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NMCC hosts Homecoming activities & 50th Anniversary Gala



Northern Maine Community College celebrated both its annual Homecoming weekend and its 50th anniversary during a number of special events held on September 9 and 10 on campus. Approximately 700 campus and community members stopped by to enjoy the BBQ luncheon during the NMCC Open House on Friday and listen to the performance by the Presque Isle Middle School Jazz Band.



NMCC athletic director William Casavant (center) speaks to one of the tour groups during the College's Open House on Friday, September 9. More than 250 high school students from across the County and community members toured the campus and learned more about NMCC offerings.



A dozen area vendors participated in a Harvest Bazaar on the NMCC campus on Friday, September 9. The bazaar served not only as a draw to bring community members to campus, but also as a way to support local vendors and craftspersons who were invited to take part at no charge.



The NMCC Falcons soccer team played against a team of NMCC alums during a Saturday morning match on September 10 at the College. NMCC alum Dusty Graham (center), who was himself a member of the soccer team the past two years before graduating in May, gets the ball from NMCC Falcon Jacob Lassonde. Despite a valiant effort by alumni, the Falcons won the game with a final score of 6 to 1.



The highlight of Northern Maine Community College's Homecoming Weekend was the 50th Anniversary Gala held on Saturday, September 10, in the College's gymnasium. Nearly 450 were in attendance at the event which was held as a fund raiser for the NMCC Foundation. Featured during the evening were 47 alumni and three community members who were honored as NMCC's 50 Shining Stars, representing the array of programs and the breadth and depth of the impact the College and its alumni have made over five decades. Each honoree was presented with a special star award designed and crafted by Dennis Albert, NMCC welding and metal fabrications instructor, and his students. Albert himself (center right) was one of the recipients of the award, representing the class of 1976. Albert was presented his award by Keith Brady of Aramark Food Services, sponsors of his star.



Keeping it in the Family – Michael Kelley, Sr. (right), a 1971 graduate from then NMVTI's accounting program, was named one of NMCC's Shining Stars. Kelley, regional vice president for TD Bank, N.A. in Presque Isle, was presented his award during the Gala by Michael Kelley, Jr., himself an NMCC alum and employee of TD Bank. Introducing him during the award presentation was his son Mark Kelley, on behalf of the NMCC Alumni & Friends Organization.