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SCIENCE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN NATIONAL EFFORT

INSTRUCTOR ERICKA POPPELL AND HER MICROBIOLOGY LAB STUDENTS ARE PARTICIPATING IN A MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECT

this semester as part of a scientific effort that has been implemented at institutions ranging from community colleges to doctoral-granting institutions in 30 states and Puerto Rico.

Ericka and her students are collaborating on a PARE (Prevalence of Antibiotic-Resistance in the Environment) project with Dr. Carol Bascom-Slack at Tufts University on the PARE Project: A short Course-based research project for National Surveillance of Antibiotic-Resistant Microbes in Environmental Samples. These 20 CMCC students represent the first group in Maine to participate.

This project is based on the CCURI (Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative) model of incorporating undergraduate research into community college curriculum, which employs a case-study method of instruction within the context of an ongoing research project.

Ericka explains that the CCURI model was attractive to her because they are leading the movement in changing academic culture in community colleges. "The URE (undergraduate research experiences) serves to provide our students with essential workplace and life-long learning skills such as collaboration, problem solving, creative and critical thinking and communication," she added.

In this initiative, the CMCC students are collecting soil samples and subjecting them to classic microbiological laboratory techniques to determine the relative number of bacteria resistant to antibiotics. The data are submitted to

a national database used to monitor antibiotic resistant hot spots on a nation-wide scale. "Students gain a sense of importance and ownership over their laboratory work knowing that it will be used in a real scientific study," notes Ericka.

"Not many students in a community college system have the opportunity to participate in a major science-based study such as this," notes Life Sciences major Andrew Craft. "I can only hope that this study will allow for more students to partake in such studies and foster more interest within the science fields at this campus, and potentially beyond," he added.

Ericka learned much about value of UREs for community college students when she participated in the Community College Undergraduate Research Experience Summit held in Washington, D.C. in November. The summit was designed to foster the sharing of proven practices and lessons learned. It also enabled participants to think broadly about research as a technique that can advance skills development and prepare students for the workforce.

This teaching model focused on undergraduate student research is a strategy to increase student achievement and completion rates in STEM programs. Ericka: "For us in the life sciences specifically, the goals are to promote student engagement and exploration of environmental and biomedical research questions/methods and to connect students to the research community."

COVER: Andrew Craft, left, and Sonya Moulton, right, examine a specimen with instructor Ericka Poppell. ABOVE: Bailey Madore and Rebekah Kropp lift a specimen to the light in order to analyze environmental bacteria.



Mardo sharing laughs and his glasses with the children of Mtubatuba.

SOUTH AFRICA: A STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

CMCC STUDENT MARDO BOUANGA JOINED SIX AMERICAN STUDENTS IN A TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA TO EMPOWER AND SUPPORT YOUNG GIRLS THROUGH THE SPORT OF SOCCER.

Sponsored by Woza Sports, an organization offering international trips focused on soccer and support, Adolphe Bouanga (Mardo) began a cultural immersion in Cape Town followed by two weeks in Zululand in the small town of Mtubatuba.

From Mardo:

My trip to South Africa was great! I learned a lot about South African culture as well as the people. I had the chance to play competitive soccer and coach the kids. It was an amazing experience and I'm glad I was able to be part of it. This South Africa trip opened my eyes because it made me feel like a role model to the kids by giving them advice about life. I impacted a lot of kids' lives and I'm proud of it. The most powerful thing about the trip was that I had a chance to see my older brother again after 15 years. Thank you, WOZA, for making my dream come true. I was not planning on going to South Africa for the next 3 years of my life; but, because of WOZA, I had a chance to go and learn about another country's culture.

My family has been separated for many years and this is the reason why I work very hard so that one day I can bring my family back together. I want to make my parents proud and help my sister who lives in Africa. Thank you to Elm City International and Lauren Mednick who became important in my life because they gave me an opportunity to go to college. I am the first person in my family to go to college and I want to be a role model for my little brother. I told him if I go to college,

he can go to college as well. As a matter of fact, I expect him to do better than me in college! My two years in Central Maine have been great because I met a wonderful woman named Terry Charlton. Ms. Charlton has always helped me whenever I needed assistance, no matter how big or small. She was also very supportive of me while I played soccer. While attending MCC I played as a right-back and have been able to maintain a B average. My plan for next year is to transfer to another college and pursue my academic and soccer career. Thank you!

