Students Attend Albany Conference

Students (left to right) Gregory Storer, Kathy-Jo Stone, Heidi Bean and Ryan Whitney traveled to Albany, NY in early January for the Campus Crusade for Christ Northeast Regional Winter Conference. They joined several hundred students from all over the northeastern U.S. for "The Epicenter Experience". The students participated in leadership and faith building workshops; times of praise and worship; Bible studies and prayer groups; and a "Day of Outreach". Students interested in joining the CMCC Chapter of Campus Crusade for Christ should check out our “campus group” on the “students” tab of CMConnect.

Former CMCC Student Featured as Best Chef

Chef Corey Sumner Featured in Sun Journal

Corey Sumner of Maurice Restaurant Francais emphasizes keeping it simple and keeping it new at Maurice Restaurant Francais in South Paris. A graduate of CMCC, Corey spoke recently with Beth Herman of the Sun Journal as one of the Best Chefs series profiles. Read more here.

Very Special Guest Meets with Human Services Students

Human Services students in Margarita Zavala King’s Developmental Disability and Psychosocial Rehabilitation class welcomed a very special guest recently - Rick Mallar of South Portland. Mr. Mallar suffers from cerebral palsy and is confined to a wheelchair. Although institutionalized early in life, he was able eventually to live independently through the assistance of his human service professionals. With their help he learned important basic skills such as cooking, cleaning and utilizing public transportation. He told the class that he is happy and lives a fulfilling life, thanks to his social worker and the services available to him.
Accelerate ME Students Excel

Success is the word for many of the first students enrolled in Accelerate ME, a program designed to help Maine adults who have earned at least 30 college credits to complete a two-year degree in 12 months. Sixty-five percent of the students made the Fall Dean’s List, with 20% of them earning President’s List honors. Six students graduated in December and another sixteen are slated to graduate in May.

CMCC is one of three community colleges in Maine that are offering this new scholarship and assistance program for students who are struggling to complete their associate degrees. Accelerate ME provides participating students with academic assessment and course review, priority registration, financial assistance, and ongoing advising and support from the program coordinator.

Accelerate ME is funded by major grants from the Kresge Foundation and Unum. Anyone interested is asked to contact Sheila Lawlor, the CMCC coordinator for Accelerate ME, at 755-5448 or slawlor@cmcc.edu.

Getting Involved at CMCC!

Our student organizations were out in force at the recent Student Activities Fair held in Jalbert Hall.

Left to right are James O’Kane and Emily Morris promote Zumba; Carmen Edwards, president of the Human Services Club; Sara Fabrizio and Jesse Buck from the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society; and from the Rainbow Alliance, Mina Matthews (advisor), Paul Cote Jr (co-leader), Chelsea Wilcox (treasurer).

The Lakeside Players Announce

Call-Outs and Auditions for the Spring One-Act Comedy
The Oz Monologues

Tuesday, February 14 - Between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.
Kirk Hall Auditorium

The Oz Monologues reveals the hilarious behind-the-scenes look at what really happened when Dorothy landed in Oz, what became of the other characters after Dorothy left and the secret behind the magical ruby slipper!

Production Dates: April 20 at 7 p.m. & April 21 at 2 p.m.)
Auditions also available by appointment. Please just call or email!
FMI: Call Mitch at 838-1722 or email mthomas@cmcc.edu
The CMCC Lakeside Players Present the Poland Stage Troupe Production of:

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)
Wednesday, February 22 at 4:00 p.m.
Kirk Hall Auditorium
FREE and open to the CMCC community and the public.

“If you like Shakespeare, you will like this show. If you hate Shakespeare, you will love this show!”

The CMCC Lakeside Players are pleased to welcome the Poland Stage Troupe (PST) to our campus to present their production of The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged). Also known as The Compleat Wrks of Wllm Shkspr, this hilarious and fast-paced play is a parody of the plays written by William Shakespeare with all of them being performed (in shortened form) during the show by just three actors. The actors speak directly to the audience during much of the play, and some scenes involve audience participation.

The script contains many humorous footnotes on the text that are often not included in the performance. However, improvisation plays an important role and it is normal for the actors to deviate from the script and have spontaneous conversations about the material with each other or the audience. The actors often make references to pop culture or talk about local people and places. As a result, each performance can be vastly different from another, even with the same cast.

