



# New Directions

2013 Annual Report





# President's Welcome



How do we make a positive difference in the lives of the students who come to Northern Maine Community College? It is a simple question on the surface, but one that requires further reflection and assessment. Students come to NMCC for many reasons, and although the narrowly-defined outcomes of achieving graduation and acquiring a job are worthy goals, they only touch the surface of the impact we seek to have on NMCC students.

If we are to lead a full life, rich and rewarding, that provides not only a comfortable way of life but a life that gives back to those who have come before us, we are required to think more deeply about what is success. How do we define it for ourselves and for the students who enter NM? At the risk of getting a little too philosophical here, I would want us to look at performance over time. What personal growth, contributions to the community, commitment to our discipline and help for children are we providing? After all education is about self-discovery, learning new ideas, skills and approaches and applying what we are learning. The aim of an NMCC education is to create a learning community that enables students to develop the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to live thoughtful, creative, and productive lives.

I have watched as student groups work as a team raising money for important community causes such as the Red Cross, polio prevention, the Ronald McDonald House, and help for fire victims. They have given of their time at the animal shelter and during the holiday children's book give-away. In short, NMCC students respond, and thoughtfully develop and practice their caring spirit as part of the college experience.

This past year the College has taken important steps to continue to improve the offerings for our students. Through the outstanding work of the faculty, we have completed the national accreditation of our Medical Assisting Program and our Emergency Medical Services Program and we have succeeded in upgrading the long-standing accreditation of our automotive technology program to the master level. This work took years to complete and provides our students and the community with programs that meet or exceed national standards. The rigorous review of our programs help us identify areas where we can improve and provide commendations for excellence on curriculum design and support for the programs.

The College has continued to develop new opportunities in the energy education field. To complement the work done in our heating and wind power programs, faculty have developed and established a solid-fuels laboratory and course. Along with oil-based heating systems, our students are now exposed to biomass and heat-pump technology as well as solar and propane education. These advancements would not have been possible without the support of the college foundation, the Maine Department of Conservation, and Bangor Hydro.

As you review our annual report, I encourage you to keep in mind not only our workforce training and efforts to support students though graduation but our greater purpose: to have a positive impact on our students and to help them improve their lives. Our college has had a very exciting and successful year, and we are about to open a Wellness and Student Center that has the potential to significantly enhance students' lives and those of area residents.

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff members at NMCC, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you. To all who give of their time, energy and financial support so that we may make a positive difference, thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy Crowley".

Timothy Crowley  
NMCC President

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# Walking the Walk

The College's new biomass project takes on the three "E's" of the future: energy savings, environmental benefits, and experiential learning opportunities for students.

Energy savings, environmental benefit and experiential learning opportunities for students...these ideals have been put into action on the Northern Maine Community College campus in the past two years through a series of projects involving biomass energy.

In 2011, the College broke ground on a \$1 million project to install a 900-kilowatt biomass boiler to ultimately provide heat for nearly 70 percent of the square footage of campus buildings. The biomass boiler now heats the Mailman Trades Building and the Christie Complex where most of the classrooms and campus offices are located. It was the first of its kind in the Maine Community College System.

"This project is expected to reduce heating costs on our campus significantly and replace more than 65 percent of our fuel oil consumption with a local,

renewable energy source. The change-over to wood pellets will also serve as the equivalent of reducing carbon emissions to more than 100 cars taken off the road," said NMCC President Timothy Crowley during the groundbreaking ceremony for the project. "Given all of these benefits, perhaps the most unique to NMCC is the opportunity this will provide our students enrolled in alternative energy programs and courses to experience this technology firsthand."

After ten months of construction and installation, which included the addition of a pellet silo for fuel storage and underground piping to connect the Mailman Building and the Christie Complex, the College celebrated the commissioning of the new biomass boiler in September, 2012. The event was attended by the chief executive officer and other representatives from Schmid

Schmid for installation in the United States, and they were excited to be on hand for the event. Several state and local officials also joined in the celebration.

Schmid CEO Phillipp Lüscher presented a traditional Swiss gift of a ceremonial bell, engraved with details commemorating the installation of their first biomass boiler in the United States at Northern Maine Community College, to Crowley. Crowley also presented Lüscher and another Schmid representative with framed Paul Cyr photos to remember their visit to Aroostook County.

"Our partnership with Schmid was strengthened by their trip," according to Crowley. "The company was impressed with the quality of installation which matched the efficiency of their work in Europe."

Schmid subsequently offered the College airfare for two to tour their plant and view their latest technologies in Switzerland. President Crowley reached out and shared the opportunity with Aroostook Partners for Progress, so the two organizations could work collaboratively for the economic benefit of the region. In May, 2013, a team of three individuals from NMCC and three from the Northern Maine Development Commission and APP traveled to



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Switzerland.

The intent of the trip was twofold — to show the Schmid leadership the control system designed by NMCC staff to monitor all aspects of the College's Schmid boiler operation and to explore whether Schmid has interest in coming to Aroostook to manufacture their boilers for the American



and Canadian markets.

The group also had the opportunity to visit the University of Lucerne College of Applied Science to discuss the multi-national research and development efforts they have been working on for some time in the biomass industry.

"Schmid was impressed with the precision and scope of the control system in use at NMCC. We hope the company is interested in our technology to enhance their systems," explained Crowley. "The connections with Schmid and the University of Lucerne are very important to the College, since we have a deep interest in

## The Savings

The new biomass system has already begun to show significant savings. The new boiler displaces fuel purchases at the Christie Complex and the Mailman Building, and although it wasn't utilized throughout the full year, it has decreased fuel usage by over 33,000 gallons from the previous year. Even after the purchase of 313 tons of pellets, that equaled a net savings of over \$45,000! It is expected that the College will continue to see a growth in savings as time progresses.



**Photos left to right:** Student working on a boiler; groundbreaking for the new bio-mass boiler, the new pellet silo, Al St. Peter works on a heating system with a student, and President Crowley with Schmid CEO Phillipp Lüscher.

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Energy Solutions, a leading international wood-energy systems company based in Switzerland, the manufacturer of NMCC's new boiler. The boiler was the first of its kind built by





biomass energy and can benefit from sharing knowledge.”

In addition to the excitement surrounding the installation of the Schmid biomass boiler at the College, NMCC worked this summer to expand its energy lab to incorporate new biomass training opportunities. The size of the facility nearly doubled, with the College now using the entire building that it leases in the Presque Isle Industrial Park. Four new solid fuel boilers have been purchased and installed in the new portion of the energy center to provide training experiences for students.

The new equipment includes two different styles of pellet boilers, a lower-range model and a high-end one, as well as a pellet conversion burner installed on a traditional oil-fired unit and a gasification wood pellet burner, which burns wood very quickly and efficiently. A 550-gallon tank to store heated water and two units for storing pellets have also been installed. The

equipment was purchased through a grant from the United States Forest Service.

“This variety in types and styles of solid fuel boilers offers expanded training opportunities for our students. They get experience working on a wider range of units that they might encounter when working in the field,” said Al St. Peter, lead plumbing and heating instructor at the College.

St. Peter has created a new Solid Fuel Equipment course that will be required of all new students entering NMCC’s plumbing and heating program. Students will gain experience in piping arrangement, serving and troubleshooting, and will learn Maine codes pertaining to solid fuels.

“Pellets are getting bigger every year. It’s exciting that we can heat our homes with fuel that comes from Aroostook County,” said St. Peter. “Not only do we benefit from fuel savings in our homes, but the region benefits economically.”

Beyond having the resources for wood pellets which are so popular now, area farmers have the land and equipment needed to harvest what may be the wave of the future: grass pellets, according to St. Peter. In fact, that possibility was one reason NMCC selected the particular model of biomass boiler from Schmid. It has the capability of burning either wood or grass pellets.

“NMCC not only talks the talk, they walk the walk. By doing so, they will be giving hands-on experience in wood-fired systems from fuel delivery to combustion to all of the related monitoring and control systems to their students,” said Thomas Wood, former senior planner with the Maine Forest Service. “It is good for the College, it is good for the students, and when the students take their skills into the market place, it is good for the community.”

