



# Toward Excellence

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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### Welcome Back...

We welcome back all of the returning students and faculty to campus, as well as those new students who are joining us for the first time this semester.

For those who aren't familiar with this campus publication...this bulletin is put out weekly by the Development and College Relations Office to share on-campus information with students and faculty. An expanded edition of *Toward Excellence* is also distributed on a monthly basis, to both our on-campus community as well as to about 800 college "friends" across the state. This is a great vehicle for promoting college activities and events, and we encourage students and employees to submit information for inclusion in either publication. Simply e-mail the details to [info@nmcc.edu](mailto:info@nmcc.edu), call 768-2809, or stop by the Development Office on the first floor of the Christie Building, right off of the main lobby.

*Have a great semester and a great year, everyone!*

### NMCC to Co-Sponsor Free Ski Night

As part of Big Rock's corporate sponsor program, NMCC has once again partnered with Cary Medical Center and Pines Health Services to offer a night of free skiing for the whole community to enjoy on January 16.

College and community members are invited to come to Big Rock between 4:00-9:00 p.m. for a fun filled evening on the slopes. For beginners, there are free half-hour group lessons. Lift tickets will be free for the evening, as will rental equipment, which will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Also, employees from NMCC, Cary and Pines will be eligible to win some great door prizes being raffled during the evening.

Invite your friends and family to join you for a night of free fun! For more information, contact the Development Office at 768-2809, or stop by the office, located adjacent to the Christie lobby.

#### Monday, January 14:

*NMCC Foundation Meeting*, 7:30-9:00 am, Martin Conference Room

*Evening Student Orientation*, 5:30-6:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

#### Tuesday, January 15:

*Residential Life Staff Meeting*, 12:00-1:00 pm, Reed Commons Keegan Room

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

*Evening Student Orientation*, 5:30-6:00 pm, Christie Lecture Hall

*Indoor Soccer*, 9-11 pm, Gym

#### Wednesday, January 16:

*Guidance Counselors Meeting*, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm, Reed Commons Keegan Room

*College Transition Program Meeting*, 500 pm, MRT 107

*Evening Student Orientation*, 5:30-6:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

*Free Ski Night*, 4:00 - 9:00 pm, Big Rock

#### Thursday, January 17:

*NESHM Meeting*, 7:30 - 10:00 am, Edmunds Conf. Ctr.

*CCEMTP Class*, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Academic Success Center Classroom

*PROBUS*, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Reed Commons Keegan Room

*Marketing Luncheon*, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Edmunds Conf. Ctr.

*Evening Student Orientation*, 5:30-6:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

*Open Gym*, 7-9 pm

#### Friday, January 18:

*CCEMTP Class*, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Ctr.

*Commercial Truck Driving Academy Graduation*, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, Reed Commons Keegan Room

#### Saturday, January 19:

*CCEMTP Class*, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Ctr.

What's Happening on Campus...

## Weekly Menu

### LUNCHTIME IN THE REED COMMONS

#### Monday

##### SPECIALS

*Soup*: Broccoli & Cheese

*Deli*: Turkey Club

*Grill*: Buffalo Melt Down

##### LINE ENTREES

Fried Chicken

Salisbury Steak

Mashed Potato

French Fries

Hot Vegetable

Assorted Desserts

#### Tuesday

##### SPECIALS

*Soup*: Beef Barley

*Deli*: Chicken Salad/Bacon

*Grill*: Rueben

##### LINE ENTREES

Macaroni & Cheese

Hot Dogs

Herbed Ham & Cheese

Rice

French Fries

Hot Vegetable

Assorted Desserts

#### Wednesday

##### SPECIALS

*Soup*: Chicken Noodle

*Deli*: Buffalo Wrap

*Grill*: Ragin' Cajun

##### LINE ENTREES

Chop Suey

Manicotti

Chicken Ceasar Wrap

French Fries

Hot Vegetable

Assorted Desserts

#### Thursday

##### SPECIALS

*Soup*: Minestrone

*Deli*: Greek Wrap

*Grill*: Turkey/Bacon Melt

##### LINE ENTREES

Chicken Burger

Italian Grinders

Rice Pilaf

French Fries

Onion Rings

Hot Vegetable

Assorted Desserts

#### Friday

##### SPECIALS

*Soup*: Clam Chowder

*Deli*: Beef & Cheddar Sub

*Grill*: Bacon Cheeseburger

##### LINE ENTREES

Sloppy Joes

Chicken Nuggets

Au Gratin Potatoes

French Fries/Chips

Hot Vegetable/Coleslaw

Assorted Desserts

Please note that the above menu is subject to change.