Woza Sports on Mardo and South Africa Educational Trips:

Mardo brought tremendous energy and excitement to the group, always lifting up the spirits of many of the adolescents he worked with. In Cape Town, the Woza team partnered with RV United, a women's soccer team that empowers and supports the development of young girls in the township of Khayelitsha. There, they put on a life-skills camp for middle and high school-aged girls in the developing area. The second two weeks of the trip were in Zululand in the small town of Mtubatuba, where Woza partnered with the Mtuba Football Association (MFA) and Football For Life. MFA is Woza's oldest partner. Football For Life, a Swedish organization that inspires young girls through soccer and provides life skills camp sessions, particularly touched Mardo and the rest of the group. In hopes of contributing to their continued success, the Woza team is hoping to raise money for two of the Football For Life girls to come to the United States to participate in a College ID camp. Mardo and Woza hope to give these girls the same shot at opportunities that are so readily available to many players in the US.



CARBONITE SPONSORS ESPORTS

WITH A GENEROUS GIFT OF \$10,000, Carbonite, Inc. is sponsoring the Esports athletic program at Central Maine Community College (CMCC) for the current academic year.

"Carbonite's Lewiston office has a culture of dedicated gamers and great respect for the value that CMCC offers our community," said Tom Neal, senior manager of recruiting at Carbonite. "So when we heard CMCC was creating a new Esports team we jumped at the opportunity to be involved," Neal added.

Carbonite provides cloud-based, online backup service and data protection strategies for individuals and small businesses. The company offers flexible deployment options and multi-platform support, plus powerful high-availability plans to protect systems from disruptions of any kind.

Esports (short for electronic sports), refers to the popular and rapidly growing field of competitive video gaming. The CMCC Esports teams compete in the National Association of Collegiate Esports (NACE). Andrew Morong, director of admissions and high school relations,

notes that CMCC competes largely against four-year colleges, since they comprise 90 percent of NACE membership. "We are currently the only community college north of Virginia to offer competitive Esports," Morong added.

Students who participate have to meet the same requirements as other athletes at the college. CMCC Esports teams are competing in Hearthstone, Rocket League, Overwatch, Fortnite, and Rainbow 6 Siege. The college has a new, 1,600 square-foot arena located in Kirk Hall equipped with Alienware Area-51 Threadrippers; five console stations with Xbox One, PS4 Pro, and Nintendo Switch; and a Twitch broadcast booth for live streaming matches.

Esports is a fantastic way for Carbonite to engage with a technically oriented audience, Neal added. "We are proud to sponsor the Esports team and enjoy cheering on the Mustangs this season!"

ABOVE: Carbonite officials donned official jerseys for this photo taken in the Esports Arena at CMCC. Left to right are Rob Frost, vice president of customer care; Brett Siedman, senior director of customer care; and Tom Neal, senior manager of recruiting.

TROOPERS VISIT POLICE OPERATIONS STUDENTS

☞ Last semester, members of the Maine State Police conducted a "bag drill" exercise with students in the Advanced Certificate in Police Operations program. The exercise is designed to test students' ability to manage stress, pay attention to detail, and think on their feet. They did very well!



INNOVATIONS IN TEACHING EXCELLENCE

CMCC HAS BEEN AWARDED AN INNOVATION GRANT

from the Maine Community College System (MCCS) to start the "Teaching Excellence Program. The goal of the MCCS Innovation Fund is "to stimulate development of new, creative models for education delivery."

Six full-time and adjunct faculty members have been selected to participate and have each been awarded a \$2,500 mini-grant and some additional funding for project costs. They have made a year-long commitment to conduct individual research; attend workshops and other on-campus events; and participate in a "Facilitated Learning Community" focused on the book *What the Best College Teachers Do* by Ken Bain. They will also attend the Higher Education Assessment Conference at New England College in May.

The faculty members have developed projects - focused on improving student learning and success by fostering excellence in teaching - that they are implementing in the classroom during the current spring semester. They will then gather results during the summer in order to assess and evaluate the findings. The six projects and results will be presented to the entire CMCC faculty and staff in August.



