

## NMCC and Husson Sign Historic Agreement to Expand Higher and Graduate Education Opportunities in County

A precedent-setting agreement signed by the presidents of Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle and Husson College of Bangor will further open the doors to higher education and graduate education opportunities for residents of northern Maine.

The innovative partnership between a public and private institution, was made official at a signing ceremony and press conference held on September 14 on the Northern Maine Community College campus. NMCC President Timothy Crowley and Husson President William Beardsley signed the document which establishes a Husson presence on the NMCC campus, providing space for Husson's evening and weekend courses and programs at both the baccalaureate and master's level, as well as an on-campus office location that will serve as the administrative center for Husson in Aroostook County.

"This agreement presents numerous benefits and opportunities for current and prospective students of both institutions, for individuals seeking graduate education opportunities, and for business and industry in our region," said President Crowley. "Paramount to the agreement is the expansion of Husson's graduate programs in The County. All too often people are forced to leave the area to pursue such opportunities, and as a result, do not return. This will provide a new option and, in turn, help curb out-migration, an issue which is endemic in northern Maine."

A significant aspect of the agreement is Husson's guarantee of admission into one or more of its baccalaureate programs to any NMCC student who graduates from an associate degree program with a grade point average of 3.00 or above. Husson has further

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NMCC President Tim Crowley and Husson College President William Beardsley sign the agreement creating a partnership between the institutions of higher education during a press conference on September 14 in the NMCC library.

### NMCC Sees Growth in Students Just Out of High School

As education officials in Aroostook County and throughout the state continue to direct their energy toward increasing the number of high school graduates who go on to college, evidence that such efforts are making a difference locally are found in the make-up of this year's student body at Northern Maine Community College.

Preliminary Fall 2006 enrollment figures released Wednesday by the Maine Community College System show the Presque Isle campus has seen a 7.5 percent increase in the number of students entering the College directly from high school compared to last year. Although overall enrollment at NMCC remained relatively steady compared to last year (a total headcount of 914 students, compared to 921 students last fall), the increase in students making the transition directly from high schools

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## College to Host Blood Drive

At a time when blood supplies are urgently needed throughout the state and region, NMCC will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive open to the public on **Wednesday, October 18** between **9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.** in the College gymnasium.

Sponsored by the residential life department and Student Senate, the annual NMCC blood drive engages students, faculty, staff members and community friends who serve as volunteers assisting the New England Region American Red Cross Blood Drive Service team.

"This is always an exciting activity because the local community comes out and interacts with the campus family," said Tom Richard, NMCC director of residential life and campus coordinator for the drive. Last year, 98 people came to donate, with 87 units collected, according to Richard. "It's really wonderful to see this level of support."

To meet the need for blood in central and northern New England, the Red Cross must receive more than 350,000 donations a year; 1,400 pints of blood must be collected every working day in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont to meet patient needs.

Blood components and derivatives manufactured from donated blood are sent to more than 170 hospitals. In Maine alone, over 300 blood donations are required every day from donors to meet the needs of patients in the state's 39 hospitals.

"It may be your loved one or family member who needs blood some day, and if not yours, certainly somebody else's," said Richard. He noted that 95 percent of the population will need blood at some point in their lives, but less than five percent of the population donates blood.

For more details on the Blood Drive, contact Richard at 768-2795.

## NMCC Brings Specialized Neonatal and Pediatric Critical Care Transport Training to The County

It has been nearly 15 months since Wendy Bradstreet's five-year-old daughter Megan died as a result of injuries she sustained after being hit by a car within sight of the family's home on U.S. Route 1 in Bridgewater. For nearly as long, Bradstreet has focused her energy on working to help ensure that other parents living in Aroostook County don't experience what she and her husband Ryan have endured.

Megan Bradstreet, who was critically injured as a result of the July 2005 accident, was first taken to The Aroostook Medical Center, where she was stabilized for transport to Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. Transporting critically injured pediatric patients like Megan requires emergency medical technicians and registered nurses specially trained and certified in pediatric critical care, which Aroostook County does not currently have.



Wendy Bradstreet sits at her desk in the NMCC business office, gazing at her computer to a photo of her daughter Megan, who was killed in a traffic accident last year. The tragedy garnered momentum for the creation of the Megan Bradstreet Fund, which is helping to train emergency workers in pediatric critical care transport.

In the case of the Bradstreet family, a trained crew from Bangor was dispatched to meet the Crown Ambulance crew



Elizabeth Berg, a nurse practitioner from Johns Hopkins who was instrumental in creating the PNCCT program, traveled to NMCC to teach some of the training sessions. She noted that she was highly impressed with the level of commitment and enthusiasm of the participants.

in Houlton, which caused delay in the transport. Once the Bangor crew arrived, Megan was transferred into their ambulance and rushed to Bangor. In spite of the efforts of the crew, the five-year-old passed away in Lincoln three and a half hours after her transport began at TAMC.