## NMCC Designs Efficient Controls

When the College installed its new biomass boiler, the unit came with an electronic control panel that runs the boiler. The physical plant and technology staff at NMCC wanted more. They developed a system to integrate the boiler controls with other building control systems on campus for improved utilization and better tracking of statistics and data.

Honeywell did the original control programming for the College’s building controls systems, or Direct Digital Control (DDC). Robert Smith, NMCC’s manager of energy and information systems, then reworked the DDC, designing it to work on a high-definition monitor. He brought out extra data points and added graphics of campus buildings to show interconnections. He was able to combine 15 control screens onto one integrated system monitor and include the biomass boiler system.

“Visually this allows us to explain what is happening within the building and the boiler in real time,” said Barry Ingraham, director of physical plant and technology.

With the control system designed by Smith, the College can do snapshots of how the boiler is operating at set times and perform a comparison over time to determine how it is operating.

When officials from Schmid invited representatives of NMCC to visit their facility in May 2012, Ingraham and Dave Cote, who is responsible for day-to-day operations of the boiler, were able to present NMCC’s integrated control system design to engineers at Schmid.

“I think this opened their eyes to another market they could capture,” explained Ingraham.



# Visiting Europe

**Photos left to right:**

1.) The Maine contingent sees how wood chips are stored at Baumgartner Manufacturing.

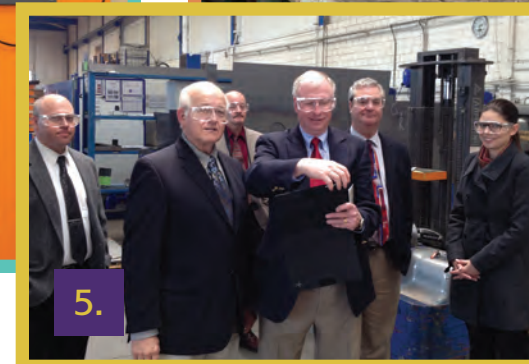
2.) Tour of Schmid manufacturing facility—Dave Cote examines a fire box chamber.

3.) Dana Saucier, management consultant, and Bob Clark, NMDC, along with President Crowley, examine a boiler capable of 10 million BTU’s.

4.) President Crowley examines a Baumgartner Industries wood chipper.

5.) Bob Dorsey, APP President, and Dana Saucier prepare to take photos with their iPad.

6.) A Schmid pellet boiler.





# Propelling Forward



When the wind power technology program first began at Northern Maine Community College in 2009, it was an exciting addition to the College's academic inventory. The first program of its kind in New England, it underscored NMCC's ability to respond to community needs and to be in the forefront of technological training.

That excitement carried over in 2010 and 2011 with generous donations of \$1.25 million by a private donor to support renewable energy efforts at the College. The funds were used to help establish the Northern Maine Center for Excellence in Alternative Energy Training and Education and to provide instructional equipment for programs and courses involving renewable energy, particularly wind power.

It was funds from this gift that allowed the College to purchase the largest teaching tool in its 50-year history. The newest addition to the wind power program was delivered to campus in November, 2012. An 18,000 pound nacelle and rotor assembly from a wind turbine that

was previously operating in Denmark will now play a pivotal role in the training of NMCC wind power students.

"Having a major piece of equipment like this was a dream for all of us involved in the planning and creation of the wind power program," said NMCC President Tim Crowley.

By eliminating the tower and blades, the 12-year-old Vestas V-25 200 kW nacelle assembly fits into the wind power lab, where it has been mounted on a stand to simulate a tower. The nacelle houses the generator and controls of a wind turbine responsible for its operation.

Besides the obvious benefits of allowing the students to work with the

equipment regardless of weather conditions and without having to first climb 150 to 200 feet in the air, there are many other opportunities that will be realized with this equipment, according to wind power instructor Wayne Kilcollins.

"With this unit, students have the opportunity to observe and interact with a complete system, instead of just the sub-systems they experience on the current trainers. This gives them the perspective of a fully-functional system, so they can see how changing something makes [the entire system] not work or work differently," said Kilcollins.

Although the students previously had the opportunity to climb the UMPI

tower to view the inside of the nacelle, the turbine needed to be turned off before they could access it. They could view the systems but not touch them, and they had to limit their time, since their presence meant the University was losing valuable production time. Kilcollins still plans to have his students climb the UMPI tower, so they can view that system, but having the 200 kW system in his lab affords the opportunity for more detailed work.

"The students will have the time to get in it and really work through it and understand it. They can do maintenance and troubleshooting. They can see how it works normally, and then I can change things up so they see the types of things

they may encounter in the field. They will then look at electrical and hydraulic schematics and troubleshoot the problems," explained Kilcollins.

Another advantage is having the whole class observe while a student is performing a task, rather than just one or two students at a time climbing with Kilcollins up the NMCC tower to see something. This also allows for a group discussion of systems.

"It's great for equipment safety, too. I can show them items in a controlled environment. They can also practice rescuing someone from the side of the nacelle close to the ground rather than 200 feet in the air," said Kilcollins.

NMCC searched for about three years to find a unit that would meet all of its needs

and be in an acceptable price range. Since its arrival on campus in November, students have been hard at work getting it ready to become operational. Wind power students took it apart, cleaning and replacing components as needed. Automotive collision repair students also got involved in the process, painting the exterior surfaces of the nacelle and rotor assembly of the unit. In March, the students completed reassembly of the nacelle.

The College showcased this exciting addition to the wind power program during an event in April that included wind industry leaders from throughout the state, representing Maine, national and global companies. Students demonstrated how the turbine operates in a lab setting and

highlighted other parts of the wind power lab.

During the ceremony that followed, a number of companies were recognized for their assistance to the wind power program: Cianbro Corporation; First Wind, LLC; GE Wind Energy; Larkin Enterprises; Maine Public Service; James W. Sewall Company; Perceptions of Aroostook; and Vestas.

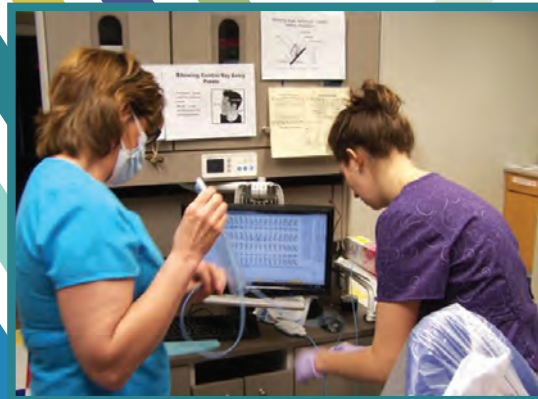
President Crowley also recognized the students from the wind power and automotive collision repair programs for the hard work they did to make the unit operationally ready.

"Our wind power program is already a leader in New England, and this equipment is advancing the program, knowledge and skills of our students and their potential to be hired in the industry," Crowley told those in attendance.





# Dental Assisting



With a goal of increasing access to dental care for the residents of Aroostook County, Dr. Norma Desjardins connected with Leah Buck, assistant dean of NMCC's continuing education division and director of the Northern Maine Area Health Education Center (AHEC), to brainstorm ideas. The ultimate goal was to train dental assistants to become expanded function dental assistants (EFDAs).

While working under the supervision of a dentist, EFDAs can provide more care than a traditional dental assistant. For instance, they can perform a filling after the dentist has prepped the tooth, freeing up time for the dentist to move on to another patient.

"Once we began looking at options to bring EFDA training to Aroostook County, what we really found was that we needed to first work toward getting the dental assistants working here certified," explained Buck. "A CDA credential is required to be eligible for EFDA training. However, since Maine does not require dental assistants to be certified, most local dental assistants are not."

Dental assistants prepare instruments, materials and equipment used in dental procedures; provide oral care instruction to patients; and perform office administration tasks. Buck worked collaboratively with Desjardins to develop a dental assistant training program that combined both classroom and hands-on instruction. In the 100-hour course, students were introduced to the skills in chair-side procedures and assisting in a variety of dental procedures. The course also covered the relevant material necessary to prepare students to take the

Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) CDA examination.

"We were in a really good position to provide this training locally. NMCC had the classroom space, and St. Apollonia was a great location for clinical training. By making use of the dental clinic, we avoided having to create a lab environment at the College that would have been very expensive," said Desjardins. St. Apollonia (named after the patron saint of dentistry), is a low-cost pediatric dental clinic in Presque Isle, the brain child of Desjardins, that opened in 2012.

