



WCCC's 15th Annual Polar Bear Dip—makes huge splash!!!

On Friday, March 6th at Split Rock, WCCC celebrated it's 15th annual Washington County Community College Polar Bear Dip. The theme this year was St. Patrick's Day. This event was sponsored by the WCCC Student Senate and the motto was "Luck of the Plunge." Like last year the proceeds raised by the event will be divided between Ronald McDonald House in Bangor and Sarah's House in Brewer.

WCCC Culinary & Baking students held their annual Chili Cook-Off contest. The Maine National Guard was on hand with snacks and tents where swimmers were able to change their clothes and get warm once the dip was over.

Although donations are still coming in, WCCC was successful in raising approximately \$7,000. Over 100 participants bared the cold temperatures to raise funds for Ronald McDonald House and Sarah's House of Maine. Great job to the WCCC Student Senate, Karen Gookin, event organizer and special thanks to Tess Ftorek, WCCC Dean Emeritus.

Top L: Gilford & Dexter Students; Top R: Participates rushing in; Bottom L: Gilford Students & Sarah's House; Bottom R: Maisie Hurd - Granddaughter of Sharon & Gerry Bartlett of Calais





TRIO Day Celebration



Please join the TRIO students and staff on **Tuesday, March 17 at 11:15 in the Assembly room** for a TRIO Day Celebration. During the celebration, TRIO will be honoring 16 students for their hard work this school year and their dedication to the TRIO program. We will present these students with Grant Aid from the TRIO department. Following the presentation, there will be cake and punch.

2015 SkillsUSA Maine State Championships

On March 5 & 6, 2015, four WCCC students travelled to the SkillsUSA Maine State Championships. The state competition was held in Bangor from which Gold Medal winners qualify to compete in the SkillsUSA National Championships that take place in Louisville, Kentucky in June. Congratulations to all four WCCC's participants, as they received medals in their fields of competition. Congrats not only to the competitors, but also to their instructors and the community as a whole. WCCC was well represented and our students upheld the core values and missions of both Washington County Community College and SkillsUSA. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce

Automotive Service Technology:
Gold Medal: Jacob Levesque
Silver Medal: Jacob Surprenant

Diesel Equipment:
Gold Medal: Andrew Guerrette

Electrical Construction Wiring:
Gold Medal: Anna Dill





Teddy Bear Clinic

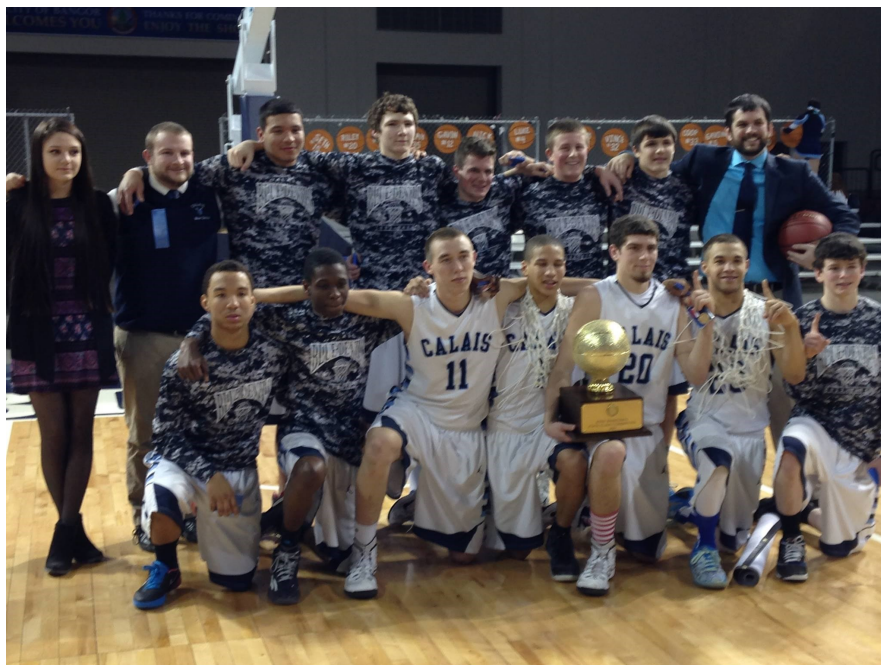


On **Monday, March 23rd**, there will be a Teddy Bear Clinic from **10a.m. to 11:30a.m. in the Medical Assisting Lab (Room 402)**. This is a joint effort between students in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) and Medical Assisting programs. Students from the ECE program will read books to children and their teddy bears to prepare them for a medical check up. Students from the Medical Assisting program will give each teddy bear a full check up to demonstrate the importance of staying healthy while giving children a positive comfort level with routine medical procedures.

Teddy Bear Clinic Stations: All bears will receive a complete physical examination including: height and weight, throat culture, ear and eye evaluation, check heartbeat, and a flu shot. Bears will be awarded a certificate of health and guardians will receive a goodie bag for being responsible guardians and caring for their bears.

The college daycare has been invited to attend and any children of our students are invited to bring in their children for this event. Fun will be had by all!

Congratulations Chris Woodside that the Calais Boys Basketball Team State Class C Champions!





Spring Transfer Fairs

Please share with your students that on Tuesday, March 17 there will be representatives from 4 year institutions here to meet with students on the opportunities to transfer to four-year colleges. The following representatives will be on campus from 11:00 to 1:00 outside the President's office.

Tuesday, March 17

Jesse Blackburn, University of Maine at Machias

Laurie Friberg, University of Maine

Please contact Pamela Feeney, PhD, NCC, Transfer Counselor/TRiO Advisor 207-454-1079 pfeeney@wccc.me.edu for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS

Human Services receives approval from Muskie School

Congratulations to Liz Sullivan for receiving approval from the Muskie School of Public Service for her program meeting MHRT/C requirements.

This not only means an industry credential for our graduates to go into the mental health field and be even more valuable to their employers, but it also means greater transferability to 4-year institutions.

Congratulations Instructor Sullivan. Thank you for your good work!

WCCC Employees raise funds for the WCCC Food Cupboard

Spearheaded by the WCCC Faculty Association, on Wednesday, March 4th, employees were invited to have coffee and sweets and make a donation for the WCCC Food Cupboard. Employees gathered 8 boxes of donated goods and over \$300 was raised in monetary donations.



Karen Gookin, Resident Director and the person who oversees the food cupboard for students was very appreciative with the generosity of employees. We can't thank them enough. As Rose Binda, coordinator of this event said, "we are all blessed to work and live in such a generous and caring community"!

WCCC named in 2014, 2013 & 2011
in the top 10% of Community
Colleges in the USA (Aspen)



Special points of interest:

Reminder that every Tues-
day at 10a.m. in Apartment
4 of Quoddy Hall is the
Veterans Support Group

Don't forget to complete
your mandatory online
safety training. If you
need assistance, please
see Robyn Leighton.

"Like" the College's Face-
book page for the happen-
ings around WCCC.
www.facebook.com/



WCCC Jail and Bail

On Thursday, March 26, starting at 9a.m. to 3p.m., please join the Criminal Justice Program to help raise money for Greenland Point. \$2 and up to issue a warrant. Bail is set at the amount of the warrant or you can serve 15 minutes in the crow bar motel at WCCC. Get out of jail cards can be purchased before the event for only \$1 each. Mug shots can be purchased for \$3.

If you have any questions, please contact Instructor Bob Fitzsimmons or join the facebook page.