



Special points of interest:

WCCC's new website
has been launched at
wccc.me.edu check it
out and let us know if
you have any changes.

15th Annual WCCC Polar Bear Dip Logo Design Contest

DEAD LINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO JANUARY 21, 2015

WCCC Student Senate invites the college community to design the 2015 Polar Dip Logo. All designs should incorporate this year's theme St. Patrick's Day and motto of "LUCK OF THE PLUNGE" with the WCCC Polar Bear Mascot.

Designs submitted will be voted on by WCCC Staff and the One Grand Prize winner will receive the following: Grand Prize: Your design featured on 2015 Polar Bear Dip Sweatshirts, a sweatshirt with your design, and a free WCCC 3 credit class of your choice (This class is nontransferable and the winner is responsible for all taxes and fees. All entries must include your name and contact information.

Please submit your design to: Karen Gookin, Student Senate Advisor to kgookin@wccc.me.edu

SPREAD THE WORD

The Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) will hold a sponsored event at Washington County Community College, River-view Hall (Main Building) from 11am -12:30pm and 4-6pm on January 27, 2015 in rooms 316 and 317.

Assistance will be provided to all students and attending parents with the completion of the 2015/2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) regardless of college or university choice. This will take approximately 7 minutes or less to complete.

Returning students should bring their FAFSA PIN codes. Parents and students will need to know their Social Security Numbers and estimated 2014 tax information (if they file).

Completing your FAFSA will ensure you have access to Federal Student Aid and the Maine State Grant (up to \$1,000 per school year) and you will be entered into a drawing for an additional \$1,000 FAME scholarship.

To be considered eligible for the Maine State Grant, you have to complete your FAFSA no later than May 1st each year you attend a Maine college or university. We recommend you complete it in January as many other private scholarship donors will need a copy of your Student Aid Report that comes from completing the FAFSA. Free food and refreshments will be available in the assembly room area.

If you have any questions, please contact our Director of Financial Aid, William O'Shea at 207-454-1033 or send him an email at fa@wccc.me.edu. We hope to see you there!



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

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Reminder that every Tuesday 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.

Winter Family Fun Day

On Sunday, February 1, the Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC) will be host is annual free Winter Family Fun Day at the Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge in Baring, registration begins at 8:30a.m. More information and workshop descriptions are available at the Outdoor Adventure Center website at <http://www.wccc.me.edu/oac> or by calling the OAC at 454-1060.

WCCC's OAC 3rd Annual Ice Fishing Derby announce

3rd Annual Ice Fishing Derby

Washington County Community College's Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC) and Calais Parks and Recreation Department will again be hosting the Ice Fishing Derby on Boyden's Lake Saturday, February 7th . The derby officially begins at 7:00 a.m. and the prizes will be awarded at 3:00 p.m. This year there will be prizes for biggest fish caught and most fish along with some other smaller prizes. "This is the third year we have put this event on and it has been a smashing success each of the last two." said OAC Coordinator Chris Woodside. "I am looking forward to partnering with the college to offer a great event for the public. There is nothing better than ice fishing in the winter" said Interim Recreation Director Craig Morrison.

Tickets are \$10 each or \$20 for immediate family and must be purchased in advance or between 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on derby day. Advance ticket sales are available at Calais Recreation Department, Washington County Community College's Business Office or Outdoor Adventure Center. Food and refreshments will be available all day at the boat launch on Boyden's Lake on the Ridge Road. New this year, the OAC will have ice skates available to rent for the day as well.

Directions from Calais: Travel South on US Route 1, Just past the Robbinston Grade School take a Right onto the Ridge Road, continue up past the Lake Road, the boat landing is on your left. Look for the College van and Ice Shacks. For further information, please contact WCCC's Outdoor Adventure Center at 454-1060. Or visit the OAC website at www.wccc.me.edu/oac.



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

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This newsletter will be published bi-weekly. Please see Tina with any ideas you may have for the newsletter.

"Like" the College's Facebook page for the happenings around WCCC.

www.facebook.com/discoverwccc

Get Counted!



On January 28th, between 9a.m. to 4p.m. Washington Hancock Community Agency Supportive Services for Veteran Families will be on our campus in the hallway to receive any donations and start to count the homeless in Washington County.

Government funds are sent to towns and agencies based on the number of homeless that live in each community. If you or someone you know is homeless or does not enough sufficient shelter we need your help. Homeless in Maine can be a living in a vehicle or camper not made for winter. Please help Maine get the resources it needs simply by standing up and being counted!

In addition to collecting information, many Outreach teams bring hot coffee, sandwiches, hats, gloves, or blankets, and lists of local resources that may be of help. Please don't miss out on this vital survey to help our community develop a better understanding of the scope of homelessness and develop plans to end and prevent homelessness here in Maine.

In Person: Volunteers will be performing outreach in the community to survey the homeless in the area. We kindly request your participation if approached by one of our volunteers.

Volunteers are needed Call Lucy Barnhart, 610-5937

ADVENTURE TRAVELS AND TIPS!

Washington County Community College's Adventure Recreation and Tourism program would like to invite you to join them for a series of "Adventure Travels and Tips."

Everyone is welcome to attend some or all of these early evening events. They are open to folks of all ages and will take place Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m. in the assembly room at the college. For more information call Tess at 454-2130. The college library has developed a link with dates, times and descriptions, please visit <http://libguides.wccc.me.edu/ADV125>