With the interest and ability to provide the training clearly identified, the next step was to find funding to help pay for some of the equipment that would be needed, as well as other costs of providing the training. Buck was able to obtain a Maine Healthcare Sector Grant from the Department of Labor in addition to leveraging funding through Northern Maine AHEC. This funding provided the opportunity to establish the pilot program and helped create the infrastructure for further dental training at the College.

For the initial class, the goal was to recruit students from dental offices in the

area. Dental assistants from Academy Dental and Dr. Jacobs in Presque Isle, Dr. Raymond in Fort Kent, White Smiles Family Dentistry in Fort Fairfield and Dr. Woods in Houlton took part in the training.

"We filled six of our eight slots with current dental assistants. The remaining two students were new to the field," said Buck. "There were 14 applicants for those two openings, and that was with no real promotion of the training. The interest is definitely there."

While a lot of planning went in to making this training a reality, the actual class time took place in a very condensed time frame due to time constraints related to the grant funds. The students, most of whom were working full time during the work week, took classes on Friday afternoons and all day Saturday for eight weeks. Fridays were devoted to class time at NMCC, while Saturdays were spent gaining hands-on practice at St. Apollonia. Most then had the opportunity to practice throughout the week at their place of employment.

While Desjardins served as coordinator for the training, the lead instructors for the course were Karen Edgecomb, a certified

Dr. Norma Desjardins (right) examines 8-year-old Ryan Morneau at the St. Apollonia Dental Clinic. Serving as her dental assistant is Lyndsey Lynch of Presque Isle. Lynch completed the dental assistant training at NMCC and is working to gain the experience necessary to complete her certification.

dental assistant at Academy Dental, and Donna Green, a certified dental assistant at St. Apollonia. They had support from several guest lecturers in addition to Desjardins: Dr. Don Cassidy of Cassidy Orthodontics, LLC; Dr. Mark Melendez-Christensen of Academy Dental; Dr. Michael Blandon of White Smiles Family Dentistry; Dr. David Smith; and Dr. Karl Woods.

Seven students completed the training and went on to take the DANB exam to become certified. To earn the CDA certification, a candidate must pass all three component exams within a five-year period. Candidates who pass the first component, Radiation Health & Safety (RHS), become licensed dental radiologists and can take patient X-rays in the dental office. The second component, Infection Control (ICE), allows candidates to be certified in infection control. The final component, General Chairside Assisting (GC), requires 3,500 hours of work experience before a candidate is able to sit for the exam.

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Three students from the program have now achieved their full CDA certification: Cindy Emory of Hodgdon, Joann Oliver of Mapleton, and Rhonda Rossignol of St. Agatha.

"I was so excited to hear that they would be offering this certification course here in The County. We would normally have to travel for this, which for me would mean four hours each way," said Rossignol. "It truly was a wonderful experience that helped me better myself and also benefitted my employer. Our clinical days were a great experience to do all kinds of hands-on things, and for those of us that already assist in a dental office, to learn the different ways things are done in other offices."

The two individuals who underwent the training who were not already dental assistants were able to take the first two components of the test and must gain the necessary work experience before taking the GC component. Both are already employed in dental offices since completing their training in June. The remaining two individuals who completed the training are scheduled to complete their testing in the fall of 2013.

"This first group of students worked hard to fit this concentrated training into an already full schedule, but they did really well. They were very motivated because they want to be EFDAs," said Desjardins.

The next step, according to Buck, is to

hold another dental assistant training session, this time open to the general public in order to get more certified dental assistants. Once the pool of qualified CDAs has been expanded, the hope is to offer the EFDA training and be able to work toward attaining Desjardins' original goal of increased access to dental care.

This dental assistant training is a prime example of how NMCC's continuing education division works to provide customized training to meet an immediate need of employers or the community, and leverages funding to make the most of available resources.



# Access to Education

Students are benefitting from more financial help, more academic assistance and more housing options than ever before thanks to the NMCC Foundation, innovative technology and brainstorming.

## Scholarships

For the first time ever, through acquisitions, prudent management of funds and their own generosity, the NMCC Foundation hit a benchmark of awarding \$50,000 in scholarships to students and grants for teaching equipment. These monies are from fundraisers, endowed scholarships, one-time scholarships, memorial gifts, estate distribution and planned giving. Keeping in mind that nearly 80% of our student body is eligible for federal financial aid, the funding provided by the Foundation is essential. In

the 2012-2013 academic year, 83 students were the grateful recipients of these gifts which will decrease their college debt.

## Investing in Innovation

The Foundation has also created a way to help keep the cost of education lower and at the same time benefit all NM students through the Investing in Innovation Fund. Each year, instructors apply for grants through a competitive process to purchase innovative instructional technology for the classroom...as opposed to simply replacing existing equipment. So

far, more than \$10,400 has been awarded through this endowment fund which has eased the burden on department budgets.

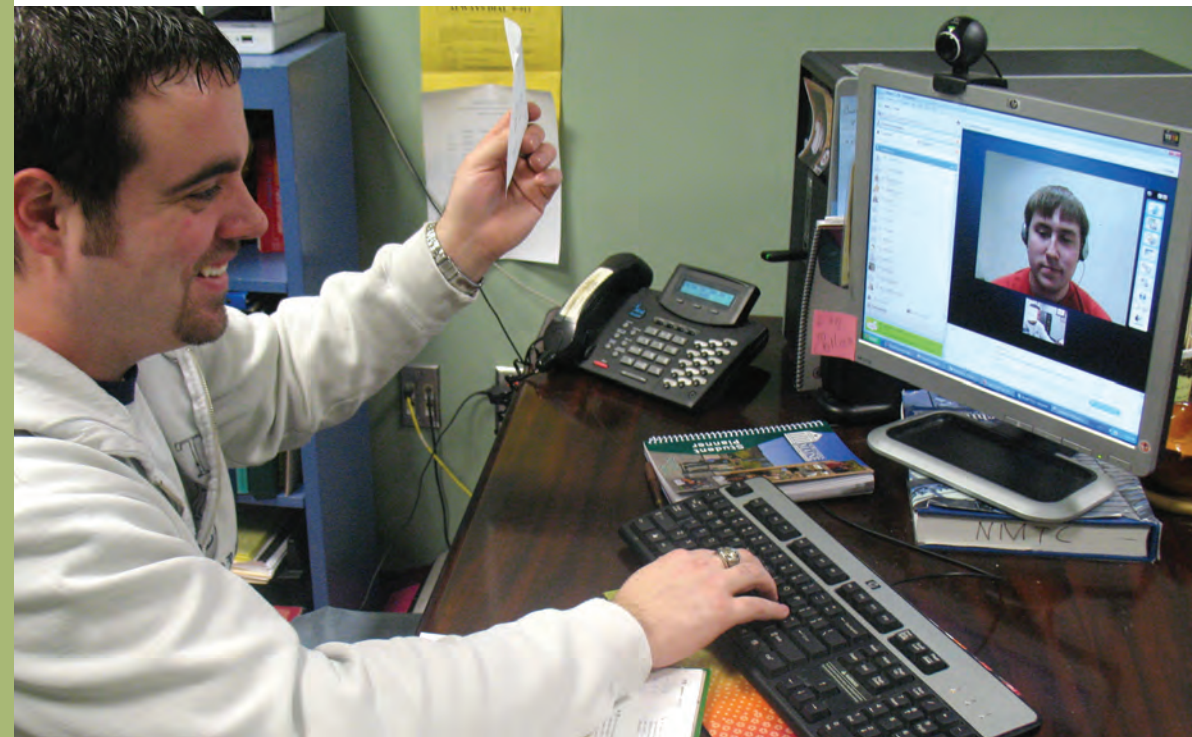
## Academic Success Center

As crucial as funding, supporting our students' academic challenges is an on-going endeavor. This year the NMCC Academic Success Center (ASC) developed a new initiative to take tutoring "on the road". For years, the ASC, located near the library, has offered a quiet place to study and a team of supportive tutors free of charge to those enrolled. Students

could use the center and connect with student tutors (or recently graduated student tutors) who were available to offer assistance in various academic disciplines. More recently, the use of Skype brought online tutoring and actual classes to students who were homebound by illness or other life circumstances. While the usage of the Center has grown by leaps and bounds, Laura McPherson, the director of the Center, has one more trick up her sleeve to make the assistance even more accessible. The idea is to move teams of tutors out of the Center in the evening to help students where they live: the residence halls. Four nights a week, from 6 pm to 8 pm, tutors will be setting up shop in Snow Hall, extending even more convenient help to resident students and commuters alike. This will be in addition to keeping the doors of the Academic Success Center open two nights a week with tutors on board.

