge can help transform the raw products from the forests and fields into products that the world wants and needs. We are proud to be associated with the fine people of NMCC."

"H. O. Bouchard and any of the companies that are looking for individuals in the trade related fields certainly benefit from graduates of Northern Maine Community College. The realization that company officials, led by Brian Bouchard, have come to, as well as those of us working with NMCC on this major gifts

\$500; Aroostook Chapter/Maine Harley Owners Group, John G. and Teresa Krass, John O'Donnell, \$250; Craig and Annette Staples, \$208; Virginia L. Hartin, \$104; Pam and Garth Duff, Randy and Robin Norsworthy, Michael and Cynthia Thibodeau, \$100; Norm and Muriel Blotner & Family, Leon and Sheila Buckingham, Sam and Lise Collins, Brian and Michelle Cronin, Gregg and Rebecca Graves, Presque Isle High School Class of 1977, Colin and Denise Robertson & Stan and Edla Harting, \$50; Donny and Nancy Beals, Donald and Cindy Blanchette, Allen and Janice Lovelette, Alan and Linda Pangburn, Tom and Pam Taylor, \$25; Irene Rattray & Sheila Corey, \$20; John and Naomi Downing, Charlotte and Meredith Shapiro, \$10.



Brian Bouchard, president of H. O. Bouchard Inc. of Hampden, presents a contribution to Sonja Fongemie of NMCC on behalf of the transportation services company. The gift will benefit NMCC's diesel hydraulics program and commercial driving academy.

campaign, is that we need to ensure there is a qualified and well trained workforce to meet the needs of employers across industry sectors throughout Maine," said Paul Bouchard of Fort Kent, who served on the campaign's leadership team and helped secure the donation. "We are very excited that H. O. Bouchard has recognized the important contribution of NMCC to their industry, and as such have made this significant contribution."

The first priority for funding under the gift is NMCC's diesel hydraulics program, and the second is the Commercial Driving Academy.

"The transportation industry is vitally important to the economy of Aroostook. Given our geographic location, it is essential that we are able to get products produced in this region to markets elsewhere. In addition, more recent initiatives, such as operations at the Maine Military Authority, rely on NMCC for a qualified and well-trained workforce," said NMCC President Tim Crowley. "This most appreciated contribution from H. O. Bouchard, as with all of the support we have been most fortunate to receive through the *Campaign for the County's College*, will have a positive and direct impact on the economic livelihood of The County."

Cary Medical Center Supports Campaign with \$45,000 Pledge

Cary Medical Center is the latest in a growing list of Northern Maine businesses and organizations to show their support for the first-ever major gifts campaign undertaken by Northern Maine Community College.

NMCC officials have announced that the Caribou-based hospital has made a \$45,000 contribution to the *Campaign for the County's College*. The pledge of \$15,000 for each of the next three years establishes the Cary Medical Center Advancement Fund through the NMCC Foundation. The fund is designed to support instructional technology, professional development and curriculum development for allied health programs.

"The Aroostook County healthcare community, and Cary Medical Center in particular, are direct beneficiaries of the teaching and learning that happens each and every day in the associate degree nursing program and other allied health programs offered through NMCC. An impressive 60 percent of our current nursing staff holds degrees from NMCC. Our recent accolades, and in fact our ability to deliver the compassionate and quality healthcare services that have become Cary's hallmark, are highly dependent on the nurses and other healthcare professionals educated and trained at the County's College," said Kris Doody, CEO of Cary Medical Center.

The establishment of the Cary Medical Center Advancement Fund comes at a critical juncture at NMCC as college personnel begin work on establishing an allied health simulation center on campus. The first-of-its kind facility in northern Maine to house human patient simulator technology, the center will provide students and other users simulation-based education opportunities to enhance clinical and decision making skills during realistic patient care scenarios.

