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NMCC Students Honored for Academic Achievement and Campus Involvement

Aroostook County - More than 60 Northern Maine Community College students had an opportunity to shine recently as they were recognized in front of family members and College faculty and administrators during the annual Student Honors & Achievement Awards Ceremony. Students were honored for academic excellence as well as for campus involvement.

“For many of our students, this is the first opportunity for them to receive recognition at this level,” said Bill Egeler, dean of students. “I believe it’s important that we recognize our students for their academic achievements and accomplishments, not only because it is so well deserved, but also because it sets a benchmark for other students. When excellence is noticed and celebrated by the institution, it motivates and raises aspirations for others. We know our students value their education and that they often times have to go through a lot of struggles personally to balance work, family and school, making their success all the more impressive.”

Faculty from each of the College’s academic programs typically pick one senior to recognize with the Academic Achievement Award for their respective programs. This award is based on numerous criteria, including overall academic performance, degree of improvement, participation and behavior in the classroom, and more.

Receiving the awards from the arts and sciences department were: Katherine Wilcox of Caribou for the early childhood education program and Marina Grivois of Van Buren for the liberal studies program.

Academic achievement award winners from the business technology department were: Kay O’Clair of Ashland, accounting information systems; Misty Robinson of Masardis, business administration; Karen Hardy of Houlton, medical coding; and Nicole Poulin of Ashland, medical office administration.

Recipients of the nursing and allied health department academic achievement awards were: Christina Stadig of Oxbow and Beth Curtis of Edmunds Township, nursing; Kristin Cyr of Van Buren, emergency medical services; and Pamela Gorneault of Stockholm, medical assisting.

Being honored from the trade and technical occupations department were: Alicia Doyle of Presque Isle, automotive collision repair; Kyle Chasse of Van Buren, automotive technology; James Duval of Caribou, computer-aided drafting; Travis DeWitt of Fort Fairfield, computer electronics; William Belanger of Portage Lake, diesel hydraulics technology; Shane Ireland of Chapman, electrical construction and maintenance; James Elliot of Limestone, plumbing and heating; Kenny LeTourneau of Presque Isle, precision metals manufacturing; Brian Nadeau of Connor Township, residential construction; and Stas' Ginish of Danforth, welding and metal fabrication.

Charles Zappone of Woodland, graduating from the nursing program, was recognized in front of his peers as NMCC's Student of the Year. Zappone has demonstrated great leadership skills and has been a good role model to his fellow classmates as well as to the campus community. He was officially recognized for this honor during a ceremony in Augusta with the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees earlier this spring. Zappone was also named to the 2009 All-Maine Academic Team along with the late Katherine Pictou. The honor is part of the national Phi Theta Kappa program, an international honor society for two year colleges designed to recognize academic excellence, leadership, and community service. He was named Maine's New Century Scholar for achieving the highest Maine score on the All-USA Academic Team and was selected as one of the 50 Coca-Cola National Bronze Scholars.

Misty Robinson of Masardis and Katherine Wilcox of Caribou received the Award of Excellence, a cash award established by a donor to recognize two seniors who have demonstrated a high standard of excellence, good judgment, ability to use critical thinking skills when implementing new ideas and demonstrated the highest standards of honesty and integrity while being an inspiration to others.

The Falcon Spirit Award was presented to six students who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help make the NMCC campus a better place for both students and employees. Nominees typically have made campus contributions through activities such as tutoring, fund raising, volunteering, or athletics. Students awarded were: Aaron Conroy, Joane Maignette and Kelley McLaughlin of Presque Isle; Justin Lyshon of Bangor; Candice Rivera of Bridgewater; and Evelyn "Dee" Sock of Ashland.

Being named Sports Academic All-Stars for maintaining a 3.0 or greater grade point average while playing on one of the College's sports teams were: Elizan McLean and Aaron Conroy of Presque Isle; Jacob Graham and Lucas Ireland of Mapleton; Blake McCarthy and Brock Kingsbury of Bridgewater; Nathan Manning-Harris of Easton; David Flint of Houlton; Ryan Kilcollins of Mars Hill; Tade Brooks of Augusta; and James Willis of Van Buren.

Also recognized for being nominated for inclusion in *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges* were 31 students. Thirty- Four students were honored for their service to the college with a Community Service Award. NMCC Community Service Award was presented to students who have volunteered and contributed their time, energy and knowledge to help with a variety of activities. Several students were also recognized for their leadership on campus as the officers of the various student organizations including; Student Senate, Phi Theta Kappa, Student Nurses Association and Early Childhood Education Club.

Lastly, based on a vote by students across campus, emergency medical services and nursing instructor Daryl Boucher was recognized as Instructor of the Year by the Student Senate.

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NMCC student Katherine Wilcox (left) of Caribou, received the academic achievement award for early childhood education, while Marina Grivois of Van Buren, earned that honor for the liberal studies program.



Academic achievement award winners from NMCC's business technology department were, from left: Kay O'Clair of Ashland, accounting information systems; Misty Robinson of Masardis, business administration; Nicole Poulin of Ashland, medical office administration; and Karen Hardy of Houlton, medical coding.



Receiving the academic achievement awards from the NMCC nursing and allied health department were, from left: Christina Stadig of Oxbow, nursing; Kristin Cyr of Van Buren, emergency medical services; and Pamela Gorneault of Stockholm, medical assisting. Absent from photo: Beth Curtis of Edmunds Township, nursing.



NMCC academic achievement award winners from the trade and technical occupations department were, front from left: Alicia Doyle of Presque Isle, automotive collision repair; Kyle Chasse of Van Buren, automotive technology; James DuVal of Caribou, computer- aided drafting; William Belanger of Portage Lake, diesel hydraulics technology; and Shane Ireland of Chapman, electrical construction and maintenance. Back from left: James Elliot of Limestone, plumbing and heating; Kenny LeTourneau of Presque Isle, precision metals manufacturing; Brian Nadeau of Connor Township, residential construction; and Stas' Ginish of Danforth, welding and metal fabrication.



Receiving the Falcon Spirit Award were, from left: Aaron Conroy of Presque Isle, Justin Lyshon of Bangor, Joane Maingrette of Presque Isle, Kelley McLaughlin of Presque Isle, Candice Rivera of Bridgewater, and Evelyn "Dee" Sock of Ashland.