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Maine Community College System Board of Trustees to Honor Students of the Year

Board will also meet for a regularly scheduled meeting

AUGUSTA, ME—Seven community college students will be honored for their academic and personal achievements and service to their communities at a ceremony hosted by the Maine Community College System (MCCS) Board of Trustees next week.

The 2007 "Students of the Year" Awards Ceremony will be held Wednesday, April 25th at the Senator Inn in Augusta. The awards ceremony will start at 10:30 am followed by a luncheon. Dennis King, Chair of the MCCS Board of Trustees, will give brief remarks. MCCS President John Fitzsimmons and former Trustee Jana Lapoint will present the awards.

The 2007 award winners are: **Lisa J. Patton of Livermore Falls (CMCC); Robert P. Jenkins of Bangor (EMCC); Tina Willett of Clinton (KVCC); Michael C. Black of Presque Isle (NMCC); Benjamin A. Shane of Portland (SMCC); Keri Lynn Holst of Calais (WCCC); and Troy Williams of York Beach (YCCC)**. The award winners were selected by college faculty and staff.

Each of the students will be awarded a John H. Lapoint, Jr. Leadership Award in the amount of \$1,000. Mr. Lapoint was president of UF Strainrite in Lewiston and a trustee of the college system when he passed away in 1995. Mr. Lapoint's widow, Jana Lapoint, served on the Board from 1995 to 2006 and helped establish the fund for the annual awards.

Trustees to Meet at System Office

After the awards ceremony, the Board of Trustees will hold a regularly scheduled meeting beginning at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the MCCS System Office at 323 State Street in Augusta.

At the meeting, trustees are expected to approve a resolution to implement a one-year Health Science Certificate program of study at Kennebec Valley Community College, accept gifts to the system and approve the Board meeting and events calendar for the 2007/2008 year.

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If special accommodations are needed to attend either event, please contact Ellyn Chase at 629-4007.