Wendy Bradstreet, with the encouragement of the Crown Ambulance paramedic crew that first took care of Megan the night of the accident, made it her mission to make sure other critically injured County children have more immediate access to an expert pediatric transport crew.

"One paramedic in particular, Walter Mosher, approached me and wanted to raise funds for training of EMS workers for pediatrics, and they wanted my permission to use Megan's name to kick off this fundraising," said Bradstreet. "This came after a span of two months where there were eight pediatric patients they had to work on, with some ending in fatalities. These paramedics were the ones who said 'we need to do more'."

That call to action took a significant leap forward as NMCC offered an intense nine-day program in September designed to prepare County paramedics and nurses to become members of a

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# NMCC Trade Students and Instructors to Star in “Do It Best Aroostook” Television Series

A unique new partnership between Northern Maine Community College and the S.W. Collins Company of Caribou and Presque Isle to produce a weekly “how to” television segment, designed to assist County residents with projects in and around the home, will premiere throughout the month of October on WAGM-TV.

“Do it Best Aroostook”, produced on the NMCC campus by faculty and students in the college trade and technical occupations programs will air each Wednesday evening between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. on the News Source 8 First Edition and again on Friday mornings between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the Morning Edition. The first broadcast will air on Wednesday, October 4, and again on Friday, October 6.

“Whether it’s helpful tips to winterize a home for the cold weather ahead, advice on selecting the best paint for that next spruce up job, or suggestions on what tools and products will work best for a home improvement project, the new segment will explore how viewers can ‘Do it Best’, when it comes to projects in and around the home,” said Jason Parent, who along with Karen Gonya of the NMCC development and college relations office is co-directing the videotaped broadcasts.

The first four segments, airing throughout October, will feature a series on insulating and winterizing a home. NMCC instructor Guy Jackson, who teaches in the residential construction program, and Roger Crouse, instructor in the computer aided drafting program, will feature specific tips on how to best prepare a home for winter.

In addition to the benefit derived by individuals who view the televised productions, college faculty are using the videotaping sessions as a learning and development opportunity for students.

“This new venture is providing students in our trade programs with the opportunity to demonstrate the skills they are learning in the classroom in a

Residential Construction instructor Guy Jackson provides helpful hints for weatherizing your home, with the aid of students Aaron Pelletier, Nathanael Porter, and Karen “Woody” Simpson during the first segment of *Do It Best Aroostook*.



very public forum. As an institution of higher learning, and more specifically as a community college, we take great pride in ensuring our students receive a well-rounded education,” said Brian McDougal, chair of the trade and technical occupations department. “In addition to the increased visibility this will afford, it will enhance the overall experience of students in our affected programs.”

Future planned segment topics will allow individuals in other trade and technical occupation programs to participate in the productions. Specific examples include a broadcast that will inform viewers on how to ensure their vehicles are ready for winter driving in and around the County that will feature faculty and students in the automotive technology program, and segments on preventing and dealing with frozen pipes with tips from faculty and students in the plumbing and heating program.

Partnering with NMCC, S.W. Collins will serve as the exclusive sponsor of the productions. The Caribou and Presque Isle based business will also assist and participate in some of the segments, including providing experienced professionals and an on-site location for several of the weekly broadcasts during the seven-month run.

“S.W. Collins Company is pleased to partner with NMCC on the ‘Do It Best’ television segment. It is most fitting as the best in practice of the trades is being taught locally at NMCC,” said Sam Collins of S.W. Collins.

The first half of the “Do it Best Aroostook” season will run from the beginning of October through the first half of December. Following a month-long hiatus around the holidays, the regular feature series will return in mid-January and run through the end of April.

**Do it Best  
Aroostook**



**Airing on WAGM-TV**

**Wednesdays on the First Edition**  
(between 5:30-6:00 pm)

**Fridays on the Morning Edition**  
(between 6:00 - 7:00 am)

## Breakfast of Champions to Be Held at NMCC

Northern Maine Community College is partnering with the Maine Women's Policy Center and the Houlton, Caribou and Presque Isle chapters of American Association of University Women (AAUW) to hold a **Breakfast of Champions** on **Thursday, October 12, from 7:30-9:00 a.m.** in the college's Edmunds Conference Center.

Up for discussion in this year's event is the Tax Payer Bill of Rights (TABOR) referendum on this year's ballot. The question on the ballot will read, *Do you want to limit increases in state and local government spending to the rate of inflation plus population growth and to require voter approval for all tax and fee increases?*

This is a hotly contested issue, with many groups and individuals expressing strong support either for or against it. The Maine Women's Policy Center has invited panelists from both sides of the issue to present their views during this moderated forum. There will also be an opportunity for audience members to ask questions.

A light breakfast buffet will also be available for all to enjoy.

This event is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Please RSVP to the development office by calling 768-2809 or e-mailing [info@nmcc.edu](mailto:info@nmcc.edu) by the reservation deadline of October 6.

