

NMCC's Campaign for the County's College Ends with Donations & Pledges Exceeding \$2.5 Million

The final tally is in and *Campaign for the County's College*, the first-ever major gifts campaign undertaken by Northern Maine Community College and the NMCC Foundation, has exceeded its \$2 million goal by over half a million dollars.

That announcement was made by College officials on February 29 at a celebration held in the Christie Lobby on the NMCC campus, exactly a year and a day after business, community and college leaders came together to launch the campaign.

"We accomplish very little by ourselves, but as a group we can do tremendous things," said NMCC President Timothy Crowley after it was announced that the campaign had garnered \$2,518,855 in gifts and pledges. "It really takes others to help – parents, friends, other people who

care – that makes a difference, and that is really what this campaign is all about."

Crowley's remarks were made as part of the Aroostook County-themed reception that College and Foundation leaders cited as a "leap" into a new era, as the event was fittingly held on leap day. In his presentation, Crowley acknowledged the community volunteer leaders who carried the campaign over goal.

"When this campaign was started many months ago, we spoke with a gentlemen by the name of Floyd Harding. The first, and most important, thing Floyd said was that 'students must get the opportunity to go to College.' Floyd Harding was the honorary chair of this campaign, and he exemplifies the spirit that has been behind this activity since

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- President Tim Crowley



More than 100 community members and employees took part in the event celebrating the closing of the *Campaign for the County's College*. It was a chance to thank all who helped with the campaign as well as those who donated to it. A donor wall (see story on page 3) was also unveiled as part of the evening's festivities.

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Faculty Receive Notebook Computers through Generous Gift

For 18 NMCC instructors, Valentine's Day was more like Christmas. They were each presented with new notebook computers purchased by a generous central Aroostook couple.

Raynold and Sandra Gauvin have long been supporters of NMCC, both as major donors and as active members of the NMCC Foundation Board of Directors. The two have also been driving forces in the *Campaign for the County's College*, the first-ever major gifts campaign undertaken by the College and Foundation.

That support has now extended to include one of the largest gifts from individuals to the campaign. The Gauvins announced at the February 14 reception that they have established The Ray and Sandy Gauvin Faculty Advancement Fund with a \$25,000 pledge.

The fund will provide NMCC with the capacity to rapidly respond to evolving needs by providing new curricula and/or services to meet those needs. Specifically, the fund will be for the purchase of notebook computers for NMCC faculty to advance the use of wireless technology in classroom teaching and learning.

With the Gauvins' initial pledge payment of \$15,000, the College information technology staff ordered 18 notebook computers for faculty in the arts and sciences department and the business technology department. After announcing the establishment of the fund at February 14 event, the Gauvins presented the computers to the faculty recipients.

"The College's laptop initiative is a great boon to the students as well as the faculty at NMCC. Educators are turning more and more to computers for assistance, and these notebooks will be powerful instructional tools, especially



From left, Raynold and Sandra Gauvin of Mapleton present notebook computers to: Dwight Clayton, chair of the business technology department; Ann Osgood, Colleen Harmon, and Paula York, instructors from the business technology department; Jan Grieco, Heidi-Broad Smith, Jennifer Graham, Greg Thompson, Lori Googins, and Dan Hotham, instructors in the arts and sciences department; and Ron Fitzgerald, chair of the arts and sciences department. Absent from photo: Nancy Cowett, Pam Crawford, and Robert Scott from the business technology department; Richard Duplessis, Miriam Gregg and Dave Raymond from the arts and sciences department.

in these technological times. They will not only help with instruction, but they will save the faculty time that they can re-invest in helping provide students with extra assistance. It will provide an excellent way to keep track of homework and grades, research and learning," stated Ray Gauvin.

For both Ray and Sandy, the establishment of the fund and its intended purpose to assist faculty hold great personal significance. As a business leader and specifically as president of Advantage Payroll Services, Ray has

hired many alumni of NMCC. He proudly boasts that most of his employees are graduates of the College, and is quick to note they have "proven to be knowledgeable, dependable, and hardworking, exemplifying the quality of education that comes from NMCC."

Sandy Gauvin, a lifelong educator, who retired in 2003 after teaching for 25 years in both SAD 20 and SAD 1 at nearly every grade level and in most subject areas, understands firsthand the

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Aroostook County's Largest JOB FAIR

Looking for work? Don't miss this opportunity!

The following businesses and organizations will be represented at the Job Fair at Northern Maine Community College:

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| Acadia Hospital | F. Pytlak Construction, Inc. | Northern Maine Medical Center |
| ACAP | Home Interiors & Gifts | Oxford Networks |
| Army National Guard | Houlton Regional Hospital | Pike Industry |
| Avon Products | Huber Engineered Woods LLC | Pines Health Services |
| Burrelle's Luce | Irving Woodlands LLC | Primerica |
| Career Center | Katahdin Papers | Sears |
| Cary Medical Center | Lane Construction | SITEL Corporation |
| Central Aroostook Mentoring Program | Loring Job Corps Center | Tempo Employment Services |
| CIANBRO Corporation | Maine Dept. of Transportation | The Aroostook Medical Center |
| Citadel Broadcasting Corp. | Maine Detailers | U.S. Air Force |
| Connect North America | MMG Insurance Co. | U.S. Army |
| Crown Ambulance | Maine Public Service | U.S. Border Patrol Houlton Sector |
| Daigle Oil Company | Maine State Police | U.S. Customs & Border Protection |
| Department of Homeland Security | Maine Veterans Home | U.S. Marine Corps. |
| DFAS | Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library | Visiting Nurses of Aroostook |
| | Mary Kay Cosmetics | WAGM-TV |
| | Maurice's | Wal-Mart |
| | McCain Foods USA Inc. | Waste Management |
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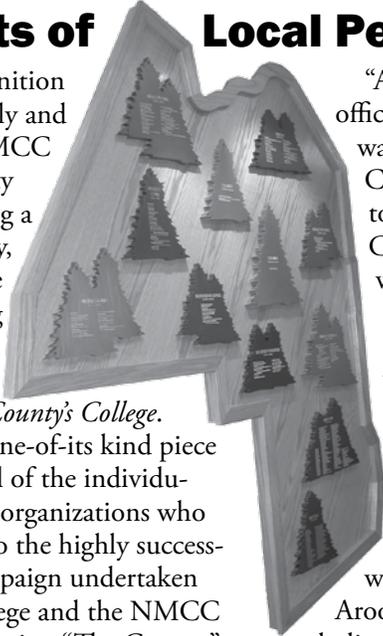
Thursday, March 13
9 AM to 1 PM • NMCC Christie Gym

Unique Donor Wall Recognizes Campaign Donors; Celebrates Aroostook County and the Talents of Local People

A donor recognition wall designed locally and constructed by NMCC students and faculty was unveiled during a reception on Friday, February 29, at the College celebrating the successful conclusion of the *Campaign for the County's College*.

The creative, one-of-its kind piece of art recognizes all of the individuals, businesses and organizations who have contributed to the highly successful major gifts campaign undertaken jointly by the College and the NMCC Foundation. Reflecting "The County" theme of the campaign, the base of the piece is a 6 x 5 foot oak cut out of Aroostook County, to which twelve metallic trees of varying sizes and colors are affixed listing all of the donors in the various Campaign giving levels.

The piece was designed by Heidi Carter of Heidesign, the Fort Kent based marketing firm contracted by NMCC.



"After speaking with College officials about the campaign, it was clear that the Aroostook County outline was important to integrate somehow," said Carter. "One of the things I wanted to do was to make the connection to the County in other ways as well. That's when the concept of using spruce trees came into play. I also wanted to push that even further to connect the transformation of the trees to lumber...and that's where we came to using wood for the Aroostook outline. It offers symbolism to the metamorphosis that takes place after a giving campaign that is as successful as this one has been, is completed. As trees turned to lumber offers material that can be used to build incredible structures, money raised from a giving campaign can do equally amazing things to make positive changes for the institution."

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Northern Maine "Far Better Prepared for Pediatric Emergencies"

Nearly 200 first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics and hospital staff members throughout Aroostook County are better prepared to deal with pediatric emergencies as the direct result of work completed through a state grant administered by Northern Maine Community College.

The award from the Emergency Medical Services for Children State Partnership – a division of the Maine Department of Public Safety has allowed NMCC faculty in nursing and EMS and staff in the College continuing education division to focus on educating and better equipping County emergency medical professionals. With recent completion of the grant, coordinators are reflecting on the success of the initiative.

"As a direct result of what we have accomplished through this grant, Northern Maine children will be much better served by the EMS community. Though much work remains to be done in the area of pediatric emergency education, we believe that the region is far better prepared for pediatric emergencies than it was just 18 months ago," said Daryl Boucher, lead grant coordinator and NMCC nursing and EMS instructor.

In that time, the NMCC continuing education division has offered 13 pediatric training sessions at locations throughout Aroostook County to a total of 192 emergency and healthcare workers, with topics ranging from practical assessment to caring for the multiple trauma patient.

"Training on how to work with a critical pediatric patient wasn't available to most of the Aroostook County emergency responders without traveling to Portland, or usually Boston. This grant allowed us to offer the training directly to a large number of local providers who typically wouldn't be able to travel to a course, because of funding or time restrictions. A number of the group we trained either work as part time providers or volunteers from the smaller towns in the County," said Leah Buck, assistant dean of continuing education.

In addition to the training sessions, faculty have assisted in several pediatric presentations and collaborated with staff at Northern Maine Medical Center and the University of Maine at Fort Kent to present two pediatric conferences in the St. John Valley.

A second funding component under the grant supported public awareness and education on pediatric care issues. Allied health students conducted research, completed presentations and participated in the Fall and Winter Sports and Recreation Show held in Presque Isle last fall, reaching nearly 1,500 people. Students also visited schools in Mars Hill and Fort Fairfield, presenting safety topics to 60 middle- and high school-age children.

The final area funded under the grant involved the purchase of equipment to establish a resource center on the NMCC campus for area medical and emergency care professionals in Aroostook County who treat pediatric patients.

Last year the College purchased a lifepak monitor and simulator, which allows interpretation of pediatric cardiac rhythms. The equipment, used for training by NMCC allied health students, is now available to assist in the education of EMS providers at all levels, as well as hospital emergency department and pediatric personnel throughout the region.

Additional equipment purchased through the grant has been lent out to 22 organizations, including area hospitals, UMFH, and a number of County fire departments and ambulance services for use in their pediatric training.