The establishment of the center was made possible through a grant to the Campaign by the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation that will provide for the purchase and installation of simulation and other needed equipment for implementation. Anthem



Officials with Northern Maine Community College, the NMCC Foundation and the Campaign for the County's College thank officials with Cary Medical Center for their recent contribution to the NMCC major gifts campaign. Photographed (left to right) are Brian Hamel and Robert Clark, campaign tri-chairs; Raynold Gauvin, chair of the NMCC Foundation; Timothy Crowley, NMCC president; Scott Hunter, chair of the Cary Medical Center Board of Directors, Kris Doody, Cary CEO and tri-chair for the NMCC major gifts campaign; and Betty Hatch, chair of the finance committee for the Cary Board.

funds will also allow NMCC to refurbish and transform existing space in the nursing wing to house the technology and instructional space.

"The simulation center will revolutionize the way our nursing and allied health students are taught," said Timothy Crowley, NMCC president. "This important new step forward will involve significant changes in how our faculty teach the next generation of healthcare professionals. The contribution made by Cary Medical Center to the campaign will help ensure that we not only make optimum use of the new technology, but that both our students and faculty benefit fully from its use."

Community leaders working with NMCC officials on the campaign agree and see the benefit extending beyond the campus community.

"With this sizable donation to support the Allied Health programs at the Northern Maine Community College, Cary Medical Center has demonstrated its commitment to excellence of medical service not only for our future health care professionals, but for our citizens as a whole," said Brian Hamel, tri-chair for the major gifts campaign. "We are particularly pleased that Cary Medical Center has joined with other health care organizations throughout The County to subsidize the creation of a first class regional Allied Health program that will

set the high standards by which others will be measured. Our citizens are the real winners when health care organizations collaborate to deliver available, affordable and state-of-the-art health care programs."

Cary Medical Center is 65-bed acute care hospital. The hospital and its staff have won numerous state and national awards for quality in both customer service and clinical performance. The Cary family includes approximately 540 employees, 60 active medical staff providers, 100 courtesy and consulting physicians, and 75 volunteers.

In collaboration with Pines Health Services, a non-profit physician management group, Cary Medical Center services include: general and vascular surgery, pediatrics, 24-hour emergency medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, orthopedics, physical and occupational therapy, neurology, one day surgery, family practice, sports medicine, cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, occupational health, internal medicine, urology, radiology, pathology, and a wide variety of specialty clinics.

Cary Medical Center is also home to the first Veterans Administration Out-patient Clinic located in a private rural hospital. Additionally, on the hospital's campus is a 40-bed long term care facility and a 30-bed residential care facility operated by the Maine Veterans Home.

Annual Meeting *from page 2*

“On behalf of the foundation, we are very honored and thankful to recognize these three scholarships and donors. Thanks to their kindness and generosity, NMCC students will directly benefit from these three scholarships for years to come,” said Berry-Thompkins

During the meeting, six local business people were elected to the board: Paul Cyr, owner of Hiperfax, Inc.; Virginia Joles, communications director for Maine Public Service; Tom Kent, retired of Madawaska; Melony LeShane of Fort Fairfield, account executive for H.O. Perry & Son Co.; Jane Towle of Presque Isle, co-owner of RE-MAX Central; and Jan Greico of Perham, NMCC instructor.

In addition to the new members, the board is comprised of Gary Cleaves, general manager of the Maine Military Authority; NMCC President Timothy Crowley; Lois Dickson, owner of Tempo Employment Services; Ray Gauvin, retired of Mapleton; Sandra Gauvin, retired of Mapleton; Michael Kelley, executive vice president of TD Banknorth in Presque Isle; Larry LaPlante, NMCC finance director; Gregg Collins, vice president of S.W. Collins Company; Carl Flora, president/CEO of the Loring Development Authority; David Raymond, NMCC instructor; Ed Nickerson, director of business development at Loring Development Authority; Roger Roy, executive vice president at MMG Insurance; Bruce Sandstrom, senior vice president of finance at The Aroostook Medical Center; Connie Sandstrom, executive director of ACAP; Vicki Smith, vice president of marketing at Katahdin Trust Company; Terry Wade, plant manager at Smith and Wesson; Burpee Wagner, retired of Perth-Andover, New Brunswick; and Robert White, NMCC instructor.