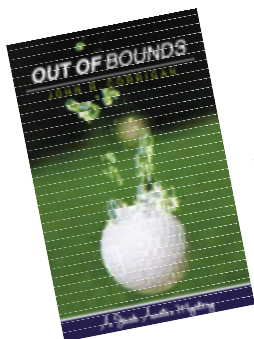
Questions regarding the event can be directed to the Maine Women's Policy Center at 622-0851 or [info@mainewomen.org](mailto:info@mainewomen.org).

### SIGNING

October 6, 5-8 pm  
*Pieces of Eight*

### READING/Q&A SIGNING

October 7, 11 am  
Mark & Emily Turner  
Memorial Library



## Smart Baby Night: Learn Activities That Will Enhance Your Child's Development Through Play

Healthy Families of Aroostook will be hosting Smart Baby Night here at NMCC on Thursday, October 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Edmunds Conference



Center. Helping to host this evening of fun and learning will be students in the college's Early Childhood Education program and instructor Heidi Broad-Smith.

Parents of children who are newborn through age 5 are invited to attend with their children. Participants will have the opportunity to travel through a series of stations, learning age appropriate games and activities and why these are important to their child's development. Some of the stations will include: pat mats, playdough, Zip lock bag books, hidden object find, singing and story time.

"All of these activities are designed to reach the various domains such as gross and fine motor, language and social/emotional," explained Broad-Smith. Parents will be able to do the activities with their child and to take home copies of the activities to do later.

According to Broad-Smith, ECE students have volunteered to help with

the creation of posters and handouts for each station, as well as spending time working at each station and connecting with parents regarding the use of these and related

activities for the development of infants and toddlers.

"The students are studying just this type of activity, researching and incorporating 'best practices' for the birth to age five range. Students will have the opportunity to see first hand the reactions of the infants and toddlers attending the event, as well as having generated, through research, the rationale for 'why we do what we do' with children," said Broad-Smith.

"We are delighted to have Healthy Families of Aroostook here on campus and to include the community in such an event," said Broad-Smith.

Parents-to-be, grandparents and child care professionals are also encouraged to attend this event. It is an ideal opportunity to see theory in practice. Refreshments, handouts and door prizes will also be available.

## Local Author to Hold Book Signings

John Corrigan, a faculty member in NMCC's department of arts and sciences, has had his fifth Jack Austin mystery published. The book, *OUT OF BOUNDS*, will be available in stores in October. To help promote the publication, Corrigan will take part in a number of book signings across the state, including two here in Presque Isle.

According to promotional material on the book: "In *OUT OF BOUNDS* readers discover how far a veteran golfer in decline will go to maintain his family's lifestyle. Performance-enhancing drugs make their way to the PGA Tour and someone is killing off the cheaters, one by one. When Jack Austin, a newly appointed member of the Tours Policy Board, goes looking for answers, he finds himself face-to-face with a serial killer."

In his first book, *CUT SHOT* published in 2001, Corrigan introduced readers to a recurring cast of characters and themes. "I wanted to take Raymond Chandler to the PGA Tour," said Corrigan regarding the premise of his Jack Austin series of books.

Chandler is the forefather of American "private eye" fiction. "In any genre, you try to give something new, bring it to a place it's never gone."

Corrigan came up with the concept while

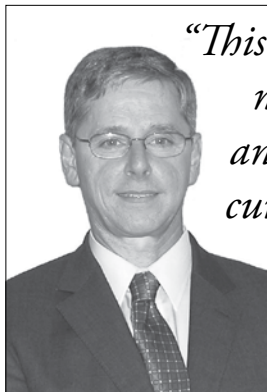
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# NMCC & Husson Partnership

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*seeking graduate education opportunities, and for business and industry in our region."*

Timothy Crowley, President  
Northern Maine Community College

agreed to accept all credit hours awarded from NMCC. "This full credit recognition is indicative of the value that Husson places on NMCC's academic rigor," said Husson President William Beardsley.

"This kind of partnership effectively addresses both the particular needs of Aroostook County citizens for a broader array of educational opportunity and the more general needs associated with higher education, access and affordability," said Dr. Richard Stephens, chief academic officer at Husson. "Further,

this model demonstrates the kind of effectiveness and productivity that can be achieved through public/private partnerships."

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William Beardsley, President  
Husson College

Under the partnership, Husson will pay NMCC an annual fee for use of facilities to include both classroom and administrative office space, and will remunerate NMCC for appropriate related student fees, including information technology and student identification card costs.

The agreement clearly delineates the autonomy of each school, but according to William Egeler, the NMCC dean of students who was one of the architects of agreement, the natural exchange between the students, faculty and staff of the two colleges will be beneficial to both groups.

"Clearly this will afford NMCC students a convenient opportunity to continue their education beyond the associate degree level. For students enrolled in Husson courses offered on the NMCC campus, this partnership will provide them with the many amenities of a college campus, including library and technology resources," said Egeler. "Moreover, this partnership is a cost-effective way to bring new programs and resulting opportunity to the area for local residents."