This production is directed by Alexandra Wright and D’Arcy Robinson. The Poland Stage Troupe’s mission is to bring quality theater to the communities of Southern Maine. The PST has performed at festivals, libraries, campgrounds, and more. You can learn more about the troupe on their website.

Photo: Poland Stage Troupe actors Christopher Dowling, Ted Tibbets and Bryant Cyr will perform in the upcoming production of The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged).

William L. Vassar Jr.

1929-2011

William L. Vassar Jr., 82, of Auburn passed away in late December. He worked for many years at what was then CMVTI, first as an instructor and then as the assistant director until his retirement. An Air Force veteran of the Korean War, he held degrees from Wentworth Institute and USM. His obituary appeared in the Lewiston Sun Journal.

William L. Vassar Jr.
Mustang News

The Women's Basketball team is off to a solid start this semester. In their first game in January, the Lady Mustangs beat NHTI 67-60 to avenge their loss to the Lynx last fall. A big reason for the current success is the addition of six new players to the roster: former Mustang/YSCC All-Star, Kayla Ellis (Dover, NH), former Mustang Ariel McConkey (Fryeburg, ME), former Oak Hill standout and 1,000 point scorer Maggie Sabine (Litchfield, ME), Becka Lehotay (Gardiner, ME), Kaisha Rodriguez (Lawrence, MA) and Keaira Jackson, all the way from Houston, Texas. Welcome to the squad!

Softball Players Chill Out for Special Olympics

Several members of the Mustang softball team braved the cold to participate in the recent "Lobster Dip for Special Olympics Maine." Along with friends Abby Iselborn and Casey Campana (with his dog Maggie) the team raised over $1,000. Pictured left to right are Candace Hall, Shyan Baillargeon, Magan Blais, Maggie Soule, Casey Campana, Abby Iselborn, and Kate Dargie.

ACE Students Attend Conference

A group of students from the Architectural and Civil Engineering Program attended a transportation conference recently sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers, Maine Department of Transportation and Maine Better Transportation Bureau. The students attended most of the technical track discussions of practical design and new technologies. They also participated in the popsicle bridge building competition (photo right).

Veterans Helping Veterans

The Veteran’s Club collected a total of $525 during their raffle on February 1. The funds have been sent to the Lewiston Vet Center to support the emergency needs of veterans who contact the Center. The raffle winners of gift cards to the bookstore were Michelle Corriveau and Heather Spaulding. Veteran’s Club members will make a formal presentation to the Vet Center director later this month.

Raffle winners Heather Spaulding and Michelle Corriveau are seen here with Denis Fortier, veterans to college coordinator and Veteran’s Club advisor.
CMCC - Four Locations in Oxford County!

In addition to the Western Maine University and Community College Center in South Paris, CMCC also offers classes at three other locations in Oxford County: Telstar Regional High School in Bethel, Region 9 School of Applied Technology in Mexico, and since January, 2011 at Fryeburg Academy.

"Fryeburg Academy . . . is pleased to work in collaboration with CMCC in providing our students and community members the opportunity to take college courses in the evenings on our campus. This is an excellent way for our students to earn college credits at a very reduced rate, and to reduce commuting time for adults who want to begin or continue post-secondary studies," said Nicole Cote-Crosskill, director of school and college counseling services at Fryeburg Academy.

For more information about CMCC in Oxford County, please contact Michelle Hawley, student services coordinator for Oxford County; at 207.743.9322 ext. 204 or by email at mhawley@cmcc.edu.

Photo: Instructor Karen Bean leads her Developmental Psychology class held in the Bion R Cram Library at Fryeburg Academy.

New Staff Members Announced

Kellie Morris, administrative specialist in Academic Affairs. Kellie is an Auburn native who graduated with honors from CMCC in 2007 with a degree in business administration and management. She was previously employed as a copy assistant at the Lewiston Sun Journal and as an event/marketing manager at the Androscoggin Bank Colisee.

Meredith Bonney, assistant director of registration and records. Meredith graduated with honors from CMCC in 2011 with degrees in accounting and business administration and management. She is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Meredith has been employed as business manager at Rack-M-Up Billiards and as a technician at Formed Fiber Technologies. She lives in Turner and is the owner of Patchwork Place in Livermore.

