



## NEWS ADVISORY

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## Maine Community Colleges to Honor Scholars

*SMCC student named Maine's New Century Scholar*

AUGUSTA, Maine – Eleven Maine community college students will be named to the All-Maine Academic Team for two-year colleges at a ceremony to be held next **Tuesday, March 27, 2007**, at 10:30 a.m., at the Senator Inn in Augusta. The event will be hosted by the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees.

The students receiving the award and a \$500 scholarship from KeyBank are:

- **Mark Castonguay, Livermore Falls**, Central Maine Community College in Auburn;
- **E. Jeanette Hatch, Medford**, Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor;
- **Katherine J. Cummings, Brewer**, Eastern Maine Community College;
- **Tina Willett, Winslow**, Kennebec Valley Community College in Fairfield;
- **Michaele C. Black, Presque Isle**, Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle;
- **Michael C. Schell Jr., Saco**, Southern Maine Community College in South Portland;
- **Heather A. Huntley, South Portland**, Southern Maine Community College;
- **Lori Barbee, Cherryfield**, Washington County Community College in Calais;
- **Maria Evans, Robbinston**, Washington County Community College;
- **Nicholas Johnson, Sanford**, York County Community College in Wells; and
- **Troy Williams, York Beach**, York County Community College.

Michael C. Schell Jr. will also be honored as Maine's New Century Scholar in recognition of having achieved the highest All-USA Academic Team application score in the state. He will represent Maine at the American Association of Community Colleges' annual convention in April, where he will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

The All-Maine Academic Team is part of the national Phi Theta Kappa program ([www.ptk.org](http://www.ptk.org)), an international honor society for two-year colleges designed to recognize academic excellence, leadership, and community service. Students are nominated and selected for the team by their college. The students also compete for a spot on the All-USA Academic Team, which is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, the American Association of Community Colleges, and *USA Today*. The All-Maine Academic Team program is co-sponsored by KeyBank, *Bangor Daily News*, Creative Awards of Scarborough, and the Maine Community College System ([www.mccs.me.edu](http://www.mccs.me.edu)).

More information on the New Century Scholar Program is available at:

<http://www.ptk.org/schol/aaat/newcent.htm>.

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*(If special accommodations are needed to attend this event, please contact Elynn Chase at 629-4007.)*