The faculty participants and their innovative projects are:

Diana Drown, Life Sciences Instructor
CliftonStrengths in the Classroom

Matt Grinder, Adjunct Humanities Instructor
Microaggressions in the College Classroom

Amanda Guy, Adjunct Humanities Instructor
Differentiated Instruction

Rachel King, Adjunct Humanities Instructor
Student Centered Learning

Kathy McManus, Nursing Program Chair
Supplemental Instruction

Chris Thoma, Adjunct Math Instructor
Project Based Learning

ABOVE: Some of our faculty members working on the "Teaching Excellence Program" are pictured here at a recent meeting. Left to right are Rachel King, Chris Thoma, Kathy McManus, and Diana Drown. Missing are Amanda Guy and Matt Grinder.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ALUM PUBLISHES CHILDRENS BOOK



Felicia Champagne has had her debut book *Benji Goes to a New School* published by Pen It Publications. Focused on helping children attending school for the first time and the difficulties they may encounter making friends, Felicia has written a story many children can relate to as well as a resource for parents helping their children transition.

Read more at the Sun Journal: bit.ly/FeliciaChampagneDebutNovel.

"DOC" HANNAFORD SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

LEON TWITCHELL OF BRYANT POND

has been awarded the 2019-20 Roland "Doc" Hannaford Scholarship for \$1,000 at Central Maine Community College (CMCC).

An Oxford native, Twitchell worked as a diesel mechanic prior to entering the Building Construction Technology (BCT) program at CMCC. He has earned highest honors in the program and is now a second-year student who plans to graduate in 2020. He particularly enjoys cabinetry and finish work. He lives in Bryant Pond with his wife and daughter.

This endowed scholarship fund was established in honor of Roland G. "Doc" Hannaford, a Maine native and graduate of the Building Construction Program at SMVTI (now SMCC) in 1964. A successful businessman who owned and operated his own remodeling and construction business, Hannaford Construction, Mr. Hannaford also served as a vocational education instructor for over 36 years. The BCT program at CMCC prepares students



for successful employment in construction-related fields. Through a combination of classroom study, mock-ups, and live projects, students obtain hands-on experience and become broadly familiar with methods, standards, and codes commonly associated with the construction industry. A "Jobsite Track" degree option in the BCT program is available that provides students with alternating classroom and laboratory training with paid, on-the-job experience.

ABOVE: "Doc" Hannaford scholarship winner Leon Twitchell poses while at work in the Building Construction Technology lab at CMCC.

SPAULDING SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

BENJAMIN DOHERTY OF AUBURN AND CINDY RING OF STONEHAM

Benjamin Doherty of Auburn and Cindy Ring of Stoneham have been awarded the 2020 Spaulding Memorial Scholarships at Central Maine Community College (CMCC). The College awards these scholarships in memory of Jason Spaulding, who was a student at the college prior to his untimely death.



An honors student in the Life Sciences program, Ben serves as a tutor at CMCC and is the president of the Student Senate. He plans to graduate in May and then pursue a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering at the University of Southern Florida. Cindy earned high honors in the fall semester in the Business Administration and Management program. She works as manager of TimberStone Adventures in Stoneham and is also employed at Sea Dog Brewery. After she graduates in May, Cindy hopes to pursue a bachelor's degree in Business Administration at the University of Southern Maine.

ABOVE: Cindy Ring and Ben Doherty, the 2020 recipients of the Jason Spaulding Memorial Scholarships at Central Maine Community College.

NEW FACES AT CMCC



James Allard **Learning Commons Librarian**

James worked previously for the Auburn and Lewiston public libraries. He earned his BS at Thomas College, and a Master of Library and Information Science at Kent State University. Jim lives in his home town of Lewiston.



Kris Cary-Sanborn **Payroll and Personnel Coordinator**

Kris has joined our business office staff after having worked in accounting for Lepage Bakeries. She holds an associate's degree in accounting and business management from Kaplan University. A native of Oxford Hills, she now resides in Lewiston.

PRESCOTT WINS MAINE MUSIC EDUCATOR AWARD

☞ The Maine Academy of Modern Music has awarded the 2019 Maine Music Educator Award to Michael Prescott, adjunct instructor in education at CMCC and music teacher at Mountain Valley High School in Rumford.

