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Community Colleges Honor 2008 All-Maine Academic Team

AUGUSTA, Maine – The Maine Community College System (MCCS) Board of Trustees acknowledged the hard work of 13 community college students who were named to the All-Maine Academic Team at a ceremony today at the Senator Inn in Augusta. The team, which recognizes the academic achievements and leadership qualities of two-year college students, is sponsored in part by Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges.

The students honored include: **Kyle Oliver** of Auburn; **Lisa Patton** of Livermore Falls; **Robin Lozier** of Eddington; **Barbara Rozelle** of Levant; **Angela Cookson** of Madison; **Margaret Davis** of Windsor; **Steven Pierson** of Presque Isle; **Soon Ji Kim** of South Portland; **Joshua Lobkowicz** of South Portland; **Keri Holst** of Calais; **Elizabeth Phillips** of Calais; **Grady Fox** of Springvale; and **Ashley Sevigny** of Saco.

Joshua Lobkowicz was also 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.

At the ceremony today, each of the students received a \$500 scholarship from Camden National Bank.

The All-Maine Academic Team is part of the national Phi Theta Kappa program (www.ptk.org), an international honor society for two-year colleges designed to recognize academic excellence, leadership, and community service. Each of the Maine team members has also been selected by their colleges to 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 Camden National Bank, *Bangor Daily News*, Creative Awards of Scarborough, and the Maine Community College System (www.mccs.me.edu).

More information information on the New Century Scholar Program is available at <http://www.ptk.org/schol/aaat/newcent.htm>.

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Members of the 2007 All-Maine Academic Team

(Photos and more detailed bios are available at <http://www.mccs.me.edu/about/allmaine2008.html>)

Kyle Oliver, *Central Maine Community College, Auburn*

Residence: Auburn **Age:** 21 **GPA:** 3.92

Major: Business Administration **Achievements:** Phi Theta Kappa member; President's Honor recipient spring 2006; High Honors fall 2006 and spring 2007; Hannaford Tuition Scholarship recipient; TD Banknorth Scholarship recipient; CMCC Foundation Scholarship recipient; Student Government President 2006-2007; Blood Drive organizer; Student Government Advisor to the President; Operation Keep Maine Warm volunteer; Community Thanksgiving Food Drive volunteer; Salvation Army Giving Tree organizer.

Lisa Patton, *Central Maine Community College, Auburn*

Residence: Livermore Falls **Age:** 36 **GPA:** 3.91

Major: Early Childhood Education **Achievements:** CMCC Student of the Year 2006-2007; John H. Lapoint, Jr. Leadership Award recipient; President's Honors fall 2005 and 2006; High Honors spring 2005 and 2006; awarded Certificate of Appreciation from Androscoggin Head Start; Phi Theta Kappa President; President of Lakeside Players; student mentor for The First Year Connection; performed in "Loaves and Fishes" musical benefit concert for Sisters of Charity Food Pantry; American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign volunteer; Androscoggin Head Start volunteer; Livermore Falls Elementary School volunteer.

Robin Lozier, *Eastern Maine Community College, Bangor*

Residence: Eddington **Age:** 38 **GPA:** 4.0

Major: Business Management **Achievements:** Dean's List, fall 2006 and spring 2007; President's List, fall 2006 and spring 2007; EMCC's Student of the Year 2007 nominee; Phi Theta Kappa member, served as Vice President of Service spring semester 2007; Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship recipient, spring 2006 and 2007; Keep Maine Warm volunteer; Pink Tulip Project volunteer; Caring Quilts volunteer; American Red Cross Blood Drive volunteer.

Barbara Rozelle, *Eastern Maine Community College, Bangor*

Residence: Levant **Age:** 49 **GPA:** 3.63

Major: Education **Achievements:** Phi Theta Kappa member; Dean's List fall 2006 and spring 2007; Child Care Week at EMCC volunteer; basketball tournament volunteer; Tech Day volunteer; Pink Tulip Project volunteer; Blood Drive volunteer; Susan G. Komen Walk for breast cancer participant.

Angela Cookson, *Kennebec Valley Community College, Fairfield*

Residence: Madison **Age:** 26 **GPA:** 3.83

Major: Computer Science **Achievements:** Dean's List, fall 2006 and spring 2007; math tutor at KVCC's Marden Center; private math tutor.