New officers were also elected. Assuming their roles in March 2008 will be: Richard Engels, chair; Brian Hamel, vice chair; Larry LaPlante, treasurer; and Lois Dickson, secretary. Bruce Sandstrom and Vicki Smith were elected to serve on the executive committee with these officers.

Outgoing Chairperson Raynold Gauvin was honored with a plaque and thanked for his years of service and dedication to the foundation.

The Eagle Award was presented to Gary Cleaves for the impact he has had on the foundation.

Students and Faculty Help with Heroes Wall

Students and faculty in NMCC’s residential construction program helped build a wall that honors area Veterans and service members, as well as supports a County-wide effort to stock food pantries throughout the region.

The Heroes Wall, a project coordinated by WAGM-TV was unveiled during a ceremony on November 11 (Veteran’s Day) at the Aroostook Centre Mall, the temporary home for the wall.

The wall features granite etched photographic images of individuals who have served or are currently serving the nation. The photos are etched on granite plaques, in addition to that person’s name and home town. The granite work was completed by County native Mike Roy, who now resides in Brunswick where he operates Get-Etched.com, a custom laser etching company.

Instructor Guy Jackson and his students constructed the wall on which the granite photographs are placed. “I am pleased that our students had the opportunity to work on this important project. It not only provides them with a great chance to learn by doing, it also involves them in the community in a project that will be seen by thousands of people. It

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work typically runs through the end of the academic year in May.

The various phases of work and the order in which they are completed has changed relatively little in three decades, but the same can not be said for the technique and tools used to complete the massive project.

One area that has seen a great deal of change over the years is the increased emphasis on energy efficiency. That has particularly been the case over the past few years as energy costs have soared.

It is certainly true of the 1,248 square foot modular ranch-style home now under construction. Among the features of the structure is radiant floor heating and a through-the-wall vented



NMCC residential construction students and their instructor Guy Jackson prepare the trim for the Heroes Wall. Working on the project are (from left to right): John Kennedy and Adam Bloom of Castle Hill, Jim DuVal of Caribou, Jackson, David Riopelle of Mars Hill, and Niklas Roble of New Sweden.

certainly goes a long way toward helping instill a sense of pride in their work,” said Jackson. “As a Veteran, this project has personal significance.”

Coordinators of the Heroes Wall approached Jackson about working on the project because they appreciated the great quality work his program is renowned for and saw great benefit in involving students in the project.

“Just like the individuals featured on the wall represent some of the finest examples of County folks that serve, the team building the wall represent some of the region’s finest future professionals in the construction trade,” said Kelly Landeen, WAGM local sales manager.

Proceeds from the sale of granite etched tiles for the Heroes Wall will benefit the “Feed the County” program, which helps supply food to the 21 food pantries in Aroostook.

furnace.

“Radiant floor heating is more efficient than conventional hot-water base-board heat. In addition extra care will be taken to seal all penetrations in air and vapor barriers. Window placement will be designed to take advantage of passive solar gain,” said Crouse.

“Working on the Sinawik home is more relevant for our students today than it has ever been – in large part because of the importance that is given to energy efficiency. As they enter the construction profession, they will find themselves working for customers who place energy conservation among the top priorities of their building projects,” said Jackson.

Well-Elders Thanked by NMCC Students

Several area senior citizens were acknowledged for the important role they are playing in the education and training of the region's future nurses at a tea held recently on the NMCC campus.

The Well Elder program has been a part of the nursing curriculum at NMCC for more than 10 years. It pairs members of the first year nursing class with healthy senior citizens who volunteer to allow students into their homes throughout the semester to practice assessment techniques.

"We cannot thank you enough for graciously allowing our students into your homes," said Betty Kent-Conant, nursing and allied health department chair to the 75 seniors, student nurses and NMCC faculty gathered at the celebration. "You have played an important role in helping to mold the future generation of nurses."

When visiting their "well elders" NMCC student nurses took vital signs and

reviewed medications, home safety and general health lifestyles. Students gained valuable experience practicing their interview and listening skills.

"The important skills you learned while visiting with these senior citizens, as well as the invaluable life lessons, will be with you throughout your nursing career," said Daryl Boucher, first year nursing student coordinator to the students he directed through the well elder program.

