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MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM HONORS STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

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

The 2009 Student of the Year Awards Ceremony will be held Wednesday, April 22nd at the Senator Inn in Augusta. The awards ceremony will start at 10:30 am followed by a luncheon. MCCS President John Fitzsimmons will give brief remarks. He will be joined by The Honorable Daniel E. Wathen, Chair of the MCCS Board of Trustees, and Jana Lapoint, a former member and Chair of the Board, in presenting the awards.

The 2009 award winners are:

- **CMCC:** Lewis K. Pratt, Jr., Machine Tool Technology, Lewiston;
- **EMCC:** Michael S. Handzel, Jr., Business Management, Orland;
- **KVCC:** Carol A. Giles, Business Administration—Accounting, Unity;
- **NMCC:** Charles C. Zappone, Nursing, Woodland;
- **SMCC:** Gregory M. Sevigny, Criminal Justice, Sanford;
- **WCCC:** Brandon Palmer, Mechanical Technology, Bridgton;
- **YCCC:** Melitta A. Nichols, Liberal Studies, Sanford.

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 community 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.

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