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Carter credits faculty members Guy Jackson, Dean Duplessis, and Dennis Albert, along with two of Duplessis' students, for providing invaluable input and creative energy that led her through several renditions of the piece.

"I have always been impressed with both the faculty and students at NMCC. I knew from working with these people on other projects that if anyone was going to be able to accomplish this, it would be the people right here. The dedication to the project, the willingness to try new things,

and to collaborate with one another, was amazing. I think this speaks volumes of the instruction here and the futures that these students will have once out in the work force. As an artist, it is always awesome to see a figment of my imagination transform into reality, but even I did not foresee exactly how beautiful of a piece this turned out to be," said Carter.

Residential construction instructor Guy Jackson was charged with building the Aroostook County base for the donor wall. Assisting him with the project was one of his seniors, David Riopelle. The two spent approximately 40 hours completing their part of the project.

"We used red oak facing, which we laminated to a base to provide the depth and support we needed. One of the most challenging parts was cutting all the angles needed for the outline of the County. Altogether, there were 62 compound angles that each had to be bisected to make sure to get them to come out equal," explained Jackson.

"I really enjoy the challenge of working on something different like this," he said. "It was also a great learning opportunity for Dave, and indirectly for all of my students, to realize exactly how accurate you have to be, especially when you are hanging a project like this on the wall for everyone to see."

"I worked on a lot of angles. When I looked at the plan initially I said to myself - there is no way I can get all of these angles," said Riopelle. "But looking



On hand during the closing celebration to unveil the donor wall artwork were the creators of the piece, from left: Heidi Carter from Heidesign, residential construction senior Dave Riopelle and his instructor Guy Jackson, and precision metals manufacturing instructor Dean Duplessis and his seniors Justin McBreairty and Robert Underwood.

at the wall now, I am so pleased at how it turned out. I think it is awesome. Every time I walk by that wall - even years from now when I can show my own kids what dad did when he was in school - I will feel a sense of satisfaction knowing I had a part in creating the wall."

While Jackson and Riopelle were working on the base, Dean Duplessis, NMCC precision metal manufacturing instructor, and Justin McBreairty and Robert Underwood, both seniors in Duplessis' program, were hard at work on their portion of the project. Collectively, the three spent nearly 70 hours, both in and out of class, creating the trees which honor the donors.

"Using the data provided by Heidi, we utilized a CAM (Computer Automated Manufacturing) software program to develop the program for cutting the trees out of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch aluminum plates. We had to scale the trees for size requirements and apply machining operations," explained Duplessis. "After the twelve trees, which vary in both height and width, were cut, we shipped them to a coater in Gorham that anodized, or added color, to the trees... a different color representing each giving level. Once the trees were delivered back to us, we again used the CAM software to develop engraving programs to engrave 300 names of donors."

One of biggest challenges the trio faced was the tight timeline. "We needed to meet an aggressive deadline, while allowing for both the time we needed in

our lab for the project as well as the time required off-campus at the coater," said Duplessis. "I'm really proud of the commitment Justin and Robert made to this important project. They were willing to put in a lot of their own time to see this project to completion."

Neither McBreairty or Underwood seemed to mind the extra time, instead they were excited by the challenge the project presented and proud of the results.

"It was a big challenge and one of the more interesting projects I've ever worked on - definitely memorable," said McBreairty. "I'm proud of it. We put a lot of work into it, and I'm really happy about how it turned out. I hope everyone will

like it as much as I do."

"This was a good chance to do something outside of the norm," said Underwood. "It's also really nice to do something that will be seen by a lot of people."

"Overall, this was a great way for all of us to be involved in a campus project. Investing our time and effort into this project is an opportune way to show our appreciation to those who so generously gave to this campaign to support the College and our students," said Duplessis.

According to campus officials, the involvement of the faculty and students in completing the donor wall, which will serve as a visible reminder of the *Campaign for the County's College*, is especially fitting given the very reasons the fund-raising drive was undertaken.

"We set out to raise dollars to support student scholarship, to enhance instructional technology, and to assist the College in our efforts to launch new curricula to respond to evolving community needs," said Crowley. "Time and again as I visited with people in the community and in business and industry throughout Aroostook County to discuss the campaign, people shared with me how impressed they are with our campus community and the work of our faculty and staff who provide the top quality instruction and training. They see the positive results of what happens on our campus each day in their workforce and in their communities."

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the beginning – that we help each other and that this community is helping the people that live here by supporting scholarships, instructional technology and ensuring the College is positioned to meet immediate community needs. I'm so proud of the way this campaign has come together," said Crowley.

The College president then acknowledged the impressive work of the campaign tri-chairs Brian Hamel, Kris Doody and Robert Clark, inviting each to address the one hundred volunteers, donors, college employees and students, and community leaders gathered for the celebration.

"This place means a lot to me. It means a lot to me and to this community. It is the County's College," said Hamel. "The work of this College and the results of this campaign are

evident from Fort Kent to Houlton, and everywhere in between and beyond. People have come to the table to support this institution, and I think we should all be proud of this place and that it makes such a huge impact on our community. Thank you everyone from the donors to the students who are making this possible, and I hope all donors that this will make a difference in your lives as well."

For her part, Doody acknowledged the importance of NMCC to the County's economic development and workforce.