The partnership will also be of great benefit to the local business community, which has looked to NMCC for continuing education and training opportunities for their existing workforce, and also to College graduates as prospective new employees.

The Husson office will be located just off the main lobby of the Christie Building, adjacent to the NMCC Learning Center. The College has already moved its administrative office from Caribou to Presque Isle and will begin offering most of its classes at NMCC within the coming month. Husson will continue to offer a limited number of courses at the Caribou Learning Center, the Bennett Drive location where the College has operated since first opening a site in Aroostook County.

"We are excited about Northern Maine Community College and Husson College working together to provide a broader educational opportunity for students of our area and beyond. Both institutions have impressive track records of working with the business community to provide opportune and essential education and training," said Larry Shaw, president and CEO of Presque Isle-based MMG Insurance. "This is a real plus for Northern Maine."

Shaw, himself a Husson graduate, noted that more than half of all MMG employees have graduated from, or taken classes at, NMCC or Husson.

Shaw and several other business leaders in the region were present for the announcement to show support for the NMCC/Husson partnership. Also present for the signing ceremony were several NMCC faculty and staff members who have received degrees from Husson.

Husson classes begin on the NMCC campus on October 2.



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President/CEO  
Maine Mutual Group



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across the state is significant as it reflects one of the intended goals identified when the community colleges were established four years ago.

“Overall Maine and Aroostook County graduate a high percentage of high school students, but those figures don’t hold true when you look at the number who go on to higher education. Since our official transition to a community college in 2003, NMCC and the other six system campuses have engaged at all levels to ensure students who want to come to college get there, and further, through our outreach and partnership with area high schools, we have focused on student aspirations to encourage more students to pursue higher education,” said NMCC President Timothy Crowley.

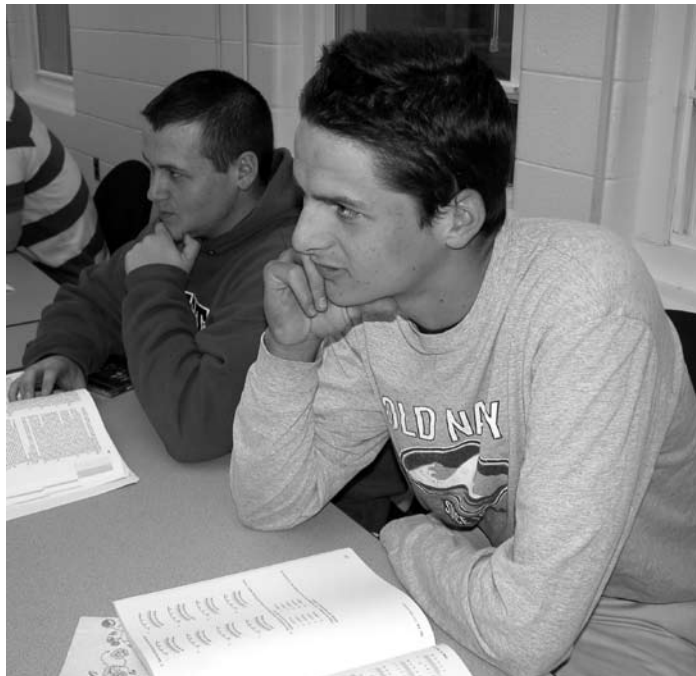
Crowley, along with his system counterparts, joined MCCS President John Fitzsimmons and Governor John Baldacci at a press conference Wednesday at Central Maine Community College in Auburn to announce the latest system enrollment gains. Baldacci, who led efforts to create the community college system in Maine had high praise for the efforts of all those who have directed the seven campuses through and beyond the transition.

“Our community colleges have more than lived up to their potential. They are one of Maine’s real success stories, and our goal is to continue to build on that success,” said Baldacci. “Their programs represent the heart of the Maine economy and the best hope for the future of Maine people.”

Underscoring the governor’s remarks, Fitzsimmons announced that system-wide the number of students entering directly from high school has jumped 75 percent in the four-year window since the transition, which has been among the greatest contributing

factors to an overall 48 percent enrollment increase- to 11,153 students- since the legislature changed the name and mission of the former technical colleges. Over the same four-year period, Aroostook’s Community College has seen their overall number of students coming directly from high school jump ten percent.

System-wide the increase in direct from high school students is also being credited to the Early College for ME



First-year students Kevin Lemay (left) and Dan Ford listen intently during a discussion on Acadian culture in the Discover Aroostook course. Lemay is 2006 graduate of Lewiston High School, while Ford is a 2006 graduate of Camden Hills Regional High School.

program, which targets students who have traditionally not gone to college yet who have the academic potential to succeed in college. Begun in 2003, the program offers college transition services starting in the junior year, including early college courses, support with the college admissions process, scholarships, and guidance before and during college. The Early College for ME program for Northern Maine and Washington County is housed on the NMCC campus.

