



CMCC Around Campus News

MARCH 2012

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Senator Collins Checks Out Technology at CMCC

Senator Susan Collins recently visited several technology labs at Central Maine Community College in Auburn. Here the senator watches a robot at work in the electromechanical technology lab. Senator Collins also toured the precision machining and criminal justice/CSI labs. All of these facilities have state-of-the-art equipment that has been purchased with federal funding through the Carl Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act.



In the photo at left **Dr. Knapp** explains how the electromechanical lab was designed and built by students. At right, the Senator watches Criminal Justice student **Joseph Correia** at the wheel of the driving simulator.



Women's Basketball Team Wins YSCC Crown



After winning the Yankee Small College Conference championship the Lady Mustangs traveled to Uniontown, PA to participate in the US-CAA National Basketball Tournament. Seeded number 16, the Mustangs were matched up against number one powerhouse Rochester College from Michigan. Our team was down by only 14 points at the half but couldn't contain the hot shooting of Rochester and lost the game by a score of 79-39.

In game two, the Mustangs were matched up against number eight seed Robert Morris University from Springfield, IL. They played their best ball of the tournament in the first half and headed to the locker room down by only four points. However, fatigue was a factor in the second half and the squad dropped a 74-50 decision.

Planning for CMCC Annual Dinner

Plans are underway for the fifth annual dinner of the CMCC Education Foundation. The dinner will be held Wednesday, April 18 at the Hilton Garden Inn/Auburn Riverwatch. Making plans for the event are (seated left to right) Foundation board members **Ron Lebel**, **Michele Tribou**, and **Dick Gleason** along with **Kate Dargie**, CMCC communications coordinator and **Roger Philippon**, dean of planning and public affairs.



The annual dinner is a major fundraiser for the Foundation's scholarship fund. Anyone interested in sponsorship opportunities or more information about this event is asked to call Roger Philippon at 755-5357 or email at rphilippon@cmcc.edu. Information is also available online at www.cmcc.edu.

Upton, MA Students Benefit from Dual Enrollment Partnership

An increasing number of students at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School in Upton, MA will be graduating with college credit as a result of a dual enrollment partnership with CMCC.

Six students in the manufacturing technology program at Blackstone Valley Tech are currently taking dual-enrollment courses. Valley Tech and CMCC have also signed an agreement for students in graphic communications. Under a dual enrollment agreement, students are taught by instructors at their high schools or technical centers who have had their credentials and curriculum approved by CMCC. Students must earn a minimum grade of B to receive college credit.

"What I really appreciate in dual enrollment is they can walk away with a college transcript and college credit. It's portable," notes Director of Guidance Elizabeth A. Hennessy. She also noted that CMCC is attractive to many students because it provides housing.

CMCC has formal articulation and dual enrollment agreements with a large number of Maine high schools and technical centers. In addition to Massachusetts, the College also has agreements with high schools in New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island.

You can read more [here](#) about this agreement with Blackstone Valley Tech in the Worcester Telegram and Gazette.



Student Senate and Veterans' Club Donate Funds to Lewiston Vet Center



A check for \$525.00 was presented recently to the Lewiston Veteran Center for emergency needs of local veterans. The funds were provided through a combined effort of the Veterans' Club and the Student Senate. Pictured here are **Bob Page**, office manager of the Vet Center, **Dennis McCourt**, president of the Veterans' Club, **Roy Driver**, director of the Vet Center, and **David Maddox**, secretary/treasurer of the Veterans' Club.

Meet the Newest Mustang!



Six-year old **Tucker Sastamoine** from Turner was drafted recently by the men's basketball team as an honorary Mustang. He was introduced as their 6th starter. Tucker enjoyed a memorable first official day as a member of the squad during last month's 64-62 victory over our arch rivals from SMCC! The basketball team and Tucker came together through the efforts of Team IMPACT (Inspire, Motivate, Play Against Challenges Together), based in Quincy, MA. The mission of Team IMPACT is to improve the quality of life for children facing adverse issues and events by establishing and expanding vibrant team-based support networks. They work to provide athletic teams an easy and efficient way to have a powerful impact on the

lives of children in their community. Learn more about this great organization at www.goteamimpact.org. Read more [here](#) about Tucker and the team on the front page of this month's issue of the Lewiston Leader.

Staffers Meet at JetBlue Park



Roger Philippon, dean of planning and public affairs, and **Lloyd Pulsifer**, chair of the Precision Machining Technology program were vacationing in Fort Myers, Florida recently and happened to meet at JetBlue Park, the new spring training home of the Boston Red Sox. They are photographed here next to a replica of the famous red chair located in the right field bleachers at Fenway Park. The seat at Fenway marks the spot where a ball struck by Ted Williams in 1946 landed some 502 feet from home plate. The seat at JetBlue, also 502 feet from home plate, is actually located behind the right-field seating area.

CMCC to Host Open House Saturday, April 14

The College will host its annual spring open house for interested students **Saturday, April 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Faculty members and student services staff will be on hand to provide information on programs of study, financial aid, the admissions process, and options for transferring to four-year colleges.