"NMCC has educated more than 60 percent of our nursing staff at Cary Medical Center, so we knew the importance of this campaign," said Doody. "As a member of the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees, I am very proud when

I hear of the progress that has been made with this campaign, and that Aroostook County and NMCC has led the way."

The importance of NMCC to the County was also underscored by Clark.

"The point that I want to make

about this community college is not just that it is the E-Harmony of Aroostook, matching workers with businesses, but it is also directly helping businesses that are being created and helping young

entrepreneurs to get ahead. I think this is the impact this campaign will have on our community, so I'm very proud of the faculty, the students, and the administration, and all the volunteers who have given up their time and resources to exceed the goals of the campaign, our first ever, so, congratulations to all of you," said Clark.

The work of the tri-chairs and all of the community volunteers was also lauded by Ray Gauvin, outgoing chair of the NMCC Foundation, who poignantly stated the impact of the campaign for future generations of students attending NMCC.

"To be standing here knowing we have exceeded our goal is awesome," said Gauvin. "This

will have a great impact on students. It will help those who could otherwise not attend because they could not afford gas money or childcare by defraying some of the cost of their education. Hundreds and thousands of students will have access to higher education because the Aroostook County community once again has come together."

The *Campaign for the County's College*, named to reflect both the impact of the campus in the region as well as how the College community mirrors the aspi-

rations of Aroostook and its people, was designed to support the outstanding tradition of teaching and learning for which NMCC is known.

To underscore the close ties between the College and County community, campaign materials and events were designed to incorporate the culture and heritage of the region. For example, donor giving level designations featured names including "beautiful river," which is the English translation of Aroostook, field and forest, basket and barrel, mighty pine, among others.

The kick-off event and the closing ceremony featured County memorabilia and cuisine, including potatoes, ployes and Houlton Farms Dairy Ice Cream.



Aroostook County fare and other great goodies were provided by the College's dining services staff. Above, Margaret Stetson (left) helps get things ready while Jane Parker makes ployes.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of commemorative apple awards featuring the NMCC logo that were given to nearly two-dozen volunteers who worked on the campaign.



NMCC student Alyssa Snow (left) and alum Michael Black performed beautifully during the celebration.



Robert Clark



Brian Hamel



Ray Gauvin



Kris Doody



Sonja Fongemie announced that the campaign raised \$2,518,855 in gifts and pledges.



WAGM-TV Creates Scholarship

Northern Maine's only full-power commercial television station, WAGM-TV, is creating a scholarship award with the NMCC Foundation through a \$10,000 gift to the *Campaign for the County's College*.

"The staff, management, and ownership of WAGM are extremely pleased to be able to help the residents of Aroostook County further their education at a superior, local, institution of higher learning. NMCC represents all that is good in the Community College system and WAGM is proud to participate in NMCC's major gifts campaign," said Gordon Wark, president and general manager.

The WAGM-TV Scholarship Award Fund will provide a minimum award of \$455 each to up to four deserving students who are matriculating in a degree program at NMCC. Students receiving the award must be residents of Aroostook County enrolled for the first time as a full-time candidate in a two year degree program at the Community College.

"The significance of this generous donation from WAGM is the retention impact it will have on students who want to stay in Aroostook County. This gift will allow several students the opportunity to pursue their higher education at NMCC, who may not have been able to afford to otherwise," said Raynold Gauvin, chair of the NMCC Foundation Board of Directors.

College President Timothy Crowley, who everyday sees the difference that scholarship funds make in terms of student access to NMCC programs, also lauds the commitment and contribution of WAGM.

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CAMPAIGN NEWS

Smith & Wesson Supports Precision Metals Manufacturing Program

Smith & Wesson, a company with one of the world's most recognizable brands and a major employer in the region, is giving back to the "County's College" that, according to a local company official, "helps fulfill many of its needs."

A \$45,000 contribution to the Campaign for the County's College by the legendary firearms maker and global provider of products and services for the safety, security, protection and sports markets will establish the Smith & Wesson Advancement Fund directed specifically to support a program at Northern Maine Community College that the company has relied on to help meet its skilled workforce needs.

"We at Smith & Wesson are pleased to contribute to the Northern Maine Community College Foundation's Campaign for the County's College. This gift is to support the Precision Metals Manufacturing program, which was initiated in 2002 with assistance of US Senator Susan Collins who worked to secure federal funding. As the leading precision metals manufacturer in the area, Smith & Wesson understands the need for the program and wants to ensure its longevity. We have many needs that are being fulfilled by NMCC," said Terry Wade, Houlton plant manager for Smith & Wesson.



Smith & Wesson Houlton Plant Manager Terry Wade (left) presents the first \$15,000 of a three-year \$45,000 pledge to NMCC President Timothy Crowley. The gift will be directed toward NMCC's Precision Metals Manufacturing program. *Photo Courtesy of Houlton Pioneer Times*

The contribution, made to NMCC in \$15,000 payments over three years, will provide additional funding for the administration and operation of the Precision Metals Manufacturing program. Among the newer offerings on the Aroostook County College campus, the high-tech program has garnered significant attention and accolades since it was brought on-line, including feature articles in national industry publications and attaining accreditation status last year through the highly respected National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS), a designation granted to only 125 schools nationwide.