Another noteworthy transformation in the composition of the student body at NMCC is evidenced in the data that shows where students attending the college come from. In addition to a gain in the number of students transitioning from Aroostook County high schools,

the Presque Isle campus is attracting larger numbers of students from other parts of the state, the northeast and Canada. Currently NMCC students represent all of Maine’s 16 counties and five states – Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and Vermont.

“It is extremely encouraging for us to see students from throughout Maine and beyond enrolling,” said William Egeler, NMCC dean of students. “Not only does that translate into a stronger, more diverse student population that in effect enhances the educational and social experience for all attending NMCC, but it also has impact on the region as these individuals are more likely to seek employment or further education in Aroostook County.”

According to Egeler, the College has seen a recent surge by both local students and those from outside Aroostook County interested in the liberal arts, nursing and various trades programs. The liberal arts program has been particularly attractive to Aroostook County students looking to begin their college experience and earn credits toward a four year degree.

NMCC offers the most affordable per credit higher education cost in Maine, and with recent agreements such as “Advantage U”, which guarantees junior-level status at any University of Maine System campus to any Maine Community College liberal arts associate degree graduate, students are attracted by the quality, convenience and cost. A similar recently established partnership between NMCC and Husson College, which included moving Husson’s Aroostook County operations on to the Presque Isle campus, is expected to have further positive impact on NMCC enrollment. Over the years, NMCC has established numerous transfer agreements with institutions throughout Maine and elsewhere.

Despite the continued growth of the Maine Community College System, President Fitzsimmons noted at Wednesday’s press conference that financial constraints have begun to slow enroll-

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he was working on his Master of Fine Arts in creative writing at the University of Texas in El Paso. "I wrote what would become CUT SHOT, about 11 drafts later, while I was there. It was my thesis," said Corrigan. He studied under novelist Rick Demarinis, whom he credits a great deal for his development as a writer.

"In my novels, the plot or the crime is simply a vehicle to explore the characters. It has been great to sit back and watch the characters grow from book to book," said Corrigan, regarding the rewards of writing a series of books involving the same characters. "For example, Jack was single in the first book and now, in the last one, he is married with a child."

One theme which has carried through the series is the main character's battle with dyslexia, an affliction with which Corrigan is well-acquainted. "Dyslexia affects input, but people often

excel with output. Growing up learning disabled, math and science were very difficult for me, but when I got a chance to write papers, I knew this is what I could do," explained Corrigan.

Since he was a child, he has written as often as he could. When he was at college at SUNY Fredonia, he took every English class that he could, served as the sports editor at the college paper, and worked nights at the daily paper. He continues to make writing a priority, rising early to write most every day from 4:00 – 6:00 a.m., before starting his regular working day at NMCC. "When you are doing a novel, you can't take time off. You have to follow that thread you are weaving through your story, or you lose it."

In addition to his five Jack Austin novels, Corrigan has published poetry, academic articles and feature articles. He has presented papers on teaching writing and study skills to dyslexic students at national conferences and has been a regular columnist for *Golf Today Magazine* since 2002.

Corrigan is currently hard at work on a new book, one that is a departure from his Jack Austin mystery series. This will be a non-golf, crime fiction book, according to Corrigan.

Corrigan joined the full-time faculty at NMCC in 2004. In addition to teaching basic courses, such as English Composition, Corrigan has also developed both a Creative Writing and a Mystery Literature class. Students in both classes are able to benefit from his breadth of knowledge and experience in those fields.

"I understand what my students are going through in creative writing... searching for a voice, staring at a blank screen. If they are dedicated and write every day, they will get better. It takes practice and work. I can't 'teach' them to write, but I can help them save time and become better editors of their work," said Corrigan. As part of the class, students put together a submission portfolio and have the option of actually submitting their material if they so choose.

To speak to Corrigan personally about his work and get an autographed copy of *OUT OF BOUNDS*, area residents can stop by Pieces of Eight bookstore on Main Street on October 6, between 5:00-8:00 p.m. Corrigan will also be holding a reading with a question and answer period, followed by a book signing, at the Mark and Emily Turner Memorial Library on Second Street at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 7.

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ment increases. He noted that some programs have been forced to establish lengthy waiting lists for admission. At NMCC, the associate degree nursing program and trades programs are filled to capacity and with additional resources could enroll larger numbers.

"I am enormously proud of our faculty and staff. The success of the System rests on their shoulders. We are concerned that without additional state investment, we will be forced to cap enrollment next fall," said Fitzsimmons. "Adding faculty and staff, as well as updating and expanding college facilities, are the major challenges before the System."

At the MCCS Board of Trustees meeting held prior to Wednesday's press conference, the Board approved submission of the System's FY08/FY09 biennial funding request of \$50.4 million in FY08 and \$53.4 million in FY09. The requests represent a six percent increase for each of the two years.

