

NM Students Support Opportunity Maine Campaign

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The out-migration of Maine youth in Aroostook County has been a major concern to its citizens. People right out of high school or college look for career opportunities south of The County line; some leave the state altogether. Yet, who can blame them? It has been noted that Maine has the highest work ethic in America, so don't they deserve better? People have been racking their brains for



Seniors John Preston and David Holmes staff a table seeking signatures on an Opportunity Maine petition last week on campus.

solutions to both the out-migration and disinterest of specialized businesses, and Opportunity Maine could be the answer.

How does this sound? Any Maine resident, who graduates from a Maine school and continues to work in the state, will have their school loans forgiven through a tax break. It's almost too good to be true—but it's possible. NMCC's Student Senate has joined forces with other schools in the state to get the word out. On November 7, student volunteers will be at the polls with petitions; their goal is 60,000 signatures in order to get Opportunity Maine on 2007's ballot.

Senate president, Michael Black believes that if Opportunity Maine passes, "businesses will jump on this." Maine would be able to provide an educated workforce that will attract business and give Aroostook County the economic boom it needs. It would be an opportunity for people of all ages and financial backgrounds to get the education they need for the kind of job they deserve.

Volunteers are needed to collect signatures at the polls. To help, please contact Michael Black at mblack17@nmcc.edu.

Monday, November 6:

Foundation Finance Committee Meeting, 7:30-9:00 am, Reed Commons Keegan Room

BC/BS Preventive Health Screens, 8am - 5pm, Edmunds Conference Center

MEA Administrators Meeting, 12-1 pm, Christie Lecture Hall

Nursing Tutoring, 9-11 am & 3-5 pm, Christie 201

Tuesday, November 7:

BC/BS Preventive Health Screens, 8am - 5pm, Edmunds Conference Center

Nursing Testing, 8-10 am, Media Center

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

Open Gym, 9-11pm

Wednesday, November 8:

ME Anthem BC/BS Flu Shot Clinic, 8am - 3pm, Edmunds Conference Center

NMCC SWOT Session, 2-4 pm, Learning Center Classroom

Office Administration Advisory Committee Meeting, 11:30am - 1:00pm, Reed Commons Keegan Room

TRiO Tutoring, 2:30-3:30 pm, Martin 107

Movie Night, 9pm, Edmunds Conference Center

Thursday, November 9:

NMCC Health Fair, 10am - 2pm, Edmunds Conference Center

ABG Meeting, 12-1pm, Martin 213

Women, Work & Community - Art to Business Workshop, 5-9pm, Reed Commons Keegan Room

Ref Board Meeting, 5:30-9:00 pm, Christie Lecture Hall

Discover Aroostook Class, 6-7 pm, Continuing Ed Computer Lab

Automotive Service Excellence, 6-11 pm, Christie 201

Open Gym, 9-11pm

What's Happening on Campus...

Remember to vote on November 7!

TABOR is an important issue that will impact us all...have your voice heard!!

LUNCHTIME IN THE REED COMMONS

Monday

Minestrone Soup
Meatloaf
Chicken Ceasar Wrap
Mashed Potatoes
Chips
Corn
Apple Crisp
Sundae Bar

Tuesday

Chicken Noodle Soup
Chicken Cordon Bleu
Hamburger Bar
Rice Pilaf
Chips
Carrots
Brownies
Jello Parfaits

Wednesday

Italian Bean & Sausage Soup
Ham Wrap
Veal Parmesan
Spaghetti
Green Beans
Oatmeal Cookies
Pineapple Upside Down
Cake

Thursday

Vegetable Soup
Vegetable Lo Mein
Teriyaki Chicken
Vegetable Egg Rolls
Milano Sandwich
French Fries
Rice Krispie Squares
Cookies

Friday

Chili
Cucumber Dill Ckn Wrap
Curry Rice
French Fries
Penne Saute w/Kielbasa
Oven Roasted Vegetable
Chocolate Pudding
Cookies

Weekly Menu

Contest Winners

☆ Congratulations to the winners of the Student Senate

Costume Contest:

1st Place

Nicholas & Jamie-Lyn Pelkey - *Ketchup & Mustard*

2nd Place

Josh Boyles - *A die hard Yankee fan caught in a Boston mob*

3rd Place

Alex Purvis - *Vampire Priest*

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Halloween Guessing Contest. Each won a \$50 gift certificate to the mall.