Through a partnership with the New England School of Communications at Husson University, Mike has earned certified instructor status and has constructed a Pro Tools certified training center at MVHS. His students now have access to Pro Tools Certified User instruction free of charge, and through an agreement with Husson, each certified student is able to earn college credits. "Michael's music department has received top awards in national recording competitions", says MAMM director Jeff Shaw, "which clearly illustrates the quality of instruction, guidance, and mentorship that he provides to his students."



Photo courtesy of the Portland Press Herald.

CMCC FEATURED IN LA METRO MAGAZINE

☞ Central Maine Community College has been featured in the winter 2020 issue of LA Metro Magazine, written by Dan Marois with photos by Jose Leiva. Read how CMCC is a small institution making a big impact at:
<http://bit.ly/LAMetroMagazineWinter2020>

PHILIPPON PRESENTS AT BOSTON CONFERENCE



Roger Philippon, dean of planning and public affairs at CMCC, was a co-presenter at the NECHE annual meeting held in December at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston. Presenting along with Roger was Dr. Gavin Henning, past-president of the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education and professor of higher education at New England College.

Titled "Socially Just Assessment: Theory and Examples for Practice," their presentation focused on the importance of viewing assessment practices through an equity and social justice lens to examine disparities in our educational system. Dr. provided a conceptual overview of a socially just assessment, while Philippon explained the "Assessment Conference" process that CMCC has utilized for many years.

The New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) is the regional accreditation agency for colleges and universities in the six New England states and several institutions overseas. The Commission is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a reliable authority on the quality of education for the institutions it accredits. The Commission is also recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), affirming that its Standards and processes are consistent with the quality, improvement, and accountability expectations that CHEA has established.

CMCC FOUNDATION ANNUAL DINNER TO BE HELD APRIL 15, 2020 AT THE RAMADA IN LEWISTON



Save the Date

13th Annual Dinner

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Ramada Conference Center
490 Pleasant Street
Lewiston, ME 04240

Save the date to join us as we honor the accomplishments and contributions of students, faculty, staff, and community supporters.

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\$1,000

Table Sponsorship
(Includes a table of eight at the 13th Annual Dinner)
\$650

Supporting Sponsorship
\$500

Contributing Sponsorship
\$250

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\$100



Annual Dinner Committee members, left to right, Christine Bossee, Bangor Savings Bank; Roger Philippon, Central Maine Community College; Heather Seymour, Central Maine Community College; Ron Lebel, Skelton Taintor and Abbot; Michele Tribou, Heidi's Brooklyn Deli.


For more information or to secure your sponsorship:
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PTK OFFICERS MCPHERSON & OUELLETTE EARN HONORS



 Kate McPherson and Steve Ouellette have been named to the 2020 All-Maine Academic Team. Along with students from the other six Maine community colleges, they were selected on the basis of outstanding academic achievement, leadership, and service.

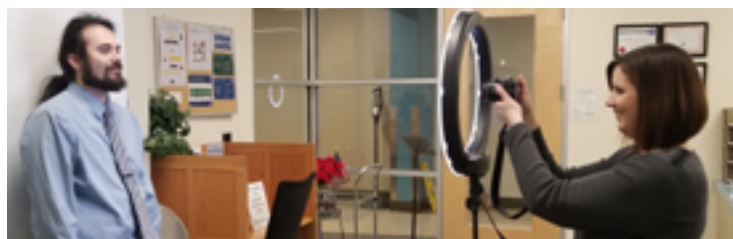
Joshua Gagnon of Poland, a high honors student in the Precision Machining Technology program, and Leon Twitchell, a president's honors student in Building Construction Technology, have also been named to the All-Maine team.


The All-Maine Academic Team is a program of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges. Students are nominated and selected for the team by their college based on outstanding academic achievement, leadership, and service.

The recipient of the Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise scholarship last fall, Kate has also been selected as a semi-finalist for the PTK All-USA Academic Team scholarship. Selection for this national competition is based on academic excellence and intellectual rigor. Judges also consider chapter involvement, career goals, and steps taken to achieve those goals.

"I decided to get involved with PTK because I wanted to give back to CMCC and be an active student," said Kate. "Our PTK chapter, Alpha Phi Xi, just recently became a five-star chapter, which is the highest level of accomplishment a chapter can hope to achieve. I am proud to be the president of our chapter and to see all our hard work come to fruition," Kate added.