## **NMCC Works to 'Envision the Future'**

Just over three years after the official establishment of the Maine Community College System, faculty and staff at all seven campuses, including Northern Maine Community College are taking the time to pause and reflect on what they believe the community colleges should look like in five to eight years. "Envision the Future", an initiative launched by the MCCS Board of Trustees and President John Fitzsimmons, will engage the NMCC community in an inclusive dialogue designed to lead to a broad consensus of what the college will look like in the years ahead.

Guided by President Timothy Crowley and the NMCC Strategic Planning Committee, the college is charged with producing a document on the future of the institution that, when brought

together with similar reports from other campuses, will form a basis of dialogue among the System's leadership on how the MCCS is positioning itself to meet Maine's needs both regionally and on a statewide level.

"In these early foundational years, an inclusive, deliberate, and thoughtful dialogue – both at the college level and from a system-wide/statewide perspective – will help ensure that the great potential of our Community Colleges is fully realized for Maine," said Fitzsimmons. "The intent is to achieve a broad consensus at each college and in the system of what we hope for our colleges. It is anticipated that a 'working document' will be created that will help guide the next phase of the system's development."

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Among the assumptions considered as the process gets underway is that the MCCS mission, vision and core attributes will remain the same, as well as the system governance and organizational structure. It is also assumed that additional state funding will be required to support plans.

The process of developing NMCC's draft report, due at the System Office in mid-January, will begin in earnest in October. At their September 29 meeting, the Strategic Planning Committee established working committees to tackle two required sections of the document.

The first will develop a draft environmental scan of the present economic, educational and other related issues facing the region that will be included in the campus report. The committee is comprised of Larry LaPlante, director of finance; Barry Ingraham, director of physical plant and technology; and Elizabeth Crawford, tech prep coordinator.

A second committee, charged with engaging the campus community in a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis will work throughout October to facilitate group sessions, with the goal of involving as many on campus as possible. Sessions will be interactive and challenge faculty, staff and community friends to share their thoughts under each category. Committee members include Jason Parent, director of development and college relations; Wendy Bradstreet, accountant III; Betty Kent-Conant, chair of the nursing and allied health department; and Betsy Harris, registrar.

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## NMCC Celebrates Constitution Day

NMCC hosted a celebration to commemorate the 219th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution on Monday, September 18. The event, held in the library, was open to the public.

The celebration concluded with the ringing of a bell, which coincided with the "Bells Across America" honoring the First Amendment's guarantees of freedom of speech and religion.



Opening the ceremony, NMCC student Michaelae Black performed "The Star Spangled Banner" on her violin. Behind her are the members of Maine State Color Guard, from left: Don Pelkey of Fort Fairfield; John Bouchard of Fort Kent; Lester Dubois of Fort Kent; Douglas Michaud of Caribou.

Constitution Day is an American federal holiday that recognizes the ratification of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1878. Because that date fell on a Sunday this year, the holiday was observed on September 18.

At NMCC, the agenda of the official national celebration was replicated. The Aroostook County celebration was led by David Raymond, NMCC humanities instructor, who recited the preamble that, just as the national reading, was dedicated to and in honor of members of the U.S. military serving all around the world. To recognize the contributions of Aroostook County residents serving in the armed forces, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) were invited to join in the celebration and present our nation's colors.

Cathy Chapman, a college staff member who's significant other Dave Guerrette is an active duty Maine National Guardsmen serving in Kuwait, read a "roll call of the 50 states". Chapman read the first thirteen states in the order in which they ratified the Constitution and the remaining 37 in the order in which they were admitted to the Union.

In addition to the September 18 event, the College library marked Constitution Day with an exhibit of books and videos related to the Constitution. Approximately 35 publications and videos featuring how the Constitution came to be, how it has been amended and how it is being interpreted today were on display in September.

"The Constitution truly provides us with the fundamental background on how we make decisions on what is right and what is wrong. An educated populous is at the very basis of a democratic society. The more we know the more we can make wise decisions," said Peggy O'Kane, NMCC assistant dean of learning resources.

To engage and inform students about the Constitution, a campus-wide scavenger hunt was also held in the days leading to September 18.



Peggy O'Kane



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pediatric and neonatal critical care transport team.

A first-of-its-kind educational opportunity in Northern Maine, the pediatric and neonatal care transport course was the result of the determination of Bradstreet and Daryl Boucher, lead instructor in NMCC's emergency medical services program. The two, along with the NMCC continuing education division, were instrumental in bringing to Aroostook County the course developed by Johns Hopkins Hospital and UMBC (the University of Maryland, Baltimore County), both located in Baltimore, Maryland.

Leah Buck, assistant dean of continuing education, began the discussion with UMBC, as her division had previously worked with the school to deliver a course in critical care emergency medical transport for adult patients. As a result of Buck's contact, and through the financial support of the continuing education division and Megan Bradstreet fund, Boucher and Perry Jackson, clinical coordinator for Crown Ambulance, traveled to UMBC for education and training which they then shared with participants in the NMCC course.



