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

Calais/Pleasant Point _ Friday, March 6th at Split Rock, WCCC celebrated its 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 braved 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



Gilford & Dexter Students



Polar Dip participants rushing in



Gilford/Dexter students, Sarah's House & WCCC Representatives



Maisie Hurd - Granddaughter of Sharon & Gerry Bartlett of Calais



Darlene MacLeod, Ronald McDonald House, Karen Gookin, Event Coordinator & Joe Cassidy, WCCC President



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R - Amy Hogden and her supporter dipping for Downeast Hospice



Calais Border & Protection Agency



Calais Regional Hospital



Calais National Guard



Students and Teacher from Jonesboro



Chris Woodside & Alex Clifford



Culinary & Baking Instructor Diane Parsloe for two of her students – Chili Cook off