PASSPORT OFFICE AT CMCC



 The Central Services Office here at CMCC is an approved U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility that is open to the general public. Citizens may apply in person for their passport and have their official photos taken. Appointments are required for groups of three or more.

The Passport Acceptance Facility is located in Room J115 on the ground floor of Jalbert Hall. There is a dedicated parking spot for passport applicants to the left of the outside entrance to the College Store.


Hours of operation are as follows:

Monday through Thursday	8am - 6pm
Friday	8am - 3pm

Appointments are not required. Passport forms, passport fees, information on how to apply and more can be found on the U.S. Department of State website for passport and travel information at travel.state.gov. For more information, please contact Kellie Morris, Passport Program Manager at CMCC, at (207) 755-5294.

Central Services Supervisor and Passport Program Manager Kellie Morris tests the new ring light for passport photos with co-worker and Passport Acceptance Agent Adam Soto.

TRACK COMING TO CM ATHLETICS

 The College is planning to add track and field to the athletic program starting in spring 2021. The program will be open to men and women, and early competitions will likely be focused on running events. As with most other teams at CMCC, the new track team is expected to compete in the Yankee Small College Conference (YSCC), a Division II conference in the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA). The conference consists of two-year and four-year schools from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and one member in New York State. For more information about track, please contact Athletic Director Dave Gonyea at dgonyea@cmcc.edu or 755-5251.

PHI THETA KAPPA EARNS FIVE STAR STATUS



The CMCC Alpha Phi Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has achieved five-star status, the highest level of engagement offered by the international honor society for two-year colleges. The Alpha Phi Xi Chapter previously earned five-star status in 2010. It is now one of only two five-star chapters in Maine.

Phi Theta Kappa chapters have five levels of engagement that progress from local, campus involvement to regional involvement to international involvement. The Five Star Chapter Plan is the roadmap guiding the chapter through

the levels. Chapters use the Plan as a guide for building a strong, active chapter.

To achieve five-star status, colleges must meet a rigorous set of requirements, including the submission of an "Honors in Action" project. A Five Star Chapter is the pinnacle of engagement in Phi Theta Kappa programming.

The Alpha Phi Xi Honors in Action project was focused on food insecurity among some CMCC students. The chapter conducted a survey that revealed that food insecurity was an issue and that some students were missing important meals. In collaboration with CMCC administration, chapter members have increased awareness of this issue on campus and have begun gathering non-perishable foods for distribution. Going forward, Alpha Phi Xi plans to ensure that free snacks and sandwiches are more readily available to CMCC students in need.

ABOVE: Heading up the Alpha Phi Xi Chapter of PTK this fall are left to right Judi Moreno, advisor; Kathe McPherson, president; Steve Ouellette, treasurer; Jeremy Pellegrini, public relations chair; Brandon Mastorillo, reporter; and Kyle Matthews, vice president.

CMCC HELPS TRAIN TECHNICAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS



CMCC and several other community workforce partners are collaborating with Carbonite to train and hire technical support professionals.

Taking part in the program along with the College are Lewiston Adult Education, Maine Department of Labor Business Employment Services and Western Maine Community Action.

Successful students will acquire a 40-Hour certificate, an 80-hour WorkReady Certificate with keyboarding, and interview

with Carbonite for a technical support position. Once hired, candidates will continue in their training through an on-the-job training. The program will be tailored to the organization and provided on-site by Carbonite.

For more information on this and other WMCA programs and opportunities, visit facebook.com/WesternMaineCommunityAction and wmca.org.

ABOVE: From left, Patti Saarinen, Western Maine Community Action; Christopher Paradis, Central Maine Community College; Razell Ward, MSAD 52 adult education; Tom Neal and David Roy, Carbonite; Linda Gosselin, Business Employment Services; Christina King, WMCA; Jenny Rose, RSU 16 adult education; Jennifer Tiner, Lewiston adult education. In front, Patti Gray, BES.

CMCC NIGHT AT LOST VALLEY



MONDAY, MARCH 2

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Whether you ski, snowboard, or hang out at the Prowl Pub, come support CMCC simply by showing up and saying hello! Free lift tickets and discount rentals for current CMCC students with student ID. Open to all community members, families, students, faculty and staff!

Stop by the Mustang Tent outside to enjoy free hot chocolate!



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