Margaret Davis, *Kennebec Valley Community College, Fairfield*

Residence: Windsor **Age:** 57 **GPA:** 3.68

Major: Liberal Studies **Achievements:** Phi Theta Kappa member spring 2005 to fall 2007; former Vice President Phi Theta Kappa; Phi Theta Kappa fundraiser volunteer; Student Senate member; local food and clothes drive volunteer; TRIO volunteer; foster care and respite volunteer; Children's Museum volunteer; Pine Tree Camp for Disadvantaged Children volunteer; Vassar College Exploring Transfer program participant.

Steven Pierson, *Northern Maine Community College, Presque Isle*

Residence: Presque Isle **Age:** 33 **GPA:** 3.34

Major: Automotive Technology **Achievements:** Athletic/Scholar Award recipient; Phi Theta Kappa scholarship recipient; NMCC Foundation Scholarship recipient; Phi Theta Kappa President; Student Senate Treasurer; Automotive Technology work study lab student; Red Cross Blood Drive volunteer; Student Senate Volleyball Tournament fundraising volunteer; Automotive Technology Club Vice President spring 2007 and fall 2007.

Soon Ji Kim, Southern Maine Community College, South Portland

Residence: South Portland **Age:** 23 **GPA:** 3.91

Major: Liberal Studies **Achievements:** Dean's List spring 2006, 2006-07; fall 2007; Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of Finance; Student Senate Treasurer; Student Senate Finance Committee Chair; Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup Project volunteer; Relay for Life volunteer; Special Olympics volunteer; Learning Assistance Center tutor.

Joshua Lobkowicz, Southern Maine Community College, South Portland

Residence: South Portland **Age:** 26 **GPA:** 3.93

Major: Liberal Studies **Achievements:** 2008 Maine New Century Scholar; Phi Theta Kappa member; Vassar College Exploring Transfer program participant; Student Senate member; Student Senate Activities Committee member; SMCC Gaming Club founder; What Can You Do For Your World Fair volunteer; Amnesty International volunteer; Burying the N-Word event participant; SMCC orientation welcome leader.

Keri Holst, Washington County Community College, Calais

Residence: Calais **Age:** 22 **GPA:** 3.91

Major: Medical Assisting **Achievements:** 2007 WCCC Student of the Year; John H. Lapoint, Jr. Leadership Award recipient; President's Award in Medical Assisting recipient; Cianchette Brothers Scholarship recipient; Student Senate Scholarship award recipient; President, Student Senate 2007-2008; Phi Theta Kappa member; TRIO tutor; American Cancer Society Annual Relay for Life volunteer; WCCC Polar Bear Dip volunteer.

Elizabeth Phillips, Washington County Community College, Calais

Residence: Calais **Age:** 52 **GPA:** 4.0

Major: Early Childhood Education **Achievements:** WCCC General Scholarship recipient; Scholarship America recipient; Elder & Leemaur Publishers Scholarship finalist; Phi Theta Kappa member; student member of TRIO; Washington County Business Conference and Marketplace participant; fundraising volunteer for the Immaculate Conception Parish; Calais Elementary School volunteer.

Ashley Sevigny, York County Community College, Wells

Residence: Saco **Age:** 22 **GPA:** 3.4

Major: Liberal Studies **Achievements:** Dean's List spring, summer and fall 2006 and spring 2007; YCCC Foundation Scholarship recipient; National Dean's List fall 2007; Phi Theta Kappa member; Better World Books Drive volunteer; World AIDS Day awareness participant; Y3C Ethics Club founding member; North*Star guide and tutor; Multiple Sclerosis Society fundraising volunteer; soup kitchen volunteer; Vassar Exploring Transfer Program participant; MS Walk Team Leader.

Grady Fox, York County Community College, Wells

Residence: Springvale **Age:** 37 **GPA:** 4.0

Major: Digital Media **Achievements:** Phi Theta Kappa president; President's List fall 2006 and spring 2007; Pratt & Whitney Scholarship recipient; Books for Africa volunteer; World AIDS Day volunteer; Adopt-A-Troop volunteer; Editor of The Voice student newspaper; digital media lab monitor volunteer fall 2006-spring 2008.