CMCC offers career and technical programs that prepare graduates for immediate employment. In addition, the College offers transfer programs that enable graduates to continue their education at a four-year institution. Students may attend full or part-time, and many evening courses are available. CMCC offers on-campus housing and a number of campus organizations, activities, and athletics.

Any students interested in attending CMCC are encouraged to attend – and to bring along their family members! Students who complete an admission application at the open house will have the \$20.00 application fee waived. For more information about CMCC, the open house or for directions to the campus, please contact the college at 755-5273 or visit the website at www.cmcc.edu.



Lakeside Players Present One-Acts

The Oz Monologues

&

Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde

CMCC's Kirk Hall Auditorium (K-103)

April 20 at 7 p.m. & 21 at 2 p.m.

Suitable for all ages; Admission is FREE

The Oz Monologues

Starring: Shauna Riordan, Marina Belanger, Keileigh Belanger, Garrett Crawford, Cody Watson, Josh Ryan, Miranda Rose, Kayla Beesley, Marissa Pike, and Brittany Reynolds.

Jekyll and Hyde

Starring: Marina Belanger, Marissa Pike, Cody Watson, Miranda Rose, Keileigh Belanger, Garrett Crawford, and Josh Ryan as "Jekyll/Hyde."

For more information, please contact Mitch Thomas at 838-1722 or mthomas@cmcc.edu.



Transfer Fair



Michael Hayes, Admissions Director at Chester College of New England, is a regular participant in CMCC's Transfer Fairs. He has awarded Presidential Scholarships to two CMCC students and encourages more students apply to the small liberal arts college. CMCC has an articulation (transfer) agreement with Chester's B.A. degree in Graphic Design. Speak to Michael the next transfer fair, Tuesday, March 27th, from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm, to learn more about Chester, located outside Manchester, NH.

Instructor Attends "Total Confusion" Convention

Jason 'Jay' Libby, adjunct instructor in Humanities, was recently an industry guest at "Total Confusion" held in Mansfield, MA. The convention focuses on non-electronic gaming (board games and RPGs) and draws in gamers from all over New England. Other guests included: Tim Kask (Editor of the original Dragon Magazine for the now defunct TSR), Ben Gerber (Argyle and Company), James Carpio (Spooky Beans) and Peter Bryant (Tri-Tac Podcast). This year's convention had a record turnout and Jason participated in panels on art in games and game design. He also ran demos of his superhero role-playing game "G-Core." **Jay Libby** is in the photo at left along with **Tim Kask**.



Muriel Mathieu

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Muriel G. Mathieu, 87, a resident of Lewiston, died last month following a brief illness. She was employed for many years as the receptionist at CMCC, then known as Central Maine Vocational Technical Institute. Condolences and a photo tribute may be accessed online at www.albert-burpee.com. Muriel's obituary in the Sun Journal may be read [here](#).

Accelerate ME Students Earn Honors and a Degree!



Shelly Stevens (left) and **Aileen Peaco-Burkett** (right) pictured here with **Sheila Lawlor**, are both majoring in Early Childhood Education. They began taking classes part-time in 1992 and have been slowly plugging away on their degrees since. Each stopped and started several times and at different colleges.

When they found out they had been laid off from PROP, where they had worked for over 20 years, they realized it was time to finally complete their degrees. Sheila, the *Accelerate ME* Coordinator, stepped in and together they developed a plan to accomplish that goal.

Because they joined *Accelerate ME*, they needed to complete their associate degrees in one year, which meant they had to become full-time students. Shelly said "it takes a lot of work and studying." Their hard work has certainly paid off, since Shelly and Aileen both earned perfect 4.0 GPA's last semester and will graduate with high honors in May!

Interested in learning more about *Accelerate ME*? Here are the requirements:

Students must meet the following criteria:

Have at least 30 credits earned from CMCC or another accredited institution

Be in good academic standing

Be at least 18 years old

Not enrolled in the past academic year but enrolled within the past 7 years

OR

Be a part-time student who will take two years or more at your current pace

Be able to finish a program within one year (Fall, Spring, Summer)

Complete next year's FAFSA

Agree to participate in activities as a cohort: interviews, follow-up surveys, focus groups, etc.

**Preference is given to economically disadvantaged students*

For more information on the *Accelerate ME* program, please contact Sheila Lawlor at slawlor@cmcc.edu or 755-5448. You may also check the website [here](#).

TRiO Reception

TRiO held a reception for recipients of the TRiO scholarships on Tuesday, March 6th. Students received recognition certificates and enjoyed refreshments from the Culinary Arts program. Scholarship recipients were selected based on their involvement in the TRiO program and their participation in financial literacy education. The TRiO program is federally funded by the Department of Education.

Kneeling left to right: **Danielle Cohen-Campbell, Abdifatah Afrah, Carmen Edwards, Victoria Forbis, Faith Gittings**
 Standing left to right: **Mary Fraser** (TRiO Director), **Fahmo Ahmed, Aisha Croft, Kathy-Jo Stone, Thomas Peer, Debbie Leet, Ilea Blier, Todd Marquis Boutin** (TRiO staff), **Erica Watson** (TRiO staff).