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WAGM-TV's (left to right) Rene Cloukey, Kelly Landeen and Cathy Donovan present the first payment of a \$10,000 pledge from the station. Accepting the gift are NMCC President Timothy Crowley, Raynold Gauvin, chair of the NMCC Foundation, and Robert Clark and Brian Hamel, tri-chairs of the major gifts campaign.

Hunt Memorial Scholarship Grows by \$30,000 with Latest Gift

A scholarship fund established through the NMCC Foundation to honor the memory of Aroostook County businessman Peter G. Hunt, Sr. has been bolstered by a significant gift from an education foundation that Hunt himself was instrumental in creating.

The \$30,000 contribution from the Patriot Education Foundation directed to the Peter G. Hunt, Sr. Memorial Scholarship brings the total of the NMCC fund to \$100,000.

“The Patriot Education Scholarship Fund was created by the Patriot Education Foundation with a capital contribution from Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Company. The purpose of the scholarship fund is to provide financial assistance to Maine students who want to pursue a career in the insurance field,” said Robert Clark, chairman of the board of Patriot Education Foundation. “The foundation board recognizes Peter Hunt’s contribution to the insurance industry in Maine and his passion for helping young people attain their educational goals. We are pleased to make this contribution to the Peter G. Hunt, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund at Northern Maine Community College.”

Officials with the *Campaign for the County’s College* announced in January that United Insurance Group (UIG) had donated just over \$70,000 to set up the memorial scholarship fund. The contribution included a \$60,000 gift from UIG and numerous donations given in memory of Hunt by family, friends and business associates since his death in June 2007.

“Our family is extremely pleased that Patriot Mutual and Frankenmuth Financial are honoring my father with this contribution to his scholarship fund. It is a very fitting tribute to Dad, given his long career in the insurance business, his service on the Patriot Mutual Board and his instrumental involvement in Patriot acquiring its personal lines book of business and then later merging with Frankenmuth Financial,” said Hunt’s daughter Melony LeShane. “We look forward to seeing many NMCC students succeed in their pursuit of higher education with a little help from the Peter G. Hunt, Sr. Scholarship Fund.”

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The *Campaign for the County’s College* recently accepted a \$30,000 contribution from the Patriot Education Foundation directed to the Peter G. Hunt, Sr. Memorial Scholarship. Accepting the lead gift are (left to right) Brian Hamel, campaign tri-chair, Raynold Gauvin, NMCC Foundation Board chair, and NMCC President Timothy Crowley. Presenting the gift was Robert Clark, who serves as chairman of the board of Patriot Education Foundation. Clark was joined by Melony LeShane and Peter Hunt, Jr., two of the four children of the late Peter G. Hunt, Sr.

Savings Bank of Maine Contributes \$15,000 to Update Classroom

Savings Bank of Maine, a financial services institution founded in Gardiner nearly 175 years ago that has a significant presence in Maine, including five offices in Aroostook County, has stepped forward with a \$15,000 contribution to the *Campaign for the County’s College*.

The Savings Bank of Maine Advancement Fund is directed toward reconfiguring and updating a classroom in the Christie Building on the NMCC campus. The gift will provide for new workstation furniture and instructional

equipment to enable students and faculty to take full advantage of the College’s wireless computing environment and to create a more comfortable learning space.

“This is an investment in an organization that truly makes a difference in Aroostook County,” said Susan Grove-Markwood, Savings Bank of Maine senior vice president and regional manager for offices in Presque Isle, Caribou, and Fort Kent. “Our commitment recognizes the important role NMCC has had,

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Campaign tri-chairs (left to right) Kris Doody, Robert Clark and Brian Hamel join with NMCC Foundation Board chair Ray Gauvin and NMCC President Tim Crowley in thanking Savings Bank of Maine Senior Vice Presidents Al Butler and Susan Grove Markwood for their gift to the campaign.



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and will continue to have, in providing affordable educational opportunities in a wide variety of career paths. We are very fortunate to have NMCC graduates in our employee group, and our employees have family members with NMCC connections, both students and graduates.”

According to College officials contributions, such as the generous support provided by Savings Bank of Maine, provide NMCC with the margin of excellence the campus community needs to provide northern Maine employers with a top quality workforce.

“This gift is an outstanding example of a prominent local company recognizing and appreciating firsthand the critical importance of an educated and well-trained workforce. The investment by Savings Bank of Maine in our institution will allow the College to move forward with a project that will benefit nearly every student and faculty member on our campus,” said NMCC President Timothy Crowley.

Savings Bank of Maine, originally named Gardiner Savings Institution, was chartered as a mutual savings institution and officially organized in June 1834. The bank’s presence grew to include northern Maine in 2007, with the purchase of First Citizens Bank and its offices in Fort Kent, Caribou, Presque Isle, Houlton, and Lincoln.

The additional locations and growth of the bank also facilitated the change in name from Gardiner Savings to Savings Bank of Maine with a new logo to recognize the expanded geographical presence.

With the recent opening of the bank’s newest office in Mars Hill, Savings Bank of Maine now has 29 offices, nearly 300 employees and almost 1 billion dollars in assets.

“We believe that giving back to our communities serves as a benchmark for our success,” said Al Butler, Savings Bank of Maine senior vice president and regional manager for offices in Mars Hill, Houlton, and Lincoln. “Through the bank’s charitable foundation we are proud to support many organizations in our service areas that make our communities better places in which to live and work.”

