



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, September 22— Medical Assisting program students have CPR Training in the Assembly Room
- > Saturday, October 11—6th annual Ken and Jane Brooks and Friends Homecoming Concert, contact Tina 454-1002 for tickets.
- > Don't forget to complete your mandatory online safety training. If you need assistance, please see Robyn Leighton.
- > "Like" the College's Facebook page for the happenings around WCCC. www.facebook.com/discoverwccc

Lemon Drop Cupcakes, YUM!

Thank you, thank you to Instructor Diane Parsloe and the Culinary & Baking students for the wonderful surprise of lemon filled cupcakes for faculty and staff. . . and they were delicious!! Through the culinary curriculum, Instructor Parsloe and students will present on "Hospitality Day" their latest culinary/baking creation. Students will then have an opportunity to create, bake and present to faculty and staff their latest creation.

If you missed this weeks "Hospitality Day"

cupcake, you get a second chance! The culinary students are having a **Chili Buffet** with cornbread, salad and these delicious lemon drops on **Wednesday, September 24 from 11:30a.m. to 1:30p.m.**, please sign up in the faculty/staff lounge. Please contact Instructor Parsloe for more information.



HiSET Training

Tess Ftorek, Washington County Community College's dean emeritus and former student support services counselor, encourages anyone who may be thinking about getting their high school equivalency test to apply now. Canadian applicants are welcome, although there is a fee for out of state participants and Canadians. The program is free at WCCC for Maine residents.

Students who are 17-years-old who wish to enroll in the HiSET program must have a note from the superintendent in their school district that they qualify for the program. "I would never ever encourage anyone to drop out of school to get their equivalency diploma. If they are in school, I want them to stay in school," she said.

For more information about the WCCC program contact Tess at 454-2130.

Community Meeting Update

On Tuesday, September 16, President Cassidy called the first of several community meetings for the upcoming academic year. These meetings are an opportunity for employees to come together over lunch to be updated on different areas of the college, ending the meeting with a roundtable discussion on anything employees would like to share with the community. This week's meeting started with a quick update on the Academic Dean Search by Tina Erskine; Scott Harriman provided an update

on the St. Croix Tissue program selection phase of the process and selection of students. A kick off event is planned for October 2, 2014. David Sullivan and Scott Harriman provided an update on the College's Critical Incident Plan and next steps; President Cassidy updated employees on the Howland Hall project and its status; the community had compliments on how smooth startup was this year and some suggestions on how to improve. Minutes from the meeting will

be provided to all employees from the President's Office. The next community meeting is planned for **Tuesday, November 18, 2014**. We hope you will be able to attend.



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

Special points of interest:

- > WCCC will be closed Monday, October 13 to observe Columbus Day
- > Dexter's Tri-County Technical Center will be visiting campus on the morning of October 28th.
- > This newsletter will be published bi-weekly. Please see Tina with any ideas you may have for the newsletter.

Congratulations Chris Woodside!

Chris has been named the Calais Blue Devil Boys Varsity Basketball coach for this coming 2014-15 season. He has a lot of coaching experience, and began coaching basketball locally last winter, he served as junior varsity head coach and varsity assistant. As Chris has been quoted saying, "I almost feel like I'm still dreaming". Again congratulations, and best of luck to you and the Blue Devils this coming season! Go BIG Blue!



Adding Life to Years

WCCC comes to the Methodist Homes! On October 2nd, the college will kick off the first in a series of courses designed for older adults in our community. "Awakening Your Inner Artist" is a new course designed by local artist and designer Heather Perry. This course will assist seniors in taking whatever art or craft they do to the next level by studying visual principles and helping our budding older artists to enhance their creativity. David Sousa is currently designing a Senior Arts program for the college in an effort to reach out to the older community. You'll be hearing more about this in the near future. If you have any ideas for high interest courses for older adults, please bring them to David.

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.

1st Annual WCCC Ghost Run Half Marathon & Relay

The 1st Annual WCCC Ghost Run Half Marathon & Relay to benefit the Outdoor Adventure Center & Student Scholarships has been scheduled for Sunday, October 26, 2014. 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 30 registered!

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

*COME IN COSTUME!!!! Prizes awarded to those dressed in the best costumes!

Please contact Chris Woodside: (207) 454-1068, cwoodside@wccc.me.edu; or Sarah Mulcahy: bouchardsj@gmail.com for more information.