



Washington County Community College

Calais, Maine

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

Special points of interest:

- > Monday, October 13 WCCC will be closed to observe Columbus Day
- > Tuesday, October 14 from 11a.m. to 2p.m. an Air Force Recruiter will be in the main hallway for anyone that would like more information about the Air Force.
- > Tuesday, October 28, Dexter's Tri-County Technical Center will be visiting campus in morning.

6th Annual Ken & Jane Brooks & Friends Homecoming Concert

Rock 'n Roll tinged with some toe-tapping bluegrass music will be part of the 6th annual Ken and Jane Brooks and Friends Homecoming Concert on Saturday, Oct. 11, at WCCC. The show starts at 7 p.m. and will be held in the lecture hall. For advanced tickets (\$12) call Tessa at 726-4776; \$10 for WCCC Students with student ID and children under 12. Tickets at the door \$15.



Ken & Jane are longtime supporters of Washington County and in 2011 developed the Ken & Jane Brooks Scholarship at Washington County Community College. The Ken & Jane Brooks scholarship is awarded annually to a WCCC student (s). Currently, seven scholarships have been awarded to WCCC students over the past five years. They have teamed up with the local school system, and a percentage of donations raised will be given to benefit their music programs. Therefore, your donation will not only help a WCCC student continue their education but also help local area children continue to learn and appreciate music. *If you would like to make a donation to the Ken & Jane Scholarship, please see Tina. Pictured above is Ken & Jane with Alison Brennan, Band Director and CHS students.*

10th Annual TURKEY-A-THON



Help your neighbor by providing a healthy meal during the holidays! For \$12 you can purchase a turkey for a local family in need. All money raised will be spent at Washington County Food stores, given to Washington County food pantries and then distributed to Washington County families.

If you would like to make a donation, please write your check out to Turkey A Thon and give to Tina no later than October 16th. WCCC Faculty, Staff and Students raised \$550 for this fundraiser!

WCCC kicks off St. Croix Tissue Program!

On Thursday, October 2nd, WCCC kicked-off the St. Croix Tissue training program. As you are aware, this program is a cooperative venture between Washington County Community College, Kennebec Valley Community College and St. Croix Tissue, Inc.

Over 50 people attended the kick off as President Cassidy welcomed the visitors and students of the program. Graduates of this training program will secure guaranteed interviews with St. Croix Tissue and will have a distinct advantage over all but the most highly experienced papermakers in securing positions with the mill.

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Special points of interest:

- > **Did you know** that by law you can put studded snow tires on October 1st each year.
- > Wednesday, October 8th is NATIONAL STOP BULLYING DAY. This annual celebration is to bring awareness of the need to stand up against and put an end to bullying.
- > Friday, October 24th "Trunk or Treat " Time and Place will be announced as soon as it is available.

IMPORTANT – Rave Account

It is that time of year! Please remember to check your rave account. Click here: <https://www.getrave.com/login/wcccme> (or highlight, cut and paste into your browser). If you are a new student, you should have received an e-mail with your password in your school email account. Please use your **full WCCC email address**, and remember, some people may not have middle initials in their User ID. Click the **forgot password** link and you will receive an email from **WCCC Alert** with a new password. Once you have successfully logged in, check to make sure your phone number and any additional email addresses are correct. Enter the appropriate contact information in case of an emergency or a school closure of any kind.

WCCC Employee Flu Clinic –October 8, 2014



It is time again for our annual Flu Shot Clinic! This year's event will be held on Wednesday, October 8th, from 12 noon until 2 pm in the Assembly Room. Remember, you have to bring your Aetna insurance card to be able to receive your shot. Dependents that you have on your Aetna insurance are welcome to come and join the fun. Please see Carey if you would like more information or would like to sign up.

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 17, 2014 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 Hodgkins Somers Foundation. Additional support and in-kind provisions have been made by WCCC, Cianbro, Time Warner Cable and others.

Conference registration will begin at 8:30 in the lobby of St. Croix Hall, and the day will end by 1:00. 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 Sousa at 454-1003.





WCCC in 2014 was named
46th Best Community
College in the USA (The
Best Schools.org)

Special points of interest:

- > November 18 is Law Enforcement Career Day, Student Affairs is planning an event where all area high schools will be invited to demonstrations on careers in the field.
- > This newsletter will be published bi-weekly. Please see Tina with any ideas you may have for the newsletter.
- > Don't forget to complete your mandatory online safety training. If you need assistance, please see Robyn Leighton.

Entrepreneurship Course—Seeing, Thinking and Doing!

Instructor Rhonda French has students from both Entrepreneurship classes walking throughout the campus as part of a class assignment in Creativity, Innovation, and Problem Solving.

Creativity and Innovation consists of... **SEEING** what everyone else has seen.; **THINKING** what no one else has thought, and **DOING** what no one else has dared!

The first part of their assignment begins with seeing "problems" or "unmet needs" from the customer's point of view. The information they gather will then be used in class to stimulate discussion and work at restating the problem and what possible methods might solve the problem or meet the need.

The sole purpose of the exercise is to walk the students through the problem solving process and to help prepare them to go into their own communities to identify needs, generate ideas, and hopefully help problem solve.

The students have been instructed to be polite, show respect, and to act professionally. A great project for the students and WCCC.



Pictured above are WCCC employees enjoying Hospitality Day. A Chili Buffet was served. Kudos to the Culinary students and Instructor Parsloe

- > "Like" the College's Facebook page for the happenings around WCCC.
www.facebook.com/discoverwccc



WCCC & Calais Regional Hospital team up for Community Health & Wellness Fair

WCCC & Calais Regional Hospital are excited to host the Community Health and Wellness Fair on **Friday, October 24, 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. For an appointment for the blood drive, please call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org. 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!

THE WCCC LIBRARY'S GOING PLACES...

Starting this October, the library will set up a display table outside the Administration office once every month. On display will be our latest releases as well as books based on a selected theme. Our library has outstanding books, so we hope you'll take some time to check out our display. At the same time, everyone who drops by will have their names entered for a lucky draw. The first display will take place on Wednesday, October 15th, from 11am - 3pm. We hope to see many of you!