Dr. Jonathan Wood from Eastern Maine Medical Center covered topics such as neurological and respiratory disorders, shock, and hemodynamic monitoring.

Eighteen paramedics and nurses participated in the program, gaining a more comprehensive understanding of the unique anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology and special needs of critical infants and children during inter-facility transport. All 16 achieved certification by passing the required testing at the end of the training.

"In addition to paramedics and nurses from County organizations including Crown Ambulance, TAMC, Cary Medical Center and Northern Maine Medical Center, we had flight crew members coming from St. Louis Children's Hospital and Southern Maine," said Buck. "We are so pleased that we were able to help make this happen by arranging the

necessary details to offer the course here on our campus."

The course covered the most common and serious pediatric and neonatal conditions requiring transport from a community hospital to a tertiary care facility, including advanced airway management, trauma and shock, respiratory considerations and acquired heart disease.

"This program will allow County hospitals to not only have highly qualified personnel caring for children being transferred to tertiary care facilities, but also the skills needed to stabilize the children prior to their transport," said Boucher. "In children, early action and appropriate stabilization can have a huge impact on the long-term recovery of a sick or injured child."

Sessions were led by a team of eight individuals who all have experience in the areas of pediatric and neonatal care and related transport issues. All were approved by UMBC Department of Emergency Health Services. "We are fortunate to have recruited the caliber of instructors that led this course. We had physicians and specialists from Eastern Maine Medical Center, Northern Maine Medical Center and Maine Medical Center that graciously agreed to lend their expertise. Elizabeth Berg, who was instrumental in creating the curriculum for the course, traveled from Johns Hopkins to lead sessions in some of the most critical areas of care," said Buck.

Boucher and others are working to identify medical facilities with significant pediatric care units that are willing to allow students enrolled in the NMCC course to practice their skills. "Although classroom education is great, the real key to this program will be the associated clinical experience. Providers will have the opportunity to practice and perfect the skills they learned at a major medical center. This will increase their comfort in providing care," said Boucher.

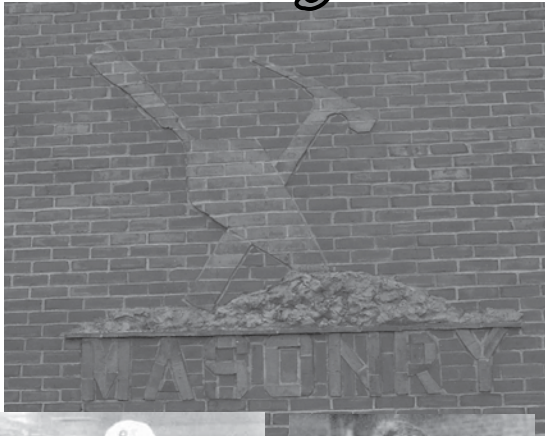
Toward that end, fundraising continues to support both the course and some of the expenses related to the hands-on experience.



Successfully completing their PNCCT certification were: Travis Ginn, Lindsey Kinney, Ned LaBelle, Robert Mackinnon, and Adam Michaud from Crown Ambulance; Sylva-Jo Horn, Erika LaBelle, and Melissa Crowley-Perry from The Aroostook Medical Center; Jim Flavin, Laura Gordon, Tim Guerrette, Glenna Searles, and Rita Zbylut from Cary Medical Center; Jill Daigle, Erin Voisine and Sandra Voisine from Northern Maine Medical Center; Jason Mills from the Augusta Fire Department; and Craig Britton from St. Louis Children's Hospital.



## Some Changes on Campus...



The masonry building, which once served as a hands on laboratory for the masonry program, has been idle and used for storage since the program was eliminated nearly a decade ago.

As part of an ongoing effort to gain maximum energy efficiency and to continuously improve campus facilities, NMCC recently contracted for the demolition of two 1940's era buildings, originally designed for 25 years of service. The former masonry building and college annex building, which served as the base commander's residence for the former Presque Isle Air Base, were taken down in September because the cost of renovation, including necessary asbestos abatement, would have required a substantial investment of college capital.



A concrete slab remains on the site of the former masonry building and will be used as a base for a new storage building for the college in the future.



The annex building has served the campus in numerous capacities, including housing several offices over the past few decades and before that serving as the home of Harold Mailman, director of the Northern Maine Vocational Technical Institute.



Crews from Soderberg Construction completed the demolition. The site of the annex will be incorporated, in the coming years, into a new entrance design for the college.



## This month's Continuing Education offerings...

### Computers for Beginners

This workshop is designed for people who are using computers for the first time. The following will be covered:

- ❖ The "must know" components of a PC, their names and what they mean and do!
- ❖ The Windows operating system—How to work with it to run the applications you want to install and use.
- ❖ The Microsoft Office Suite – A brief overview of the world's most popular word processor to create and save documents and the Excel spreadsheet program to create and save a financial statement/budget.