Leisa Collins, project manager, DOL TAA Grant. A native of Old Town, Leisa earned a bachelor’s degree in business management at Bentley University and a master’s degree in education at the University of Maine. Employed most recently as admissions director at York County Community College, Leisa worked previously at CMCC as admissions director and internship coordinator. Under this grant through the US Department of Labor, Leisa will be assisting colleagues at each of our seven campuses to expand the Maine Community College System’s capacity to deliver career training programs that prepare eligible participants for employment in high-wage, high-skill occupations.
Faculty Notes

Humanities instructor Jessica Smith has been nominated by Ruminate Magazine for a Pushcart Prize. Her short story "Something Quick and Bright" was runner-up in Ruminate Magazine's William Van Dyke Fiction Prize for 2011. Ruminate is an award-winning quarterly literary arts print magazine engaging the Christian faith. Ruminate publishes poetry, short stories, photography, visual art reproductions, short fiction, memoir, creative nonfiction, essays, reviews, and interviews. [http://www.pushcartprize.com/](http://www.pushcartprize.com/)

The Pushcart Prize - Best of the Small Presses series, published every year since 1976, is one of the most honored literary projects in America. Winners of the prize will be revealed in late spring. Good luck, Jessica!

Human Services instructor Jesse Morris was published in a recent edition of the Journal of Multiculturalism in Education. This peer-reviewed professional journal publishes and disseminates multicultural education research, theory and practice on multicultural related issues. Dr. Morris’ article is titled "The Stereotyping of American Indians: Where do we currently stand at the University level?"

Nursing instructor Ann Sylvester has earned the designation Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) after meeting strict eligibility criteria and successfully completing a rigorous certification examination developed and administered by the National League for Nursing. The goal of this certification is "to recognize excellence in the advanced specialty role of the academic nurse educator." Ann also traveled to Chicago in January to join eleven other nurse educators to write questions for the NCLEX-RN, the national exam nursing graduates must pass in order to practice as registered nurses.

CMCC Annual Dinner

April 18, 2012

The CM Education Foundation is currently seeking sponsors for its fifth annual dinner to be held April 18 at the Hilton Garden Inn/Auburn Riverwatch. This very special event will be a celebration of the accomplishments of the Foundation, faculty, staff and STUDENTS! Anyone interested in sponsoring is asked to contact Roger Philippon at 755-5357 or rphilippon@cmcc.edu. More information is also available online.

Our thanks to Harriman – our Major Gold Sponsor for the fifth year in a row!

Thanks to Center Street Dental and Mechanics Savings Bank - our Major Silver Sponsors this year!
Three CMCC Students Win Musgrave Scholarships

Steve Doyle, Nichole Gardner, and Annissa Morgan are honored

Three of the five Thomas and Beulah Musgrave Fund Scholarship winners announced recently are currently students at CMCC. Steven Doyle of Auburn, Nichole Gardner of Livermore Falls and Annissa Morgan of Lewiston have been awarded the scholarships that are provided by the Maine Community Foundation in partnership with College for ME-Androscoggin. Read more here in the Lewiston Sun Journal.
Faculty Member Visits Children’s Programs in Scandinavia

Kathryn Stead, chairperson of CMCC’s Education Programs, journeyed to Iceland, Denmark and Sweden last summer along with two faculty members from Husson College in Bangor. The two-week trip was a whirlwind of sightseeing and learning.

Shown in the photo with her Lego friends, Kathryn learned that plastic Legos were developed in Denmark around 1949. First made out of wood in 1930s by Ole Kirk Christiansen of Billund, Denmark, they eventually became favorite toys of both children and adults worldwide.

"I had wanted to tour these countries and their children’s programs for many years and when this opportunity came up I jumped on board right away!” said Kathryn. Since her own heritage includes family members from Finland, she has always been partial to Scandinavian countries and admires their educational systems and policies.

The group visited a variety of programs in both Denmark and Sweden, where early childhood education is strongly valued and financially supported by the government. The buildings are beautifully designed and the teachers are highly respected and well paid. Kathryn found that the children were encouraged to learn in similar ways as those of American children, but observed that this often happened with less academic pressure and stress for the children and their teachers in the Scandinavian countries.

One of Kathryn’s most unusual visits was to a “Municipal Adventure Playground” in Copenhagen, where children between 7 and 15 years spent time when their schools were not in session. The children had their own playhouses which they decorated with paint and flowers and they responsibly cared for small animals and gardens in the adjacent spaces. The children skillfully used real tools to build, wheelbarrows to haul dirt and were generally busy and very engaged in creative activity.