A total of 44 students enrolled in the first year nursing class on the Presque Isle campus and an additional 14 students participating in the NMCC nursing program offered at a distance on the Washington County Community College campus were engaged in the well elder program.



Greater Caribou area seniors participating in the 2007 well elder program attending a recent appreciation tea at the College were (seated left to right) Jo Ann and Gary Kelley of Caribou, Beatrice Beahm and Emma Cote of Limestone. Thanking their well-elders were NMCC nursing students (standing left to right) Charles Zappone of Caribou and Kate Dunleavy of Limestone.



Greater Presque Isle area seniors participating in the 2007 well elder program attending a recent afternoon appreciation tea at the College were (seated left to right) Sharon Madore, Nanette Colton, Helen McConnell, Christine Dicker, Raymond Walton, Rita Lannigan, Stephen Naas and Mary Smith all of Presque Isle, Arlene Knight of Chapman and Shirley Churchill-Bragdon of Washburn. Thanking their well-elders were nursing students (standing left to right) Chelsae Cambridge of Chapman, Jennifer Knowles of Presque Isle, Janna Johnson of Fort Fairfield, Jaymie St. Peter of Ashland, Josh Tompkins of Mapleton, Katelyn Crane of New Limerick, Pamela Shoemaker of Plaster Rock, New Brunswick, Kirsten Dobson of Presque Isle, Nikki Dailey of Presque Isle, and Stephanie Burt of Washburn.



Seniors from western New Brunswick participating in the 2007 well elder program attending a recent appreciation tea at the College were (seated left to right) Mal Jenkins and Georgie McAskill of Plaster Rock, New Brunswick with students (standing left to right) Joyce Burgoyne of Perth-Andover and Pamela Shoemaker of Plaster Rock.



the literary theme, focused on the popular holiday story "Twas The Night Before Christmas." Students in NMCC's residential construction program constructed a huge bed that featured a "mother" reading the popular story to children of College students and employees.

Jo-Ellen Kelley of Limestone has participated in the book distribution in the past and did so again this year. The NMCC and Husson College student is also the executive director of the Literacy Volunteers of Aroostook County.

"I think everyone looks forward to it now," said Kelley. "In my work with adults throughout the County, I visit many homes of families who don't have any books at all. There are so many children for whom this project provides them with a first book of their own. This is additionally a really good opportunity for the Literacy Volunteers of Aroostook in helping to raise awareness to the importance of literacy."

Continuing Education offerings...

Intermediate Access

Want to know more about Microsoft Access? Start with a review of the basic features of Microsoft Access and move to more intermediate features. You will learn to modify the structure of tables, use the table analyzer wizard to help design tables, import data from other file types, create a main and subform, modify a form, create more advanced queries and reports and add calculated fields in reports. Prerequisite: A basic working knowledge of Access

CSA 643 ♦ Cost: \$89 – includes text ♦ .8 CEUs
Tuesday & Thursdays, December 6, 11 & 13 ♦ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

CRMA Recertification

This 8 hour course offers a complete review and update on the state regulations for the administration of medications. Participants must have a current CRMA 40 certificate to register for this course. Class enrollment is limited to 15 participants.

HLT 710 ♦ Cost: \$99 ♦ .8 CEUs
Friday, December 7 ♦ 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Refrigerant Certification Seminar

This eight hour course is designed for the HVAC/Refrigeration Technician who works directly with refrigeration equipment and requires certification through an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved program. This seminar will provide the skills necessary to complete EPA requirements for certification for the handling of refrigerants. The instructor will administer the two hour exam at the end of the day. Technician certification includes passing the core test and at least one technical test for each certification type. Technical tests include small appliance, high pressure and low pressure. The seminar assumes the participants have refrigeration and air conditioning experience. A photo ID is required for examination. A packet of study materials will be mailed to you prior to the seminar. This seminar meets the EPA Section 608 Clean Air Act requirements. Cost includes tuition, handouts, and tests.

RAC 615 ♦ Cost: \$170 – text additional ♦ .8 CEUs
Thursdays, December 13 & 20 ♦ 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Happy Holidays!



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