



# Washington County Community College

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## The President's Message:

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Washington County Community College is wrapping up another busy and successful year. This year the college achieved the distinction of having the top graduation rate for two year colleges in the State of Maine. That is a testament to the hard work and dedication to students that faculty and staff at WCCC demonstrate.

The college has partnered with Calais Regional Hospital, and together we are in the process of pursuing a new Nursing degree program. It is our hope that the new program will be up and running for the beginning of the 2017 academic year. This collaborative effort between the private sector and the

college is reminiscent of the collaboration between WCCC and St. Croix Tissue, Inc. in Baileyville. That partnership continued this academic year as WCCC assisted St. Croix Tissue with initial on-the-job training for their new employees. Many of these new employees participated in the prospective employee training provided by WCCC during the last academic year. We look forward to continuing to support the needs of Calais Regional Hospital, St. Croix Tissue, and all other businesses, large or small, in our region.

WCCC continues to support our community partners in other ways too. The Maine National Guard Unit based in Calais has made WCCC their home this year, as the Calais Armory has undergone extensive renovation. WCCC and the National Guard always support each other, and the Guard's fulltime presence on campus has been a pleasant addition to the community environment this year.

We are excited that the renovation of Howland Hall,

which houses our heavy equipment operation and maintenance programs, power sports program, and AutoCAD and drafting program, is nearly complete. Our instructors and students have been utilizing this world-class learning space for the past couple of months, and we plan a grand opening celebration for the beginning of school next fall.

Since July of last summer, I have served as Interim President of Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor along with my fulltime duties here at WCCC. It has been inspiring to see the way everyone here at WCCC has stepped up and done a little extra when I have been working in Bangor. We have a very talented group of administrators, staff members, and instructors here at WCCC!

Joseph L. Cassidy, Esq.  
President

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

An exciting day is planned for the 15th annual Washington Community College Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 9, 2016, at the St. Croix Country Club.

There will be two shotgun starts, the first at 7:30 a.m. and the second at 1:00 p.m.

The tournament showcases the College's goal to raise money for its annual Direct-to-Student scholarship fund. Last year, individuals and businesses raised \$14,500 and forty-eight WCCC students were awarded scholarships.

Once again, the lucky golfer who hits a hole-in-one on the first hole will win a brand new car. Tournament co-sponsor Ian Pratt of Pratt Chevrolet Buick GMC on the River Road in Calais is the sponsor of that prize. Pratt also plans to donate other prizes for the tournament.

What makes this scholarship program so unique is the role that the individual or business that donates plays in the life of the student, as each scholarship created goes directly to the student. As in the past, donors are able to create a scholarship in their name or their business name, or in memory of a loved one. The scholarship can also be anonymous. Donors choose the program

of study they wish to support and create the scholarship criteria. A \$250 or more donation is presented to the deserving student at the end of the year. It is all tax deductible to the donor.

"Although the tournament is an exciting event each year, this is really about helping Washington County students," WCCC President Joe Cassidy said. "We have seen year after year that a single donation can make the difference for helping a student stay in school."

Anyone who would like to participate in the scholarship program can send their donation to Tina Erskine at Washington Community College, One College Drive, Calais, ME 04619. Please make checks payable to the WCCC 2013 Scholarship Fund. For more information about the golf tournament or the scholarship program, please call Erskine at 454-1002.



## Howland Hall Expansion Improves Functionality

The stalwart Howland Hall building—which has been present in some capacity on campus since the college's earliest days—has received a significant expansion and renovation. Used primarily by the Heavy Equipment Operations and Maintenance programs, the building now offers a 37' tall bay in the center garage, enabling students to fully articulate machines for maintenance and demonstration purposes.

Windows have been added where there were none previously, dramatically improving natural light in the classrooms used by the CAD program and for laboratory exercises. Two classrooms have been added and the bathrooms have been remodeled. The heating and insulation have been brought up to modern standards, making the building much more efficient in addition to improving its usability.

"It's the best such facility in eastern Maine," President Joe Cassidy said. "The building now has some of the nicest classrooms on campus with lots of natural lighting for our drafting students."

The grand opening for the building will be held in the fall.



## Allan Sutherland Retires After 35 Years

If you've been a plumbing or heating student at WCCC during the past 35 years, you've had Allan Sutherland as your instructor. After graduating from the college's very first plumbing program in 1974, Sutherland became a substitute instructor in 1978. He joined the faculty full time in 1981. Being a student here first was an inspiration for him to become an instructor.

"I'll miss the students," Sutherland said. "It's always rewarding when you work with students that have struggled through the class only to see them working successfully in the trade a few years later."

Though officially retired, Sutherland plans to keep busy. He will continue operating his antiques store in Eastport during the summer months, and he is the plumbing inspector for a number of rural areas. In addition, he has recently become the code enforcement officer for Perry.