Smith & Wesson, *from page 6*

“We are so appreciative of this recognition of our work, specifically the efforts of the faculty, students and alumni in our Precision Metals Manufacturing program by Smith & Wesson in the form of this lead gift to the Campaign for the County’s College,” said NMCC President Timothy Crowley. “The collaborative nature of our relationship with Smith & Wesson and the resulting impact on workforce and economic development in this region is exactly what we, as an institution, strive to achieve.”

In recent years Smith & Wesson has employed five alumni of the NMCC program upon graduation in various positions, including leading roles within the Houlton plant. According to instructor Dean Duplessis, the corporate contribution underscores their support of both

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importance of supporting the work of the individuals responsible for shaping the minds of future leaders.

“Obviously, the bottom line in education is top quality instruction for students. It’s imperative that we provide teachers with the tools they need to deliver that excellence. These laptops will allow the instructors to not only instruct the students academically, but it will help them stay abreast of the needs of the students, while providing an additional educational support system for the students. It is our goal, with this gift, to help the students at NMCC become successful in life, feel good about themselves, and become competent, responsible members of their communities,” she said.

That commitment was lauded by College President Timothy Crowley in his remarks at the event.

“Our campus community has benefited time and again from the generosity, benevolence and unwavering support of Ray and Sandy Gauvin. Their involvement with the Foundation and especially their leading voices in bringing forth this very successful major gifts campaign, will have a positive impact on hundreds of students who will pass through the doors of NMCC for generations,” said Crowley.

Also extending their appreciation to the Gauvins were Ronald Fitzgerald,

the College and of Aroostook County.

“The donation by Smith & Wesson is incredibly significant. It demonstrates their commitment to the growth of manufacturing in the region and throughout the state. Smith & Wesson is sending a very crucial message about the importance of manufacturing and the need for our future workforce to receive the necessary skills and training at the Community College, in order to continue to compete on a global scale. We are most appreciative,” said Duplessis.

Smith & Wesson has invested over \$1 million in the Houlton plant in recent years and has increased employment. The facility is the largest handcuff producer in the world and also manufactures the Walther PPK hand gun (the James Bond gun).

chair of the arts and sciences department, and Dwight Clayton, chair of the business technology department. In addition to receiving notebook computers themselves, the two spoke on behalf of the faculty in their respective departments who received notebooks.

“The Gauvins’ generous gift of notebook computers to faculty needing this updated technology will have a positive impact on the delivery of courses to our students for many years to come. The availability and use of current technology by faculty in the classroom is an expectation of students today. On behalf of the NMCC arts and sciences department, we thank the Gauvins’ for their donation of these much need computers and for their longtime interest and support of the College,” said Fitzgerald.

“The Ray and Sandy Gauvin Advancement Fund will provide instructors with the necessary technology resources to expand the College’s laptop initiative to all programs of study within the business technology department. With this generous donation, instructors will be able to continue with the evolution of classroom instruction from a lectured based model to a more active learning environment for our students, benefiting the students as well as the instructors of these business programs,” said Clayton.

Southern Aroostook Region Two School of Applied Technology Donates Truck to NMCC

A tractor trailer that was once used to train commercial drivers in southern Aroostook County will now benefit students in two programs at NMCC as a result of a generous donation by the Southern Aroostook Region Two School of Applied Technology.

The red 2000 International 9200I series truck once used by Region Two for its commercial driving license training program had largely sat idle since the program was suspended two years ago. As a result, school officials last summer decided to advertise for bids for the commercial vehicle.

"I received a call from Dennis Dyer, the lead instructor and program coordinator for NMCC's Commercial Driving Academy, inquiring about the truck. The phone call was followed by a letter from the major gifts campaign office at the College requesting that Region Two consider donating the vehicle to the college for training and educational use by students in both the commercial driving program and diesel hydraulics technology program," said Michael Howard, director of the Region Two School of Applied Technology.

The letter was presented to the Region Two board of directors at their September meeting, along with several bids that had been received to purchase the truck, including a high offer of just over \$40,000. After consideration, the

WAGM-TV, *from page 6*

"The County's College is most appreciative of this generous donation from the County's television station. WAGM has not only been the County's source of television news, information and entertainment for the past five decades, it also stands out as a vital partner in the economic development and community betterment of this region. This newly established scholarship award is a perfect example of the station's commitment to the region and the people it serves. We are so pleased that WAGM has partnered with NMCC in this manner," said Crowley.

WAGM-TV first went on the air on October 13, 1956, and is owned by NEPSK, Inc. A long-time CBS affili-

board approved a motion to reject all bids and passed a second motion to proceed with the donation to NMCC.

"Although sale of the truck would have generated a nice sum of money, ultimately we recognized that the commercial vehicle was purchased for the purpose of education and training and that there was an obvious need within our region," said Howard. "We work very closely with NMCC and a number of our students attend the Community College after they graduate from our program, so this is indicative of the great cooperative relationship between our schools."

"This new truck is a very welcomed addition to our program. It is three years newer than our other road truck and has some different features than any other training vehicles we have. The anti-lock brake system and the air ride suspension is a bit different feel than what our other trucks offer. It has a 15 speed transmission too, and most of the other trucks are 10 speed. We now have the opportunity to give students a much better picture of what they will likely be driving when they get out

ate, the station in September of 2006 added a digital multicast channel affiliated with the FOX Network.