## Occasional Housing

Expanding services and access to those services has been a concerted effort by the campus community. Through the work of a special task force made up of administrators, faculty and students to examine residential life, a fundamental need was identified and addressed. Because a number of commuter students spend hours on the road traveling daily to classes, it was determined that overnight accommodations will be offered for occasional use. Dorm space will be set aside in Andrews Hall for use in various circumstances including severe weather and other on-demand reasons such as the need to get to an early morning class (especially after a late class). For a very reasonable cost, students will be able to stay overnight, have dinner at Reed Commons as



well as breakfast the next morning. Students may use these rooms only once or twice a semester or, if their schedule demands it, a couple of times a week, all on a first-come first-served basis. Saving gas, time on the road for more productive purposes (like resting and studying!) and benefiting from sharing in the advantages of residential life will all be available in the fall through occasional housing.

One other recommendation from the task force was to extend the dinner hours in Reed Commons so more students can take advantage after a late afternoon/early evening class. That recommendation will also be implemented in the fall.

## Early College

NMCC continues to reach into area high schools to encourage more students to consider a higher education while making it

affordable and more easily accessible. Early College for ME is a program of the Maine Community College System that offers high school students one or two college courses during their junior and/or senior year which can be applied toward their future community college degree. The cost of tuition, fees and books are paid by the program giving those eligible a free start toward their degree. Students are mentored throughout this high school experience and assistance is also offered to apply for federal financial aid for college. Early College for ME students who are accepted at NM for the fall term following high school graduation are eligible for up to a \$2000 award for a two-year program or \$1000 for a one-year program. Many of these students are the first in their family to pursue a college education which would not have been within reach if it weren't for Early College for ME.

Six area high schools along with the St. John Valley Technology Center participate in the program. Last year 48 high school students benefitted from Early College for ME at NMCC.

Through these efforts and more, NMCC continues to increase accessibility to an affordable, quality education.

Photos left to right: Students participate in 1.) distance tutoring, 2.) using the Academic Success Center, and 3.) Occasional Housing.



# Pam Buck

Pam Buck took on the role of chair for NMCC's trade and technical occupations in the fall of 2012. While heading a department of 16 male faculty members may be daunting to some, it's nothing new for Buck, who has always worked in a male-dominated field.



"While early days in my career were a little challenging, if you are competent in what you do, you will earn the respect of your peers," said Buck, who has worked hard over the years to do just that. "The faculty in this department have been good to work with and supportive. I really admire them for their professionalism, dedication to students and willingness to work with me."

From early on, Buck knew what she wanted to do and challenged traditional gender roles to make it happen. She took drafting at Presque Isle Regional Technology Center against the advice of many who felt she should follow a more traditional college path. She went on to earn her associate's degree in architectural engineering from Vermont Technical College in 1982.

After working for a time in Boston, Buck returned to Aroostook County to work for Aroostook Engineers for ten years. With her years of experience in the field, she was able to sit for her Professional Engineers License exam under the "Long Standing Practice" rule. After passing her

PE exam, she began her own business, Buck Engineering Company. She spent most of her career designing commercial and industrial buildings and has worked on hundreds of building projects in Aroostook County.

It was while working with Roger Crouse and Bob Kervin, former instructors at NMCC, on one of these building projects that she learned about a part-time teaching opportunity at the College. She became an adjunct instructor in 2005, teaching architectural drafting to residential construction students one day a week. It's a course she continues to teach.

"I found I really liked teaching, and that was incentive to finish working on my bachelor's degree," explained Buck. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Maine, all while running her own business and teaching part-time for the College. She graduated in the spring of 2008 and became the lead instructor of the computer-aided drafting program. While teaching, she also went on to take classes for her master's degree in adult and higher

education from the University of Southern Maine. She graduated in May 2013.

After four years of teaching CAD, she moved into her current position as chair of the department. Looking ahead, she has several goals for the department.

Her vision includes continuing to grow programs to meet new job potential and to create evolving curriculum that responds to industry trends and practices. Last year, the automotive technology program increased its national certification to the master level, and the plumbing and heating program added a new solid fuel course.

"Faculty are working hard to stay current with industry standards, and I want to work with my colleagues to help them incorporate changes into the curriculum," said Buck.

In addition, Buck hopes to help inform women of the variety of career options in the trade and technical department at NMCC.

"I am interested in getting more women into the trades. Women looking to

make a career change or young women right out of high school shouldn't rule out trade occupations. They will have a lot more opportunities. These jobs are skilled work and there is a lot of satisfaction in doing it. It can be more fulfilling and higher paying than a desk job," said Buck. "My advice is to find something you like to do and don't worry about what the other people are doing."

She has been talking with students in the tech centers using herself as a personal example of what they can accomplish, but she would also like to expand this effort to students in the high schools.

"We need to get the message out to all students...male or female, trade or otherwise...that a community college is a good place to begin your higher education," explained Buck. "While we will always be serving the students whose goal is to earn a degree and go to work in two years, we need to attract more students who have a goal of a four-year degree but need an economical start."

# Wellness Center

After much planning and finessing of design details, the real work got underway in December, 2012 on the new \$6.25 million project that includes a 10,000 square-foot addition for a new wellness center and renovation of existing space for a new student center on campus.

Abatement began during the Christmas break in areas in the Christie Building that were slated for renovation. Some selective demolition also took place during this time.

In April, NMCC announced the awarding of the contract to J.P. Martin and Sons Construction Corporation of Caribou. They were chosen from among nine qualified bidders. With the contractor on board, work began on the project immediately.

A ceremonial groundbreaking was

held on May 14, although ground was "broken" well before that. Since that time many noticeable changes have taken place, from the framework of the new building to the location of the new main entrance as well as a number of interior renovations. Although there has been some disruption to both students and employees, the outcome will be worthwhile.

"When this facility is complete, it will focus attention and offer another tool to build a healthier and more competitive workforce for Aroostook County," said

NMCC President Timothy Crowley.

"Not only will the students and staff take advantage of this state-of-the-art complex, but it will also be made available to the public."

The project is being funded primarily from a private donation made to the Northern Maine Community College Foundation. An additional \$1.25 million was raised by generous donations from local businesses, the NMCC Foundation and the Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges.



A number of people have played a vital role in the development and planning for the Rodney Smith Wellness Center & Akeley Student Center project under construction at the College, taking the initial concept that was proposed in 2011 and transforming it into the vision that is being built. Ensuring that this project meets the needs of the campus and community and falls within the budget realities has taken a commitment from College leadership, the architectural firm designing the project, and just as importantly, two groups that provided invaluable input: the campus facilities committee and a concept design team.

