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Community College Trustees Authorize Five New Degree Programs and Two New Concentrations

Board also elects new chair and vice-chair for 2008-2009

CALAIS, ME — Trustees of Maine's seven community colleges today authorized implementation of five new academic programs, effective fall 2008. The new programs include:

- Certificate and Associate of Applied Science in Traditional and Contemporary Crafts at Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor;
- Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice at York County Community College in Wells;
- Advanced Certificate in Autism at Kennebec Valley Community College in Fairfield;
- Certificate in Building Construction at Washington County Community College in Calais; and
- Certificate in Heavy Equipment Operations at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland.

In addition, the Trustees approved two new concentrations within the Associate of Applied Science in Digital Media program at York County Community College. Students enrolled in that program will now be able to pursue concentrations in Graphic Design and Animation.

“By adding these new programs, we are responding to the needs of Maine businesses and addressing new opportunities in Maine’s economy,” said John Fitzsimmons, President of the Maine Community College System. “The new offerings will help ensure that Maine industries and regions of the state have the skilled workers they need to grow and prosper.”

In other action, the Board elected officers for the coming year. Daniel Wathen of Augusta, retired Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court and currently Of Counsel with the law firm of Pierce Atwood, will serve as chair. Kris Doody of Caribou, Chief Executive Officer of Cary Medical Center, will serve as vice chair.

In addition, Trustees recognized two MCCS students who have received the George J. Mitchell Peace Scholarship for study in Ireland during the 2008-2009 academic year. Lucas Ireland of Mapleton, a student at Northern Maine Community College, and Tracy London of Waterville, a recent graduate of Southern Maine Community College, will each study for one semester at the Cork Institute of Technology

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