Currently WAGM TV's analog signal is carried on all cable systems in the region and in over 15,000 cable homes across the border in neighboring Canada. WAGM also operates a full power digital station on channel 16. The FOX 8 signal is also carried on all cable systems in Aroostook County.

The station's extensive news products feature several different editions ranging from early morning to late night and weekend. The weekday Evening Edition consistently has the highest ratings and highest shares of any early newscast in the nation.



From left, NMCC Commercial Driving Academy lead instructor and program coordinator Dennis Dyer and Diesel Hydraulics instructor Robert Rice, joined by their students Nick Bryant, Mitch Holmes and Chris Burns, stand in front of the truck donated to NMCC by the Southern Aroostook Region Two School of Applied Technology.

there," said Dyer.

While commercial driving students will get a firsthand experience with the truck from behind the wheel, diesel hydraulics students will gain that experience under the engine hood.

"The newer electronic controlled engine, anti-lock break system that we can diagnose and the heavier spec truck is more in line with what is commonly used here in northern Maine in terms of the forestry, agricultural and trucking industries," said NMCC diesel hydraulics instructor Robert Rice. "Working on this commercial truck will be very beneficial to our students."

The Region Two School of Applied Technology was established in 1973 to provide vocational education in the area served by five high schools: East Grand, Hodgdon, Houlton, Katahdin, and Southern Aroostook Community School.

Patriot Mutual, *from page 7*

"The students are the direct beneficiaries of this contribution from the Patriot Education Foundation," said NMCC President Timothy Crowley. "As a result, we will be able to award scholarship assistance to more students than we initially expected through the Peter G. Hunt, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund. Peter Hunt's lifework was devoted to providing opportunities for the people of this region. The scholarship fund in his memory will ensure that legacy lives on."



High school students from the Caribou Regional Applied Technology Center traveled to NMCC to take part in a regional SkillsUSA competition in computer maintenance technology. Taking part in the competition were, front from left: Lisa Anderson, computer servicing instructor at the Caribou Technology Center; NMCC computer electronics students Chad Guerrette and Matthew McDonald, who helped set up and judge the competition; Dan Wardwell of Caribou; and D.J. Murphy of Presque Isle. Back from left: Joseph McLaughlin, NMCC computer electronics instructor; Wally Burlock of Van Buren; David Desilets of Caribou; Dan Soucier of Presque Isle; Matt Harris of Presque Isle; and Brad Howe, Doug Ewing and Scott Rossignol, all of Caribou.

NMCC Hosts Local SkillsUSA Competition for Area High School Students

Students in the electronics/computer servicing program at the Caribou Regional Applied Technology Center tested their knowledge in a skills competition hosted by NMCC in January. For the third consecutive

year, Joseph McLaughlin, computer electronics instructor, and some seniors in his program set up and judged the regional contest which serves as a preliminary for the state SkillsUSA competition.

The event is a contest in computer maintenance technology. It consists of a written exam, followed by a hands-on activity designed to measure the students' mastery of several computer repair tasks. The latter exercise is performed on individual computers that have been setup with a specific problem by NMCC students.

Each of the students was tasked with determining the problem and documenting the steps necessary to repair their respective units. They were scored on safety, troubleshooting skills, and documentation of the process used. Scores were combined with the test scores to determine a rank order of the contestants.

Winning the event was Matt Harris of Presque Isle, with Dan Wardwell and Doug Ewing, both of Caribou, placing second and third respectively.

"This competition is an opportunity for my students to meet and interact with students who are further along in their technical education," said Lisa Anderson, instructor at the Caribou Regional Applied Technology Center. "Holding our local SkillsUSA competition at NMCC exposes my students to new possibilities for the future."

Matt McDonald, the overall top scorer from the first time the College hosted the competition two years ago, is now enrolled in the computer electronics program and played a key role in assisting and judging this year's competition.

"This is a great partnership that benefits both the regional technology center and the College," said McLaughlin. "My students benefit as well. Not only does their role in this competition give them a chance to experience a teaching moment, but it allows them to put a lot of the safety skills and troubleshooting methods which they've learned in class to use as they judge the work of these high school students."

In addition to the actual event, McLaughlin provides an internet-based study guide for the students to access and practice, and, after the competition, he spends time explaining what was wrong with each of the computers and giving the students some overall tips.

"I am so pleased that we partner with NMCC for our local SkillsUSA Competition. Having the NMCC seniors help with this competition is a wonderful opportunity for both our students and the College students to gain educational and technical skills," said Anderson. "This is an extension of the strong partnership that already exists between our programs and our schools."

NMCC's "Freezin' Falcons" Participate in "Polar Dip"



Taking part in this year's event were, front from left: Kim Ferguson from the library; Lori Keith from the bookstore; and student Kurt Soucy. Back, from left, are: students Chris Nelson and Heidi Smith; Bill Egeler, NMCC dean of students; and students Becky Palmer-Bugbee, Candice Rivera, and Adam Colyer. Keith, Nelson, Egeler, Palmer-Bugbee, and Colyer were each "dippers" (going into the ocean), while Ferguson, Soucy, Smith, and Rivera were "towellers" (watching out for the dippers during and after the swim).

A team of NMCC students and employees traveled to the coast on February 8, to take a "polar dip" into the frigid Atlantic Ocean. The annual event, featuring around 100 dippers from colleges and universities in Maine and New Brunswick, supports Maine's Ronald McDonald House charity.