## Concept Design Team

Sarah Akeley, *Presque Isle*  
Bill Egeler, *NMCC Dean of Students*  
Dr. Carol St. Pierre Engels, *MD*  
Richard Engels, *NMCC Foundation Board*  
Dr. Kimberly Esquibel, *NMCC Nursing & Allied Health Dept. Chair*  
Athill Hebert, *NMCC General Advisory Council*  
Barry Ingraham, *NMCC Director of Physical Plant & Technology*  
Dr. David Jones, *MD*  
Dr. Dottie Martin, *NMCC Academic Dean*  
Jason Parent, *Caribou*  
Gail Roy, *NMCC Assistant Dean of Learning Resources*  
Mary Smith, *Portola Valley, CA*  
Vicki Smith, *NMCC Foundation Board*  
Krissey Williams, *NMCC Student (at start of planning) & now Alumna*

## Facilities Committee

Carl Allen, *Safety Instructor*  
Chuck Brown, *Business Office Manager*  
Pam Buck, *Trade & Technical Occupations Dept. Chair*  
Leah Buck, *Assistant Dean of Continuing Education*  
Bill Casavant, *Athletic Director*  
David Cote, *Electrician*  
Tim Crowley, *President*  
Karen Gonya, *Assistant Director of Development & College Relations*  
Lori Googins, *Occupational Wellness Instructor*  
Barry Ingraham, *NMCC Director of Physical Plant & Technology*  
Chuck Kelley, *Electrical/Electronics Instructor*  
Larry LaPlante, *Finance Director*  
Tammy Nelson, *Director of Counseling*  
Rob Ottaviano, *Director of Dining Services*  
Robert Smith, *Manager of Energy & Information Systems*  
Alan St. Peter, *Plumbing & Heating Instructor*



# NMCC Events



A number of individuals spoke during an event celebrating the commissioning of a **new biomass boiler** at NMCC on September 19. They included, from left: Robert Clark, USDA Forest Service; NMCC President Timothy Crowley; Kris Doody, chair of the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees; Barry Ingraham, director of physical plant and technology at NMCC; and Philipp Lüscher, CEO of Schmid energy-group in Switzerland.



A number of students and employees donned red on February 1, **Wear Red Day**, to support women's heart health.



Information literacy is a critical skill for students to learn, no matter what their age or academic level. Several students at NMCC and the Carleton Project got the chance to build those skills together as they competed in a **Quiz Bowl** at NMCC on Thursday, November 8, in the NMCC library. "Our students find themselves in a world where they are constantly barraged with information that they need to navigate and evaluate. Information literacy is an essential skill for their success in school, work, and life," said Jennifer Graham, an English faculty member at NMCC and coordinator of the competition. "The Quiz Bowl gives students a chance to practice those skills in a fun venue." The Carleton Project, a private, alternative education program for high school students, first began with 12 students in Presque Isle in 1999. Since that time, they have expanded with three additional locations and serve more than 60 students a year.



NMCC students display the medals they won in the **SkillsUSA Maine State Conference** held in Bangor on March 15. Earning medals were, front from left: Leslie Campbell, gold medal, photography; Kord Putnam, gold medal, plumbing; and Brian Buck, silver medal, plumbing. Back, from left: Zack Haggerty, gold medal, technical drafting; Patrick Simpson, gold medal, computer maintenance; Tyler Eager, silver medal, electrical wiring; Kyle Doody, gold medal, electrical wiring; and Kurtis Gagnon, silver medal, welding. Absent from photo: Albert Mauger, gold medal, auto refinishing.



NMCC wind power students demonstrated various training equipment for guests attending the **Wind Power Open House** on April 11. The feature of the tour and open house was the recently-acquired wind turbine, the largest teaching tool in the College's 50-year history.

Members of the Presque Isle Kiwanis Club joined NMCC students and employees on April 30 for the annual **Sinawik Luncheon** hosted by the College to celebrate the near completion of the 36th home built through the collaboration between the two organizations. A special guest for the luncheon was U.S. Senator Angus King.



Nearly a dozen male NMCC faculty and staff members decided to forgo shaving in November 2012 in order to raise money for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts through the Red Cross. While it may have been relatively easy to not shave for a month, the men participating in **No Shave November** worked diligently to collect donations for this worthy cause from across campus and in the local community. Through their efforts more than \$2,250 was donated.



Congressman Michael Michaud (right), guest speaker for **Commencement**, congratulates the three members of the Hole family from Presque Isle who completed their NMCC education together. From left, mom, Shari, graduated from the Nursing program, dad, Jerry, graduated from Computer Electronics, and son, Austin, graduated from Accounting Information Systems.

The College celebrated **Constitution Day** on September 17. This year's event featured a presentation by Dave Raymond, chair of the arts and sciences department, on the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote.



A number of senior citizens from the region were special guests at the annual **Well-Elder Tea** in November to thank them for taking part in a nursing program initiative, during which they allowed first-year nursing students into their homes throughout the fall semester to practice their assessment techniques. A total of 49 students and 49 senior citizens took part in this year's well-elder program.



More than 30 NMCC students, employees and their families walked along the NMCC float and handed out thousands of books to children during **Presque Isle's Holiday Light Parade** on December 1.



# Alumni & Friends



## Homecoming 2012

The NMCC Alumni & Friends Organization worked with the College to host the third annual Homecoming weekend on September 6 & 7, 2012. The group offered a number of activities on Thursday evening in an effort to draw more campus members into Homecoming, including a free barbecue dinner for students, staff, alumni and community members, a softball game, and a live performance by Dan Rooney & the Revolvers.

Alums teamed up with employees to compete against students in a friendly softball game during Homecoming. Win or lose, fun was had by all who took part, including the spectators cheering from the stands.

The NMCC Alumni & Friends Organization moved their annual dinner in 2012 to take place during Homecoming. Several individuals were honored during the dinner. At left, incoming president Michael Thibodeau '77 congratulates honorees Jen Graham, NMCC Instructor of the Year; Judy Hilton '76, recipient of the Torchbearer Award; and Scott Carlin '80, president of the alumni group for the past two years.



## NMCC Alumni & Friends Organization Board, 2012-2013

Among those serving on the NMCC Alumni & Friends Organization executive committee are, seated from left: Scott Carlin '80, outgoing president; Michael Thibodeau '77, president; Heidi Graham '84, vice president; Gisele McDonald '84, treasurer; Tomi Henderson '74 & '98, secretary; and Mark Bouchard '80, director at large. Other members of the board include, standing from left: Jonathon Post '12, Niki Bennick '12, Dennis Albert '76, Janet Kelle '84, Wendy Bradstreet '92, Cindy Albert '84, Judy Hilton '75 & '76, Mary Michaud '96, Sylvia Forte '81 & '89, Jocelyn Marquis '05, and Jodi Tash '11.



## Regional Meeting – St. John Valley 2013

The NMCC Alumni & Friends Organization continued its effort to build membership and reconnect with fellow alumni by hosting a reception in the St. John Valley on April 9, 2012. A number of board members, along with NMCC President Tim Crowley, made the trip from Presque Isle to meet and visit with those attending the reception. It was a great turnout, with interest in doing another gathering soon.



# 2013 Report to Donors



## A Message from the Foundation Chair

Dear Friends, Alumni and Advocates of Northern Maine Community College:

As I turn the final pages of my tenure as Chair, I find it somewhat overwhelming to know where to begin with respect to the countless people deserving of appreciation. First and foremost, I thank each person who has been a part of accomplishing great things and ambitious goals during the past few years. Whether your role has been one of donor, volunteer, advocate or any combination of these, please know that your commitment is the foundation of a strong NMCC. We couldn't do it without you.

During the past year, the NMCC physical facilities and infrastructure have grown. Groundbreaking was held for the new Rodney Smith Wellness and Akeley Student Centers with an anticipated opening this spring. The Northern Maine Center for Excellence in Energy Training and Education was completed and is now equipped with leading-edge technologies that will provide students the necessary skills to build careers in the growing bio mass and alternative energy industries. Two very successful fundraisers were held: the annual TD Bank Golf Tournament and the John Martin Roast, which collectively generated nearly \$36,000 for scholarships. We were extremely pleased to reach a milestone by awarding slightly over \$50,000 in student scholarships and competitive grants for instructors. By doing so, we accomplished our mission of providing opportunities for students to pursue their academic dreams. Your support has helped to underwrite educational and economic development at the College, evidenced by these achievements.

I could write pages about the wonderful experiences I have had during my term as chair, but I'll just touch briefly on the one that touched my heart the most and that is the impact of the scholarship dollars that we raise, manage and distribute. As an alumnus of this great college, I know firsthand the huge impact that education has had on my career. Often times the scholarship money that a student receives makes the difference in whether they are able to start or continue their college education. It is truly heartwarming to hear from students the impact that a scholarship has had on their life. Behind each scholarship dollar awarded, someone's dream is becoming a reality. I cannot imagine a nobler objective for any institution of higher learning.