WCCC Student Senate is proud to present to Delores Landry, House Manager from Sarah's House and Whitney Linscott, House Manager, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Maine a check for \$15,800.00

## WCCC Polar Dip Raises \$15,800 for Charities

Brave dippers from around the state came to participate in the 16th annual Polar Bear Dip on Friday, March 11th, raising \$15,800. The funds will be split between the Ronald McDonald House in Bangor and Sarah's House in Holden. To date, the event—sponsored by Washington County Community College's Student Senate—has raised more than \$300,000 for the two charities, which host families in need of lodging while they or their loved ones are undergoing treatment.

"This is a huge fundraiser for us," Lindsay Turner said at the dip, which took place at Split Rock in Pleasant Point. Turner is the twin sister of Sarah Robinson, for whom Sarah's House was named. "It's fundraisers like this that keep us going."

"Washington County is kind of like our home community," Turner said, explaining that more than half of all guests at Sarah's House are from Washington County. Turner herself

was dipping for the third time, while house manager Delores Landry was taking her first plunge.

Landry wasn't the only one dipping for the first time. WCCC student Tara Peterson was excited for the occasion, adding it had been on her bucket list for a while. Former WCCC student Desiree McDonald brought her daughter to join in the fun, a task Autumn met with gusto by plunging fully into the chilly ocean waters.

Other dippers were proud veterans of the event. One woman had dipped twenty times previously, here and elsewhere, while her companion had gone in seventeen times. Tess Ftorek, Dean Emeritus of WCCC and perhaps the most robust supporter of the event through her Facebook campaign, once again rallied for the cause and raised over \$2,200 herself.

Almost as quickly as they went in, the dippers rushed out, proceeding quickly to warm themselves by the fire pit or in the heated tents. Complimentary chili provided by the WCCC Culinary Arts program and hot drinks from Dunkin Donuts were on hand, along with hot dogs. Safety personnel from Pleasant Point and surrounding communities were on standby, ensuring everyone had a safe and enjoyable experience.



## 2016 Community Education Summer Camps & Activities

For more information, please contact Nichole Cote, Associate Dean of Community Education  
at 454-1012, or [ncote@wccc.me.edu](mailto:ncote@wccc.me.edu)

<p><b>Red Cross Adult &amp; Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED:</b> June 3, 2016 9a.m. – 5p.m. Cost is \$65</p>	<p><b>Babysitting Camp:</b> July 19-21 (Ages 11 and up) Come learn the skills and techniques necessary to help you in becoming a babysitter. 9a.m. - 12Noon Cost is \$40</p>
<p><b>Photography Series:</b> July 12-13, 19-20, 2016 This series will cover lighting tips, ISO, shutter speed, aperture and more! Please bring your DSLR camera, its manual (if you have it) and a notebook and pen! 6p.m. to 8p.m. Cost is \$100</p>	<p><b>Maine Guide Test Review Course:</b> July 14-17, 2016 For more information: <a href="http://finsandfursadventures.com/maine-guide-school-training-program/">http://finsandfursadventures.com/maine-guide-school-training-program/</a> 8am-4pm Cost is \$400</p>
<p><b>EMS/Fire/Law Enforcement Camp:</b> August 1-3, 9am-4pm Come learn about the work of Emergency Medical Services, Fire Services and Law Enforcement from those working in the field in our community! Cost is \$60 (Lunch not provided. Please pack a lunch and snacks!)</p>	<p><b>Art Camp:</b> August 8-12 (For those entering grades 1-12) Come enjoy an art camp at WCCC covering basic art concepts and many mediums! 9am-4pm, Monday-Thursday and 9am-Noon, Friday Cost is \$100 (Lunch not included. Please pack a lunch and snacks!)</p>
<p><b>Basketball Clinic:</b> August 13-14, 2016 Topics to be covered include defense, post plan, shooting, ball handling and more! 9am-3pm Cost is \$25 (Lunch not provided. Please pack a lunch and snacks!)</p>	<p><b>Creative Writing:</b> August 15-19, 2016 Spend a week at WCCC working on your writing skills! 9am-4pm, Monday –Thursday &amp; 9am-Noon, Friday Cost is \$100 (Lunch not included. Please pack a lunch and snacks!)</p>
<p><b>Sailing:</b> July 18-22, 2016 – Beginner camp at Indian Lake July 25-29, 2016 -- Beginner camp at Keenes Lake August 1-5, 2016 – Intermediate camp at Keenes Lake August 15-19, 2016 – Advanced camp at Gleasons Cove, Perry FMI or to register please visit: <a href="http://www.passamaquoddyachtclub.org">www.passamaquoddyachtclub.org</a></p>	<p><b>ART 100:</b> The Visual Experience For-Credit Offering For-credit offering covering many different concepts and mediums. May 31-September 6, 2016; Tuesday Evenings, 5:30-8:30pm Cost is \$349.48</p>

**WCCC reserves the right to cancel any offering dues to low enrollment**

Details coming soon on:  
Introduction to Brewing Beer  
Hiking  
Computer Application courses

More information on fall offerings including Hunter Safety, Certified Nursing Assistant Course, E-Commerce workshops and more coming soon!



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