## Opportunity Maine Program

This program, designed to assist Maine students who earn their post-secondary associate or bachelor's degree from a Maine college or university and who stay to live and work in Maine afterwards, *can help save you thousands of dollars*. If you're a student loan borrower, like nearly 80% of NM students are, you don't want to miss this opportunity. Failure to register now will forfeit your opportunity to claim the maximum tax credit allowable. NMCC students wanting to learn more or to enroll in this program should stop by the Financial Aid Office. *Please note that loans taken out before January 2008 are not eligible for this tax credit.*

## Dean's List

The NMCC Dean's List for the Fall 2007 semester has been released. Look for the names of students who have reached this level of academic success in the upcoming edition of the monthly newsletter, which will be available this week. This information is also being sent to the local papers of all those who were named to the Dean's List, so you can start looking for that information soon in your hometown newspaper.

## Long Weekend...

Just a reminder that the College will be closed on Monday, January 21, for Martin Luther King Day. Enjoy the long weekend, everyone!

## Condolences...

Our condolences early childhood education instructor Heidi Broad-Smith and her entire family on the loss of Heidi's mother, Sharon Broad, over the winter break.

## Thank You...

*My thanks to the NMCC family for the beautiful flowers which were sent in my mother's memory.*

*-Heidi Broad-Smith*

## Skating/Swimming

NMCC students can skate for free at the Forum in Presque Isle, simply bring your student ID with you. Call the Forum for general skate times at 764-0491. Students may also swim at the Presque Isle indoor pool at no charge with their student ID. Call 764-2564 for times.

## Ski Packages

Students and employees will once again benefit from reduced rates for skiing, snowboarding, and something new this year--tubing, at Big Rock in Mars Hill.

All NMCC employees and students can purchase daily lift and snow tubing tickets for \$5/day. Spouses and children living in the homes of students/employees can purchase tickets at 25% off the daily lift ticket prices when accompanying an NMCC student/employee. Students/employees may also purchase a season pass for skiing for only \$150. To take advantage of any of these bargains, the student/employee must present his or her college ID.

## Are Classes Cancelled?

*Since there are many new students on campus this semester, here is a quick reminder of the College's snow cancellation policy...*

Students should note that, as a rule, the College does NOT close due to inclement weather. Realizing that many students and employees travel some distance to get to campus, everyone is urged to exercise good judgement in deciding whether or not they, personally, can make the drive safely.

In case of extreme weather conditions, classes may be cancelled or the College closed early. Any decision to cancel daytime classes will be made by 6:00 a.m., and the decision not to hold evening classes will be made by 5:00 p.m.

*Announcements will be listed on the following local stations:*

WAGM-TV (Ch. 8 or 4)	WBPW - 96.9 FM
WCXX - 102.3 FM	WCXU - 97.7 FM
WQHR - 96.1 FM	WCXU - 98.1 FM
WOZI - 101.9 FM	W276AY - 103.1 FM

Announcements will also be posted on the College's web site and on the campus portal. Please check these resources rather than calling the College.


Remember to allow for extra driving time during your commute when roads are poor. *Drive safely this winter!*

## Student Meetings/Gatherings...

- The **STUDENT SENATE** meets every Tuesday from 12:15-1:00 pm in the Christie lecture hall. All students are invited.
- **PHI THETA KAPPA** meets Thursdays from 12:00-12:45 pm in the Christie lecture hall.
- **MOVIE NIGHT** is held on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the Edmunds Conference Center. Refreshments are provided; *free for all students!*
- Students are invited to take part in **INDOOR SOCCER** on Tuesdays at 9 pm in the gym.
- Get active...come to **OPEN GYM** on Thursdays from 7-9 pm in the gym.

## NMCC Ski/Snowboard Team

The NMCC ski/snowboard team competes in the Coca-Cola Corporate Race League at the Big Rock Ski Area every Thursday night beginning January 25. Racing begins at 5:00 pm and runs until 8:30 pm. The competition consists primarily of teams sponsored by area businesses, and is primarily an intramural league where all skill levels are able to participate. All teams are co-ed, and the race course is set up on the lower portion of Big Rock's Comet trail. If you are interested in being part of the NMCC ski/snowboard team, please e-mail Dave Wyman at [dwyman@nmcc.edu](mailto:dwyman@nmcc.edu) or call him at 768-2705.



**Key**  
to your finances

**NORTHERN MAINE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**BEGINS JANUARY 21**

Runs each **Monday** on  
**WAGM CBS 8** (between  
6:00-7:00 am & 5:30-6:30 pm)  
& **WAGM Fox 8** (between  
9:00-9:30 am & 10:00-10:30 pm)