Kathryn has been describing her experiences and learning to her Early Childhood Education students and is planning to present a powerpoint with photos of her trip this semester. If you are interested in viewing this, please contact Kathryn at kstead@cmcc.edu.
News from Corporate & Community Services (CCS)

CCS highlighted in Recent Lewiston Sun Journal News Article

The story outlined the current status of the casino and the planned hiring of employees as the facility becomes fully operational. Scott Smith, community relations director for Black Bear noted that the casino leadership has had talks with Central Maine Community College about training classes for casino workers, but said they haven't made concrete plans. Preliminary discussions are underway. Read more here in the Sun Journal.

CCS Partners with IRS to Help Small Businesses & Self Employed

The Corporate and Community Service department has partnered with the IRS to offer evening workshops for small businesses and the self-employed at their Auburn campus. Performing due diligence and complying with tax requirements is a critical part of doing business today and the workshops will focus on providing small business with the necessary information to meet their Federal tax responsibilities. Planned future workshops will cover such topics as “Self-Employed Business Taxes” and “Worker Classification Rules.”

“Boot Camp” Training for Human Resource Professionals

CCS will offer Human Resources Boot Camp on Friday March 2 and 9 from 8:30am to 4:30pm. This interactive and highly informative series is designed for individuals new to the human resources profession or supervisors and managers who need to understand the human resources function. This introductory course will offer a comprehensive overview of the human resources roles and responsibilities and provides critical information to help reduce potentially costly lawsuits and improve employee management skills. Topics include: human resource management, recruitment and selection, employee development, performance management, employment law and compensation and benefits.

CCS Works with Hall Internet Marketing to Offer Social Media Workshops

CCS will partner with Amanda O’Brien, organizer of Social Media Breakfast Maine and vice president of marketing for Hall Internet Marketing to offer a series of three workshops in April focusing on social media for small businesses and entrepreneurs. The series will focus on providing the necessary social media knowledge to enhance internet-based marketing efforts and will include workshops on ”Internet Marketing Essentials for Small Business and Entrepreneurs”, “Advanced Internet-Social Media Marketing”, and “Measuring the Effectiveness of Social Media Marketing Plans.” Attendees will also be able to sign-up for “one-on-one” 30 minute help sessions at no additional charge.

For more information about these workshops, please contact Corporate & Community Services at 207-755-5280, 800-891-2002, option 7, or email training@cmcc.edu or visit www.cmcc.edu/training.
Announcements/ Updates

Campus Crusade for Christ Meeting
Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, 5:00-6:00 in Jalbert Hall 408. FMI contact Betty Foster at b foster@cmcc.edu.

The Rainbow Alliance Meetings
Meetings are every Thursday at 6:00pm in Jalbert 419, everyone is welcome to attend.

Human Services Club Meeting
February 9 at 5:15 in the back of the cafeteria, contact Carmen Edwards at carmenredwards@cmconnect.cmcc.edu for more information.

Women in Technology Meeting
Wednesday, February 15, 5-6pm, in a place to be determined
Thursday, February 23, 12noon-1pm, in a corner of the café

Student Senate Meeting
February 15 at 12:30, location TBA. For more information contact Emily Morris at emorris@cmcc.edu

Placement and Transfer
Transfer Fair - Jalbert Hall, Hall of Flags/Cafeteria Hallway/400 Wing Hall, 10:30 am-2:00 pm Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Exploring Transfer at Vassar College Info Session
Tuesday, Feb. 7, 3:30 pm in Jalbert Hall, Room 15 – Learn about this free summer program, earn 6 credits in 5 weeks!

USM Info Table on Business and Leadership Programs
Thurs. Feb. 9, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm outside Jalbert 15
Chat with USM faculty, ask questions, learn about these options!

Chester College Transfer Information Visit
Meet with an Admissions Representative Jalbert Hall, Cafeteria Hallway/Outside Jalbert 15
Tuesday, February 14, 2012, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Looking for a job? Check out the Job Placement bulletin board in the Hall of Flags and our website here.
See Liz Oken, Student Services, Jalbert Hall, or call/email: 755-5239 or eoken@cmcc.edu FMI.

Poetry Slam
Kirk Hall Auditorium
6:30pm
Friday March 30th

Bookstore Buybacks = Big Bucks!
In 2011 the Bookstore paid cash to students totaling $92,921.00!

Writing Center Hours
Mondays 9-6, Tuesdays 9-5, Wednesdays 8-7, Thursdays 8-7, Friday 8:00-2

Like Us on Facebook!
“Central Maine Community College

Central Maine Community College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution and employer. For more information, please call 207-755-5233.