



Washington County Community College

Calais, Maine

Discover Choices • Create Success

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

Special points of interest:

- > Saturday, October 24th, 7th Annual Ken and Jane Brooks and Friends Homecoming Concert, contact Tina 454-1002 for tickets.
- > Ghost Run volunteers are needed. Please contact Chris at 454-1060.
- > Halloween Boo Grams will be sold out in the hallway on Oct. 28th and 29th from 10am - 1 pm



11th Annual TURKEY-A-THON Update

Thank you to all that donated to the 11th Annual Turkey-A-Thon. \$589 was raised by WCCC employees and Student Senate. Thank you to all that donated!

Totally Trades! Conference for Girls

A day-long event designed to encourage females to consider careers in fields traditionally dominated by males will bring together participants from schools throughout Washington County on **Friday, October 23, 2015** at WCCC.

The Totally Trades! conference will feature hands-on sessions ranging from carpentry and automotive repair to heavy equipment operation and computer electronics/repair, all providing an opportunity for girls to experience some aspect of the profession through various activities. The conference is a free, one-day event for Washington County girls in grades 8 through 12. Funding for the conference is made possible through monies provided by the Maine Department of Transportation, the Maine Department of Education, and the Virginia Hodgkin's Somers Foundation. Additional support and in-kind provisions have been made by WCCC, Cianbro, Time Warner Cable and others.

Conference registration will begin at 8:30a.m. in the lobby of St. Croix Hall, and the day will end by 1pm. Following an official welcome, participants will break into the first of two sessions focusing on a specific career. If you would like more information, please contact Dean Clifford at 454-1003.



WCCC & Calais Regional Hospital are excited to host the Community Health and Wellness Fair on **Tuesday, October 27** from 1 pm - 5 pm at the WCCC gymnasium. This venue will provide information on the services and products that are available to help manage health issues and maintain wellness. CRH will be conducting a free adult community flu clinic and other screenings as well as holding its annual blood drive at this time. There will be information on healthy eating, screening guidelines, exercise options, disease management and prevention, and a chance to try yoga. Stop in and bring the family!

Veterans Memorial

Many of you have already seen that the beautiful veterans memorial has been moved to the front entrance of the college. If you are interested in purchasing an engraved memorial brick in memory of a loved one or friend, please see Tina. The cost is \$50 per brick and proceeds go to the WCCC Veterans Scholarship.





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2nd Annual WCCC Ghost Run Half Marathon & Relay

The 2nd Annual WCCC Ghost Run Half Marathon & Relay to benefit the Outdoor Adventure Center & Student Scholarships has been scheduled for **Sunday, October 25, 2015**. The race starts at the Moosehorn Wildlife Refuge (YCC Building, Moosehorn Headquarters) and ends at the Calais Recreation Center. Participants looking to run, but not the full half-marathon distance, may form relay teams of four (leg 1: 3.24 miles, leg 2: 5 miles; leg 3: 2.4 miles; leg 4: 2.46 miles).

Medals will be awarded for the top male and female runners, as well as to the top 2 males and females in each age group: 0-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 & over. Medals will also be awarded to the top 2 relay teams.

*T-Shirts for the first 50 registered!

*Pre-registration: \$25 individual or \$50 Relay Team; *Race day registration: \$30 Individual or \$60 Relay Team

Welcome 2015 New Employees



Gilbert Murphy is the new Residential and Electricity Instructor. Gil brings more than 30 years' of experience to the instructor's position including owning his own business, Murphy's Electric in Eastport. Gil is excited to be joining WCCC and enjoys teaching future electricians.

Nichole Cote comes to Washington County Community College with 15 years' experience working in higher education in various capacities at the University of Maine at Machias. She holds a Master's degree in Higher Education from the University of Maine and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Maine at Presque Isle. She loves Washington County and feels fortunate to be a part of the WCCC team!



Jon Charters is the college's new Building Construction Instructor. Jon has over 20 years' experience and training working in this construction trades. He is well-known in our communities for his high quality work and craftsmanship. Students are learning from one of the best in the business.

Tri-

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Special points of interest:

- > Tri-County Technology Center on Tuesday, November 10th
- > Waldo Technology Center on Tuesday, November 17th
- > Westbrook Regional Vocational Center will be visiting our campus on the morning of Wednesday, November 18th around 9a.m.



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Special points of interest:

- > This newsletter will be published bi-weekly. Please see Tina with any ideas you may have for the newsletter.
- > 2015 Holiday Banquet has been scheduled for Wednesday December 2, 2015 at 4:30pm.

WCCC science students take advantage of the WCCC pond

The fence came down and WCCC students saw a possibility to restore a gem for the WCCC campus. Science students from Instructor Binda's class have studied the physical and chemical parameters of healthy habitats it was decided that they would use their knowledge and obtain a baseline of various parameters: Dissolved Oxygen, Carbon Dioxide, Ammonia-Nitrogen pH (measure of acidity/alkalinity) and turbidity (light penetration). Once a baseline is determined students will develop a plan to restore the pond for both native plant and animal species. Students would also like to make this an inviting and restful spot for the campus community. President Cassidy plans to reconstruct the beautiful gazebo donated by retired WCCC Instructor John Bloemendaal, and to construct an outdoor classroom next to the pond.