Other recipients not pictured: Abdullahi Issa, Michael Cloutier, Matthew MacDonald, and Cheryl Kay.



A Significant Challenge Achieved



For the past eight years Business Instructor **Michael Henry Jr.** has issued the following challenge to his classes: If every student in the class earns an A on their exam he will return the tests to them . . . dressed in a kilt! On February 29th the challenge was met by his Introduction to Computer Applications class. Mike has decided to keep issuing the challenge and hopes he will not have to wait eight more years to wear the kilt again. We think you look great in those kilts, Mr. Henry!

Upcoming Placement and Transfer Events

Transfer Fairs

Jalbert Hall, Hall of Flags/Cafeteria Hallway/400 Wing Hall
Tuesday, March 27, 2012, 10:30 am-2:00 pm

Transfer Workshops

Jalbert Hall, Jalbert 15 Auditorium
Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 2:00 pm
Friday, March 30, 2012, 9:00 am
Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 3:30 pm
Monday, April 9, 2012, 12:30 pm

Placement & Transfer Info Table

Jalbert Hall, Cafeteria Hallway/Outside Jalbert 15 Auditorium
Thursday, March 22, 2012, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Tuesday, April 3, 2012, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Job Search/Resume Basics/Interview Skills Workshops

Jalbert Hall, Jalbert 15 Auditorium
Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Monday, April 2, 2012, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

How to Prepare for a Job Fair Workshop

Jalbert Hall, Jalbert 15 Auditorium
Thursday, April 5, 2012, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Androscoggin County Community Job Fair

Kirk Hall Gymnasium
Friday, April 13, 2012, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm



CMCC in the News

Early College for ME

<http://www.sunjournal.com/news/connections/2012/02/25/early-college-me-program-be-honored-boston-awards/1153512>

Women's Basketball

<http://www.sunjournal.com/news/local-sports/2012/03/06/college-basketball-cmcc-women-bound-nationals/1163457>

Duel Enrollment

<http://www.telegram.com/article/20120307/NEWS/103079849/1003/NEWS03>

Jessica Smith Honored

<http://www.sunjournal.com/news/well-done/2012/02/27/cmcc-faculty-members-honored/1156108>

Annual Dinner Committee

<http://www.sunjournal.com/news/connections/2012/03/09/cmcc-planning-annual-dinner/1160717>

Outdoor Club March Event

Coastal Hike: Mt. Morse by Popham Beach

Date: **March 24, 2011**

Time: 11:00am-4:00pm

Departure Point: Fortin Hall Parking Lot

Cost: \$0 – But bring your own lunch or snacks

RSPV: Please let Mike Henry or Ethel Bowden know in order to reserve your spot in the car.

You will need to have:

- small backpack (daypack)
- warm synthetic/wool clothes sturdy boots or trail shoes
- water bottles (filled)
- special medications (asthma, etc.)
- hiking poles or staff if you use them
- waterproof rain parka/jacket
- wool/fleece hat, gloves or mittens



For more information e-mail

Mike Henry: mhenry@cmcc.edu or Ethel Bowden: ebowden@cmcc.edu

Announcements/ Updates

Lost and Found

Misplace something? The lost and found is in the Registrar's Office.

Graduation Reminder

The application deadline is Friday, March 30! All application materials must be turned in to the Registrar's office no later than 4:30 pm. For more Graduation information, please visit the Students tab under Graduation on CMConnect.

Journeys in Diversity

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

8-9:20am or 11-12:20pm

Kirk Hall Lecture Auditorium, Rm 103

A "Meet and Greet" will follow @ 12:30pm in Kirk Hall, Rm J208

Blood Drive

Student Senate has partnered with the Red Cross to sponsor a blood drive in the gym on Tuesday, April 3 from 11:00-4:00 p.m. Please email Student Senate representative Suzanne Cohen at skylaahylder@yahoo.com for more information.

Scholarship Opportunities

Please visit the Financial Aid webpage [here](#) for scholarship information

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Poetry Slam

Kirk Hall Auditorium

6:30 p.m.—Friday March 30th

(Pre-slam workshop at 3:00 p.m.)

Student Email

Make sure you activate your CMCC student email, it is connected to all outgoing correspondence from CMCC.

Library

Here is a list of books and videos that were recently added to the CMCC Library:

<http://guides.cmcc.edu/newstuff>

You will notice a comment box at the bottom of this guide.

If you have a suggestion for a library purchase, please feel free to send them feedback!

Interested in Playing Softball or Baseball?

Please contact Coach Dargie at 755-5248 or kdargie@cmcc.edu for more information about softball.

Please contact Dave Gonyea at 755-5251 or dgonyea@cmcc.edu for more information about baseball.

Writing Center Hours

Mondays 9-6, Tuesdays 9-5, Wednesdays 8-7,

Thursdays 8-7, Friday 8:00-2

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