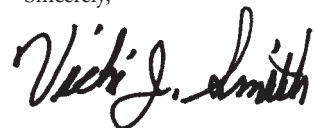
The vision of Dick Engels, Chairperson for 2008-2009, has come to fruition: the creation of an Alumni and Friends Organization. Under the leadership of Mike Thibodeau, current President of the NMCC Alumni and Friends Organization; and his predecessor, Scott Carlin, this group has enjoyed significant progress with a host of events and activities conducted for the alumni of this great college.

Finally, I would be remiss if I failed to extend a special thanks to President Tim Crowley, Sue Bernard, Shannon Cook and Karen Gonya for their unwavering support over the past two years. I also would like to thank my predecessor, Brian Hamel, who was always there for me.

It's hard to believe that my two-year term as Chair of the Foundation Board has come to an end. It has been a very rewarding and exciting experience to have served in this capacity. As Sue Bernard, our Executive Director and Dean of Development and College Relations so aptly stated one year ago, "NM is on the move" and that's an entirely accurate statement. Progressive and exciting projects will continue and, it is with great privilege that I turn my role over to incoming Chair and NMCC alumnus, Bruce Sandstrom.

To each of you: thanks once again. Be certain that you are making an enormous impact on the lives and hopes of many students as well as the quality of education offered at NMCC. In my role as Chair of the Foundation Board, I have been constantly reminded of the quality of this institution and the people who serve as its heartbeat.

The future is, indeed, bright.  
Sincerely,



Vicki J. Smith, *Chair*  
*Northern Maine Community College Foundation*



## Foundation Board

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Northern Maine Community College

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## Foundation Staff

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Shannon Cook, Foundation & Institutional  
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## Balance Sheets

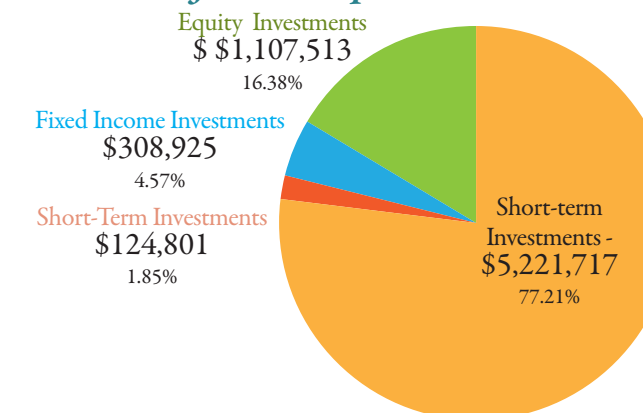
### Condensed Balance Sheets As of June 30, 2013 and 2012

	2013	2012
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$68,492	\$11,543
Contributions/Accounts Receivable	58,000	4,000
Investments	6,762,956	7,087,873
Total Assets	\$6,889,448	\$7,103,416
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Deferred Revenue/Accounts Payable	\$5,215,035	\$5,651,962
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	33,683	18,646
Temporarily Restricted	485,716	310,323
Permanently Restricted	1,155,014	1,122,485
Total Net Assets	1,674,413	1,451,454
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$6,889,448	\$7,103,416

### Condensed Statement of Activities For the Years Ended June 30, 2013 and 2012

	2013	2012
<b>Revenue</b>		
Donations	\$415,532	\$5,115,268
Fundraising & Other Revenue	23,913	63,265
NMCC Contribution to Expenses	30,361	37,200
Investment Income	196,522	(14,666)
Total Revenue	666,328	5,201,067
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Scholarships and Grants	48,780	43,936
Grants & Awards	326,947	5,022,534
Fundraising Expenses	216	12,377
Administrative Expenses	67,426	87,445
Total Expenditures	443,369	5,166,292
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$222,959	\$34,775

### Portfolio Composition - 2013



## A Message from the Foundation Treasurer

Revenues for the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, were \$666,328 and \$5,201,067, respectively. On February 2, 2012, your Foundation received a gift from Mary Smith of \$5,003,750 to support the Rodney Smith Wellness Center and The Akeley Student Center. In January of 2013, an additional gift of \$200,000 was received from Mrs. Smith for the centers. These generous gifts for the project from Mrs. Smith followed her gifts of \$1,250,000 in late 2010 that support alternative energy education projects at the College. In addition, the Foundation received gifts from other friends of the College totaling \$215,532 in fiscal year 2013 and \$111,518 in fiscal year 2012, reflecting the continued support of the community for the College and Foundation. The gifts earmarked for the wellness and student center projects resulted in grants and awards expenses of \$326,947 for fiscal year 2013 compared to \$5,022,534 last year. As qualifying earmarked project expenditures are paid by the College, the Foundation reimburses the College for its expenditures. As of June 30, 2013, the construction of the wellness and student center projects had started. Unspent Smith gift proceeds are invested in short-term investments while earmarked purchases are reflected as accounts payable. For the year ended June 30, 2013, total assets decreased to \$6,889,448 from \$7,103,416 for the same period in 2012, due to the start-up of the wellness and student center projects and the use of investment funds to reimburse the College for the earmarks. Deferred revenue/accounts payable decreased from \$5,651,962 for the fiscal year 2012 to \$5,215,035 for the fiscal year 2013, reflecting the payment of earmarked purchases.

The Foundation's Investment and Finance committee as well as the Executive committee monitor investment results given the current economic times. Investment income for the year ended June 30, 2013 was \$196,522 compared to a loss of \$14,666 for the year ended June 30, 2012. Investment returns for the managed endowed funds were approximately 12.5% and 2% for the fiscal years 2013 and 2012, respectively.

Chester M. Kearney and Co. completed its audit of the foundation's financial statements. The foundation received a "clean" opinion and did not receive any management comments. The auditors met with the Executive committee of the Board and reviewed the results of the audit and the Foundation's tax return.

Larry LaPlante, *NMCC Foundation Treasurer*



# Year in Review

## Investing in Innovation



From left: Bruce Sandstrom, NMCC Foundation Board; Dr. Dottie Martin and Shawn Lahey, Foundation Investing in Innovation committee members; and faculty recipients of the equipment, Dean Duplessis, Greg Thompson, and Dr. Lynne Nelson Manion.

A digital microscope, a high-tech wireless measurement and data collection system, and an iPad...all new equipment that was purchased for NMCC students thanks to a fund earmarked to finance innovative projects. Since 2008, the Investing in Innovation Fund technology endowment has purchased equipment that would not otherwise be funded through College department budgets. In the spring of 2013, the endowment, established through the NMCC Foundation, financed three projects worth more than \$3,600.

The Life Sciences Lab was awarded \$1800 for the purchase of a new digital microscope that is allowing students to see actual cells and tissues, facilitating even better usage of slides that were purchased through this same endowment three years ago. Another \$1,160 award financed equipment for the precision metals manufacturing program. A wireless measurement and data collection system will support a teaching method called Statistical Process Control (SPC). Using SPC, the production process of an article is continually monitored in order to reduce the quantity of defective products manufactured. Finally, the fund provided \$700 to buy a 64 GB iPad for use in speech, technical communications and business communications classes. The iPad is being used to teach students how to utilize apps to improve learning, to show students the impact of their verbal and non-verbal communications style, and to familiarize students with video conferencing.

Since 2008, the NMCC Foundation has awarded \$10,420 through the Investing in Innovation Fund.

## Seventh Annual TD Bank Golf Tournament

NMCC students, along with the entire campus, were the beneficiaries of more than \$20,000 in funds raised through the TD Bank Golf Tournament to benefit the NMCC Foundation held on August 9, 2012 at the Aroostook Valley Country Club in Fort Fairfield. This marked the tournament's most successful year to date. Just over 100 golfers teed off for the annual scramble.



This marked the seventh year TD Bank partnered with the NMCC Foundation to host a golf tournament to raise scholarship funds for students. In addition to scholarship funds, monies raised during the 2012 tournament were also earmarked to support NMCC's new wellness and student centers project.

"We are most grateful to Mike Kelley, Ray Hews, and many others at TD Bank for their work on this annual event. We appreciate the participation of the players and all the sponsors and supporters of the tournament," said Vicki Smith, NMCC Foundation Chair. "During the past seven years, TD Bank's partnership with the Foundation has resulted in more than \$100,000 raised in support of student scholarships. Added to that excitement this year is TD Bank's additional support to help fund the College's new wellness center project."