"The services provided by the Ronald McDonald House to the people of Maine, and especially to the people of Aroostook County, are vital. I am pleased to participate in an activity, alongside students and employees from NMCC, that will benefit so many individuals in such a profound way," said William Egeler, dean of students and a veteran of the polar dips. "Community service activities such as this not only benefit the intended recipients of the service; all who participate benefit."

Sponsored by the Washington County Community College student senate, the event has raised more than \$100,000 in the past seven years. To date, this year's event has raised more than \$12,000, with approximately \$2,500 of that being raised by the NMCC team.

It's not too late to support this cause. Contributions to the Ronald McDonald House can be sent to the NMCC Student Affairs Office, 33 Edgemont Drive, Presque Isle, ME 04769.

Largest Community Job Fair in The County to be Held at NMCC March 13

At a time when layoffs are making local and regional headlines, more than 50 businesses looking to expand their workforce and hire Aroostook County people to fill vacancies within their organizations will be under one roof at NMCC.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the largest job fair held in The County in the gymnasium at NMCC on Thursday, March 13, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Hiring representatives from businesses, organizations and government entities from throughout New England, more than 90 percent of which are located in Maine, will be on hand for the 11th annual event.

“With the mills closing, layoffs here and there, why wouldn’t people come to see what is available? It is also a great opportunity to see if you need to update your skills to become a stronger candidate in the workplace,” said Ruth White, regional director for the Early College for ME program, which has been involved in the organization of the job fair for the past four years. “It really is a win for the employers looking for people, a win for future graduates to secure a job before graduation, a win for those that have been laid off, a win for other individuals looking to make a change in their career

path, and a win for NMCC to be able to host such an event.”

According to White, 52 employers will be present at the fair with an additional eight unable to attend but accepting resumes at the event.

Attendees are encouraged to bring resumes with them they can leave behind. There is also an interview area available to the businesses that some plan to take advantage of, so attendees should be prepared for that possibility as well.

White is hoping that area residents take advantage of having such a large number of employers in one location to learn about the job opportunities available to them.

“I hope that people in Aroostook County realize this job fair is for them, as well as for future graduates of NMCC, UMPI, UMFK, Husson and Loring Job Corps. Some of the positions the employers are looking for do not require a college degree and others provide the opportunity for their employees to continue their education,” said White. “After working on this for four months, I don’t believe anyone when they say, ‘there aren’t any jobs around.’ March 13 at NMCC between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. will be a one stop shop for JOBS, JOBS, JOBS!”

Students Exhibit Marketing Projects

Kudos to NMCC students from last semester’s marketing class for having their respective creative thinking projects displayed at Crystal Compass Books in Presque Isle in February.

“Business requires employees to not only use problem analysis, problem solving, and critical thinking skills, but creative thinking skills are a must in establishing a creative advantage,” said Pam Crawford, instructor of the marketing class. Students brought used books to class, which were “destroyed” and then recreated by altering the pages. The end result was a new book, log or journal of 50 creative marketing designs.

“I really wanted to promote thinking outside of the box, giving the students the chance to hone creative skills that help develop non-linear thinking,” said Crawford. “I hoped to spark creativity by adding a sense of fun, whimsy and playfulness to the study of marketing.”

Crawford had her students reuse easily obtained materials to alter a page, while considering how such work could be applied to marketing projects of various kinds. The students designed work that could be transferred to other marketing venues, such as posters, brochures, and Web sites.

NMCC to Host Aroostook County Relay for Life Event; Kick-Off Scheduled



NMCC will once again host the *Relay for Life* for Aroostook County in early June. A kick-off meeting regarding the annual event that raises funds for the American Cancer Society will be held at the College on Wednesday, March 12, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Edmunds Conference Center.

The *Relay for Life* is a fun overnight event designed to bring together those who have been touched by cancer in our community. More than 200 Relays were held throughout New England in 2007, all celebrating survivorship and raising money to help the American Cancer Society in its mission to save lives, help those who have been touched by cancer, and empower individuals to fight back.

This year’s Aroostook County *Relay for Life* will take place on June 6-7 at

NMCC. Throughout Friday evening, a number of activities will happen that are open to the general public. After those activities wind down, many team members will be on hand throughout the night, with a representative from each team on the track at all times until the closing lap on Saturday morning. Several fun activities are scheduled throughout the night to keep the team energized.

Teams of approximately 8 to 15 members raise pledge money and take turns walking throughout the 16-hour event. Teams are often sponsored by area businesses, but can also be formed by other community groups or individuals.

“We had ten teams take part last year, and we’d really like to increase those numbers this year,” said Becky Maynard of Presque Isle, chair of this year’s local Relay for Life planning committee and

co-chair of NMCC’s team for the past several years. While most of last year’s teams were from the central Aroostook area, the committee is hoping to get more teams from southern Aroostook and the St. John Valley this year.

“This is a great way to honor people in your life who have had cancer or who have it right now. I think we all have been touched by cancer in some way,” said Maynard, who lost her father last year after a ten-year battle with cancer and just recently lost an aunt to ovarian cancer.

Anyone interested in forming a team with co-workers, friends or family members, or perhaps just learning more about how they can get involved and help with this community activity, is encouraged to attend the kick-off meeting on March 5.

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