*Spend some time with us and begin to learn more about computers!*

CSA 600 ♦ Cost: \$39 ♦ .3 CEUs  
Thursday, October 26 ♦ 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

### QuickBooks

QuickBooks is designed for the small to midsized business owner who enjoys Quicken's ease of use but prefers a more traditional approach to accounting. Learn how this well-designed program can make it a snap to set up a chart of accounts, reconcile your checking account, create and print invoices, receipts, and statements, track your payables, inventory, and receivables, create estimates, and generate reports.

CMP 670 ♦ Cost: \$129 ♦ 1.2 CEUs  
Mondays, October 16 – November 6 ♦ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

### How to Open and Operate an eBay Store

You can open an eBay store and reach millions of buyers via the eBay marketplace. This course will show you step-by-step how to create a store, the tools available to enhance your sales, inventory control and the pros and cons of various payment methods. Prerequisite: Experience as eBay seller and a current eBay account.

BNI 750 ♦ Cost: \$99 ♦ .9 CEUs  
Wednesdays, October 25 – November 8 ♦ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

### Excel Charts Made Easy

Learn how to create charts in Excel. This course is for the Excel user who wants to learn in depth knowledge of charts. Requires knowledge of Windows and Excel

CMP 870 ♦ Cost: \$49- no text ♦ .4 CEUs  
Wednesday, October 11 ♦ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

### Microsoft PowerPoint

In this highly interactive hands-on class, you'll learn how to create dazzling multimedia presentations for just about any audience. You'll be able to create and display slides filled with formatted text, video, audio, animation, special effects, charts, outlines, video clips, images, and links to the Web. You'll learn how to work with task panes and the clip organizer, and how to access the Design Gallery Live and Template Gallery Web sites to download clip art and templates for your presentations. You'll even be able to save your presentations in HTML so they can be shared with others over the Web.

CSA 651 ♦ Cost: \$79 – text additional ♦ .6 CEUs  
Tuesday & Thursday, October 10 & 12  
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

### CRMA Certification

This 40-hour course is designed for individuals working in and responsible for administering medications in Residential Care Facilities. Participants will learn safe, accurate, and appropriate methods of administering medications as well as acceptable documentation techniques. Class enrollment is limited to 12 people.

HLT 705 ♦ Cost: \$299 ♦ 4.0 CEUs  
Fridays, October 20 – November 17 ♦ 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

### Notary Course

A Notary Public is a sworn public official with the powers to perform a number of official acts. This class is designed to assist you in applying for a Notary Public commission in Maine. Discussion will include history, enabling legislation, powers and duties, qualifications, procedures of a Notary Public including performing civil wedding ceremonies. You will receive an INM student workbook, guidebook from the Secretary of State's office and a Notary application. Time will be allotted at the end of the day to complete the Notary application that will be forwarded to the Secretary of State's office.

BNI 600 ♦ Cost \$49 ♦ .8 CEUs  
Friday, October 20 ♦ 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

### Global Positioning System

This course is designed to introduce you to the fundamentals of GPS (Global Positioning System). Topics include navigational waypoints, latitudes and longitudes, physical features and their attributes, satellite tracking and positions, distance and bearing, mask angles, Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) coordinators, and Selective Availability (SA) concepts. Bring your GPS to class.

BNI 745 ♦ Cost: \$89 - no text ♦ .9 CEUs  
Tuesdays & Thursday, September 12, 14 & 19 ♦ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

### Yoga: Beginner Level Yoga Class

Building a strong foundation is critical for a stable house. Your body is a home that needs a strong foundation, too. In the 8 week session, we'll learn the foundational components of alignment and breathing, as well as the practice of basic stretches, balancing poses, strengthening exercises and relaxation techniques. Please wear comfortable clothing - not baggy, not restrictive. You must bring a yoga sticky mat AND a blanket. Blocks and straps will be provided. Release form required of all participants.

BNI 685 ♦ Cost: \$65  
Tuesdays, October 31 – December 19 ♦ 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

## COMMERCIAL DRIVING ACADEMY

### Time for a change?

This is a state certified Commercial Driving Academy, designed to train you to become a professional truck driver. Our training meets or exceeds all state and industry standards. The goal of this course is to teach you to handle a tractor-trailer safely and efficiently, for a new career in one of today's fastest growing industries.

### Admission Requirements:

- ♦ Valid Maine driver's license & a copy of your driving record
- ♦ High school or GED diploma
- ♦ Personal interview with the instructor
- ♦ A copy of your immunization records
- ♦ DOT physical w/pre-entrance drug & alcohol screen
- ♦ Steel toe work boots or shoes to meet OSHA regulations

CDA 600 Cost: \$3,495.00 - includes tuition, supplies, insurance & state testing fees (Books are an additional \$85)

### Career Opportunities

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