Each year, a "traveling putter" is auctioned off at the tournament, which has raised thousands of dollars over the years. Peter Hunt donated the hand-crafted Otey Crisman putter with the intent the highest bidder would "own" the putter for a year and then return it to be auctioned off again the following year. In 2012, a large group of co-workers, customers and friends of Glenn Lamarr purchased the putter in honor of Glenn and his wife, Gail. Glenn, a long-time employee of TD Bank, was diagnosed with a serious illness in early 2012. He had to take a leave of absence from the bank, and his absence was felt at the golf tournament, the first he had missed since its inception. The amount of funds raised by the putter in 2012 was the highest ever paid, a true reflection of how all of Glenn's community holds him in high regard. Mike Kelley, regional vice president of TD Bank in Presque Isle, traveled to Fort Kent to present the putter to Glenn and his wife.

## Community Support for Wellness Project

The business community has rallied to donate the final one million dollars needed to complete the Rodney Smith Wellness Center and Akeley Student Center currently under construction. The initial gift of five million dollars from Presque Isle native Mary Smith leveraged \$300,000 each from the NMCC Foundation and the Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges. In addition, regional community collaborators have joined the effort which will offer students and the greater public access to wellness activities and information. We are grateful to MMG Insurance, The Aroostook Medical Center, Katahdin Trust Company, York's of Houlton/Toyota, Key Bank, TD Bank, S.W. Collins Co., Cary Medical Center, Houlton Regional Hospital, and the Maine Community Foundation.

## Foundation Annual Dinner

### Outstanding Benefactors Award

This award is presented annually to a benefactor who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the Foundation and its program of work. This year's honor went to a company that is a staunch supporter of both the NMCC Foundation and the College. TD Bank has supported student scholarships through corporate giving and through collaborative fundraising efforts, most notably the TD Bank Golf Tournament to support the NMCC Foundation. In the past seven years, more than \$126,000 has been raised from this tournament. Receiving the award on behalf of TD Bank were Michael Kelley (second from left), regional vice president, and Ray Hews (center), tournament organizer. Presenting the award were NMCC President Tim Crowley (far left); Vicki Smith, chair of the NMCC Foundation; and Athill Hebert, chair of the NMCC General Advisory Committee.



### Eagle Award

This prestigious service award is presented annually to an individual who works tirelessly to support and promote the NMCC Foundation. The recipient of this year's award was Michael Thibodeau, a 1977 alum of the College who is president of the NMCC Alumni & Friends Organization and serves on both the General Advisory Council and the Foundation Board. He is an advocate who believes in NMCC and speaks publicly and proudly about the difference the College has made in his life.



### Newly-Endowed Scholarship

Emily Smith (center) accepts a desk clock commemorating the newly-endowed Smith's Farm Scholarship Fund. The scholarship will be presented annually to a deserving Aroostook County student enrolled in accounting, business administration, diesel hydraulics or welding and metal fabrication.



# Honor Roll of Donors

## Individual Donors

**Scholar's Club**  
(\$25,000 - \$49,999)  
The Estate of Emelia Marie Flannigan

**New Century Club**  
(\$10,000 - \$24,999)  
Alan & Lynn Turnbull  
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**Pacesetter's Club**  
(\$5,000 - \$9,999)  
Rick & Carolyn Daigle  
Mary Smith

**President's Club**  
(\$1,000 - \$4,999)  
Anonymous (2)  
Bill Allen  
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**Benefactor's Club**  
(\$100 - \$499)  
Anonymous (4)  
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## Making a Gift to the Foundation

The NMCC Foundation exists for the sole purpose of providing support for programs and activities which enhance the quality of education and expand the educational opportunities for students enrolled at Northern Maine Community College.

For more information on establishing memorial gifts, planned giving, estate distribution, or other giving options, please contact the Foundation at:  
(207) 760-1188.

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For gifts and securities, bequests or pledges over time, please call the Northern Maine Community College Foundation at:  
(207) 760-1188.

Every effort is made to ensure that the information provided in this report is accurate. If you should find a possible error, please bring it to our attention so that we may address any concerns and/or correct our files. You may contact the Foundation office at (207) 760-1188, or stop by the office located on the first floor of the Christie Building on the NMCC campus.

## Corporate Donors

**Founder's Club**  
(\$100,000 or more)  
Silicon Valley Community Foundation –  
The Troutbeck Fund

**New Century Club**  
(\$10,000 - 24,999)  
Katahdin Trust Company  
MMG Insurance Company

**Pacesetter's Club**  
(\$5,000 - \$9,999)  
Houlton Regional Hospital  
Sturdivant Island Tuna Tournament  
Charitable Foundation  
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Community Colleges

**President's Club**  
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**Benefactor's Club**  
(\$100 - \$499)  
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A&L Construction, Inc.  
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Lynox Cleaning Systems  
Paradis Shop 'n Save  
Pines Health Services  
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## Memorial Gifts

Many times family members and friends choose to make a gift in memory or in honor of a loved one. Most often, gifts are made when someone passes away, but they can also be made in remembrance on an annual basis. This is a special way of creating a lasting memorial.

Special thanks to all who chose this important recognition of the following individuals during the 2012 fiscal year:

**In Memory Of**  
Norma Belanger  
Larry Cowett  
Mitchell Cyr  
Heidi Graham  
Frank Labbe  
Governor John H. Reed  
Bud Stewart  
Matthew Turnbull

**In Honor Of**  
Michael & Peggy Kelley



# Scholarships

*Each year, thanks to the NMCC Foundation, many students receive scholarships to help pay for their education. The following are the current scholarships and funds.*

**Advantage Payroll/Gauvin Scholarship** Awarded each semester to full-time, non-traditional students who are Aroostook County residents in good academic standing with demonstrated financial need, this scholarship was established by Ray & Sandy Gauvin and Advantage Payroll Services.

**Betty Baulch Scholarship** Created for students in the nursing and allied health department by NMCC employees and alumni, this scholarship honors Margaret Carson and Betty Clark, two former long-time chairs of that department.

**Robert Blackmore Scholarship** Created for students in the business technology department by NMCC employees and alumni in honor of Robert Blackmore, a former Computer Information Systems instructor.

**Bustard/Carlson Scholarship** Open to all students, with selection based on financial need and academic merit, this scholarship was started by the Fred Bustard and Aaron Carlson families.

**Caribou Rotary Scholarship** Created by the Caribou Rotary Club, this scholarship is awarded to Caribou High School graduates who are attending NMCC. The award is need based and goes to an individual who shows significant promise.

**Central Aroostook EMS Scholarship Fund** Established to provide assistance to individuals enrolled in NMCC's emergency medical services program who reside in Blaine, Mars Hill, Bridgewater, E. Plantation or Monticello.

**Tom and Betty K. Conant Scholarship Fund** This Fund was established by Tom Conant and his wife Betty Kent-Conant. It is designated for students who are residents of Maine, with preference given to students from Aroostook County. It alternates annually between a student pursuing a degree in nursing or a related allied health field, and one in electrical construction and maintenance.

**Larry Cowett Memorial Scholarship** Awarded to a second year student enrolled in an automotive program, with preference given to students in automotive technology. Preference will also be given to students who are Presque Isle residents or graduates of Presque Isle High School.

**Mitch Cyr Memorial Scholarship** Awarded in memory of Mitchell P. Cyr, this scholarship is for a traditional student who is an Aroostook County resident, with preference given to Presque Isle High School graduates. The scholarship is based on financial need and satisfactory academic standing with a demonstrated desire to learn and succeed.

**Dickinson-McBreairty Memorial Scholarship Fund** Established in honor and memory of the late James and Doris (Dickinson) McBreairty, as well as the couple's parents. The fund awards scholarships annually to students demonstrating financial need, one each from the towns of Perham, Wade, and Washburn.

**Dirigo FFA/Nutrite Scholarship** Established through a donation from the Dirigo FFA Foundation, Inc., the scholarship is for NMCC students

who are Aroostook County residents and either a former FFA student or a student from a farm family enrolled in the business administration or diesel hydraulics program.

**Francis E. Dorsey Scholarship** This scholarship was established by Geraldine Dorsey in memory of her late husband, Francis. It is awarded annually to a woman enrolled in a trade program at the College.