Jar One - 37 bows

Joshua Pelletier

Jar Two - 44 bows

Libby Gardner



The Student Senate sponsored their annual **Great Pumpkin Contest** on October 30. Several NMCC students, employees and their children took part. The winners were: Matt Beckwith, scariest; Jason Parent, best carved; David Moreneault, most original; Lori Keith, happiest; Quinn Thibault, smallest; Wesley Thibault, most creative; Denver Morenault, best personality; Austin Albert, most colorful; Sheldon Hathorn, most unusual; Hillary Albert, best costume; and Jennifer Hadfield, most artistic.

Wellness Clinics Offered

Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield and TAMC will offer a worksite wellness screening program in Edmunds Conference Center on November 6th and 7th. All NMCC employees are invited to attend. Find out how to live a longer, healthier life; have your blood pressure, weight, cholesterol, and chances of getting diabetes checked; and receive a a battery-operated plastic lantern from Anthem BC/BS. To avoid waiting in line, please come according to your last name:

November 6

A-G: 12:00-1:30pm

H-N: 1:30-3:00pm

O-Z: 3:00-5:00pm

November 7

A-G: 9:00-11:00am

H-N: 11:00am-12:00pm

O-Z: 12:00-1:00pm

Community News...

Open House for Maine Veterans

In conjunction with the observation of Veterans' Day in November, the Maine Small Business Development Center and the Small Business Administration is sponsoring a series of drop-in open house events for Maine veterans who own or want to own a small business. Veterans can come in and meet with a Maine SBDC business counselor to learn about the small business assistance available to them.

Locally, the Open House will take place at the Northern Maine Development Commission in Caribou from 4:00-7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 8.

Newsletter Items...

Do you have items that you would like printed in the Weekly Bulletin? If so, please submit your information to the development office, by calling 768-2809, e-mailing info@nmcc.edu or stopping by the office on the third floor of the Martin Building. The weekly deadline is Thursday by 10:00 a.m.

Peer Mentor Group Study

All students are invited to take part in Peer Mentor Group Study sessions on Tuesdays, from 1:00-3:00 pm, and on Wednesdays, from 5:00-8:00 pm. These sessions are held in the meeting room/kitchen area of Snow Hall. For more information, you can contact Michaele Black through campus e-mail.

A Note of Thanks...

Students in Early Childhood Education classes 101 and 105 thank the University of Maine Cooperative Extension program for providing Lisa Fishman as a speaker to their classes. Fishman is the nutrition specialist and coordinator of the nutrition programs throughout the County for Cooperative Extension. While visiting NMCC, Fishman spoke about the new Food Guide Pyramid and the implications for child care providers, as well as shared some tips for correct nutrition for young children. Information on types of food, serving sizes, and the nutrition content of food in various forms and combinations was provided. The students were also given printed information about where to access services through the Extension program. Again, thanks to both Lisa Fishman and the Cooperative Extension program for being such a valuable resource to NMCC students.

Student Meetings...

- The **Student Senate** meets every Tuesday from 12:15-1:00 pm in the Christie lecture hall. All students are invited.
- **Alpha Beta Gamma** meets Thursdays from 12-1 pm in Martin 213.

Score Clock Keeper Needed

Anyone who is interested in running the score clock for home basketball games should contact Athletic Director Lori Googins at lgoogins@nmcc.edu or 768-2782. Experience running a clock is helpful, but not necessary; however, knowledge of the game of basketball is required.