



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.
- > 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



Annual Flu Shot Clinic—October 14, 2015

It is time again for our annual Flu Shot Clinic scheduled for Wednesday, October 14th from 12 noon until 2p.m. in the Assembly Room.

Please contact Carey for more information and to sign up for a time. Don't forget to bring your insurance cards.

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.

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

Congratulations Elizabeth Phillips!

WCCC is very proud of Elizabeth Phillips, Library Director, who recently completed her Master of Science in Library Science (MSLS) from Clarion University of Pennsylvania. It is no surprise that she maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA throughout the entire program. The MSLS degree is accredited by the ALA, and has rigorous requirements of 36 masters level credits, including a 3-credit capstone project: Research in Librarianship. There is a strong focus on the use of integrated technologies in libraries.

In her desire to continuously improve the library's focus on supporting academics at WCCC, Elizabeth chose "The Embedded Librarian Experience" as her capstone project. For this project, she collaborated with the ECE instructor to embed the library services and resources within two of her online classes in Spring 2015. As the embedded librarian, Elizabeth was given full permission on the Learning Management System (LMS) for the two classes.

She worked closely with the ECE Instructor Linda Levesque to provide students with additional resources for their assignments and students were able to contact Elizabeth via email, phone or directly through the online discussion board with their library-related enquiries such as questions on searching for resources, citations, inter-library loans etc. At the end of the semester, she conducted a survey among the students and analyzed the results.

The results were very encouraging with 93% of the students stating that they had a "very positive experience" with the embedded librarian. When asked to describe the experience with a single word, many expressed their thankfulness with words like "thankful", "grateful" and "helpful". Elizabeth also noticed with great interest that students listed resources and services as "very satisfactory" when they also listed "awareness" of



these same resources and services. Although this sounds obvious at first, it made her reflect on the importance of creating an awareness of what is available to students and the importance of the collaboration between faculty and the library to help create that awareness.

Copies of Elizabeth's capstone project are available from her in the library upon request. Congratulations Elizabeth!



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 12 to observe Columbus Day
- > This newsletter will be published bi-weekly. Please see Tina with any ideas you may have for the newsletter.



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.

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

*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.