**Lloyd Duncan Scholarship** Awarded to a senior in an electrical/electronics program, this scholarship was established in 1996 by Thelma Swain and named after a former instructor at the College.

**Mary Maxine & Charles D. Eber Scholarship** Originally established by Charles Eber in memory of his late wife, the scholarship was renamed after Mr. Eber passed away. It is intended to help an NMCC student achieve his or her educational goals.

**E. Perrin Edmunds Memorial Scholarship** Established by the late Phyllis Dake in memory of her brother, a state legislator from Fort Fairfield who played a key role in obtaining the funding to establish the College, this scholarship is awarded to a student from Aroostook County who is in good academic standing and shows financial need.

**General Endowed Scholarship** A number of scholarships are given to students each year based on academic performance and financial need. These are made possible through the interest

earned on all endowed donations that are not designated for a dedicated scholarship.

**G. Melvin & Phyllis J. Hovey Scholarship** This scholarship is awarded to a student from Aroostook County who shows potential for making a contribution to college life and to society, and who demonstrates high moral character.

**Durward & Lillian Huffman Scholarship** Honoring a long-time NMCC president, this scholarship was established through donations from employees and other college friends when Dr. Huffman retired. This scholarship is awarded to a full-time, second-year student who has demonstrated academic excellence.

**Peter G. Hunt, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund** Established by United Insurance Group following the unexpected passing of Peter Hunt, Sr. as a tribute to his memory and legacy. Criteria for this scholarship includes having a GPA of 3.0 or higher and being enrolled in the second-semester in a business, nursing or trade program.

**Brian C. James Scholarship** The NMCC Foundation holds the assets of this scholarship that rotates among several Maine Community Colleges. Students enrolled in an automotive/mechanical or civil engineering technology program with satisfactory academic progress and demonstrated financial need are eligible.

**Larry A. Langille Memorial Scholarship** Established by members of the Langille family, this scholarship is awarded to a full-time student, preferably in the computer-aided drafting program.

**Gov. James B. Longley Scholarship Fund** This fund is supported by the Governor James B. Longley Scholarship Foundation for two scholarships annually. The intent is to provide support to the same student for each of the two years of the student's enrollment at NMCC.

**Dana McGlaufflin Memorial Scholarship** Established by McGlaufflin, who served as a long-time business manager for the College. The fund is awarded annually to students who demonstrate involvement in their community, have good academic standing and are enrolled in a degree program at the College. Preference is given to students from Aroostook County.

**Maine Better Transportation Association Snow Scholarship Fund** The Foundation receives \$1,000 annually to award one or two scholarships to a Maine resident in the transportation field who has demonstrated financial need.

**Machias Savings Bank Scholarship Fund** This fund was established through a donation from Machias Savings Bank to benefit deserving students from Aroostook, Penobscot, Washington or Hancock Counties enrolled in a business-related field of study. The fund will be used to provide scholarships and/or awards to

students to fund tuition, books, tools, and equipment.

**Maine Potato Board Scholarship** Funded through a potato tax fund grant, the scholarship is for students who have a direct connection to the Maine potato growing industry, via his/herself or their immediate family and who are Maine residents in good academic standing and involved in school and/or community activities.

**Maine Public Service Scholarship** Funded by donations from Maine Public Service Company, this scholarship is intended for a full-time student from Aroostook County with significant promise who is pursuing a vocation useful in a career with Maine Public Service Company.

**Philip Parker Memorial/Tri-City Scholarship** These two combined funds are intended to provide scholarship assistance to a full-time student pursuing a degree in an electronics program or taking a computer class. Preference is given to a student studying computer electronics.

**Belinda Sewall Page Memorial Scholarship** This scholarship is awarded to a student who either attended a Head Start program as a child and/or is enrolled in the NMCC early childhood education program.

**Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship** Funded by NMCC students involved in the campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for students in two-year colleges, it is intended for PTK members.

**Dale P. and Christopher P. Powers Scholarship** Established in memory of Dale & Christopher Powers, this scholarship is for a full-time student pursuing a degree at NMCC with demonstrated financial need.

**Presque Isle Rotary Club Scholarship** Funded by the Presque Isle Rotary Club, this scholarship is intended for full-time students who are graduates of Presque Isle High School or residents of Presque Isle who have demonstrated financial need.

**Carl & Lillian Rasmussen Scholarship** This memorial scholarship is for a student in the nursing program at NMCC who has a demonstrated dedication to school and/or community service.

**Linwood Raymond Memorial Scholarship** Established by the Raymond family, this scholarship is intended for a second-year student in the liberal studies program at NMCC and is based on financial need.

**Bruce and Connie Sandstrom Scholarship Fund** This scholarship fund, established by Bruce and Connie Sandstrom during The Campaign for the County's College, is intended for a student in the accounting program.

**George W. Scott/Maine Mutual Scholarship** This scholarship was established through donations from MMG Insurance and is intended for a student enrolled in the business technology department in good academic standing.

**Smith's Farm Scholarship** This scholarship fund was established by Smith's Farm, Inc. during The Campaign for the County's College. This scholarship is intended for residents of Aroostook County with preference given to students enrolled in accounting, business administration, diesel hydraulics, or welding & metal fabrication.

**Paris J. Snow Scholarship** Established by Willetta "Billy" Snow in memory of her husband, this scholarship is for a full-time student who is an Aroostook County resident, shows significant promise and has demonstrated financial need. Pat Snow was an enthusiastic supporter of vocational technical education in Maine, particularly at NMCC. He was one of the original incorporators of the Foundation and served as its first president.

**Sturdivant Island Tuna Tournament Charitable Foundation Scholarship** The tuna tournament is a three-day fishing event held annually in South Portland, raising funds for charitable causes. In 2005, SITTT made a commitment to endow a scholarship for NMCC students. Scholarships are awarded annually, with preference given to Maine residents with demonstrated unmet financial need and in good academic standing.

**Sunshine Health Scholarship Fund** This fund was established in 2009 through a \$10,000 donation from anonymous donors who call themselves the Sunshine Benefactors. This scholarship is for a student in the allied health department at NMCC

and is based on financial need.

**Ian R. Sutherland Memorial Scholarship** – Established in part by gifts from friends of the Sutherlands in the weeks after Ian's accident, funding for the scholarship was then completed by the Sutherland family. The scholarship is awarded to a first-year student in the diesel hydraulics program.

**S. W. Collins Company Scholarship Fund** – This scholarship fund was established by S. W. Collins Company and is intended for a student in a building trades program.

**TD Bank Scholarship** – Funded by donations from TD Bank, this scholarship is awarded to students who are Maine residents in the business technology department, based on both financial need and satisfactory academic standing with a demonstrated desire to learn and succeed.

**Thelma C. Swain Scholarship** – The scholarship is for students enrolled in a program which has an impact upon Aroostook County, with preference given to those enrolled in the nursing, residential construction, or plumbing and heating programs. Before her passing, Ms. Swain endowed a scholarship at each of the seven colleges of the MCCS.

**TAMC/Marge Haines Memorial Scholarship** – This scholarship, funded by a group of nursing professionals and TAMC's medical staff and board of directors, is in memory of Marge Haines, a nurse at TAMC for many years. Eligible students must be enrolled in the nursing

program with a minimum 3.25 grade point average and have plans to practice in Aroostook County upon graduation.

**Larry & Audrey Thibodeau Scholarship** This scholarship, established by the late Larry and Audrey Thibodeau, is to provide educational assistance to Aroostook County residents who are seeking education and training in a medical-related field.

**Richard West Scholarship** This scholarship was started by college employees and alumni to honor Dick West, department chair of the trades department at NMCC for 25 years, when he retired in 2000. It is intended for a student pursuing an education in the trades department.

## Newly-Endowed Scholarships in 2013

**Maine Potato Growers Scholarship** Created during The Campaign for the County's College, this scholarship fund helps ensure affordable access to education for those who seek to build a career in Aroostook County.

**Matthew Turnbull's Livin' The Dream Scholarship** In keeping his spirit alive, Matthew's family established this scholarship to assist two eligible students enrolled in the Trade Tech Department just as Matthew was. One recipient must be a graduate of Caribou High School and a first-year student at NMCC. The second student must be an Aroostook County native in their second year at NMCC.



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