

# EARLY COLLEGE FOR ME

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Your  
Bridge  
from High School  
to  
Community College



## STUDENT TO STUDENT

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### Where is she now?

**Erika Kerr (Winslow High School'09, Nursing KVCC'12)**, is a nurse at Mount St. Joseph's Nursing Home. She plans to go for a BS and to work in cancer care.

**"[The Regional Director] is passionate about what she does. The kids 'hear' that."**

—Vicki Lindquist, Guidance Director, Winslow High School

**"[ECforME] helped me figure out what I wanted to do."** —Ryan Turcotte (Poland Regional High School'10) Heavy Equipment Operation-Maintenance WCCC'12

## EMCC GRAD IS A MITCHELL SCHOLAR IN IRELAND

For ECforME student **Cody Hand**, "Everyday has been an adventure." He's spending the fall semester in Cork, Ireland, at the Cork Institute of Technology (CIT). He is there under our Mitchell Peace Exchange with Ireland. Maine community college students who qualify (minimum GPA 3.0 and significant community service) may be selected to spend a semester at CIT, our partner institution for the exchange.

"I have met a terrific group of people," he says. "Some of my closest friends here are from Holland, Finland, Spain, and France"—not to mention his Irish friends and roommates.

Hand graduated from Hodgdon High School in 2009. After a year at Eastern Maine Community College, he was accepted into EMCC's medical radiography program. A member of Phi Theta Kappa, he earned his associate degree in May 2012 and was named EMCC's Student of the Year. At CIT he's taking business courses, aiming one day to direct a radiology department at a teaching hospital.



## HARD WORK PAYS OFF FOR NMCC GRADS

**Garrett Johnson** paid for college by going home on weekends to work. He graduated from Old Town High School in 2010 and from Northern Maine



Community College in 2012 with an associate degree in electrical construction and maintenance. He credits Early College for ME for guidance and financial help. What made him successful? "I worked hard in classes, had great attendance, did homework, studied, and put in extra lab time."

He's now at the University of Maine studying for a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. After that, he says, he wants to be "in the alternative energy industry as a site manager or on alternative energy design projects."

**Andrew McGillicuddy** helped pay for college with odd jobs. He made Dean's List all four semesters and was the first in his family to earn a college degree.



A 2010 graduate of Hodgdon High School, he earned his associate degree in plumbing and heating from Northern Maine Community College in 2012. He then went to work for the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad and applied for his Journeyman's license for heating.

At NMCC he kept up with his homework, had a good attitude and had a good relationship with his peers and instructors. He also credits "making good decisions" and help from Early College for ME for setting him up for classes and keeping him on track.



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**“[ECforME] made starting college way less stressful.”**

—Dayna Lambert (Bonney Eagle’11) Early Childhood Education SMCC

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**ECforME 1<sup>st</sup>- and 2<sup>nd</sup>-Year College Students  
Spring 2012 Honors List**  
*\*Honors 2 or More Semesters*

**PHI THETA KAPPA**

\*Aaron Paradis (SJVTC/Fort Kent’10) Welding EM’12

**HIGH HONORS**

\*Samantha Cook (Spruce Mountain’10) Early Childhood Education CM  
\*Nicole Dunton (Marshwood’10) Liberal Studies YC’12  
\*Sonia Jones (Freeport’11) Graphic Communications CM  
\*Kyle McCrossin (Caribou’10) Liberal Studies EM  
Brittany Plourde (Messalonskee’10) General Studies CM

**HONORS**

Damen Austin (Wiscasset’10) Computer Tech SM  
Rebecca Barnett (Bangor’11) Liberal Studies EM  
William Bombard (Westbrook’11) Electrical Engineering Tech SM  
Geordan Brown (Spruce Mountain’11) Computer Tech CM  
Amanda Campbell (Greely’11) Liberal Studies SM  
\*Alyssa Chasse (Presque Isle’11) Welding-Metal Fabrication NM’12  
\*Kody Chamberland (SJVTC/Wisdom’11) Liberal Studies NM  
\*Molly Cormier (Hamden Academy’10) Liberal Studies EM  
\*Amy Corriveau (Caribou’11) Early Childhood Education NM  
\*Katlyn Corriveau-Wilkinson (Sanford’11) Liberal Studies YC  
\*Taylor Craig (Brewer’10) Business Mgmt EM  
\*Ian Crane (Houlton’11) Welding-Metal Fabrication NM’12  
Jordon Cyr (Freeport’11) Architectural-Engineering Design SM  
Jesse Duffy (Mt. Ararat’11) Communications-New Media SM  
\*Georgetta Dame (Hodgdon’10) Medical Coding NM’12  
Angela Dang (Portland’11) General Studies CM  
Kimberly Fisher (South Portland’11) Criminal Justice SM  
\*Chelsea Flye (Winslow’11) Liberal Studies KV  
Delan Fulgham (Lewiston’10) Business Administration-Mgmt CM  
\*Kurtis Gagnon (SJVTC/Wisdom’11) Electrical Construction-Maint NM  
\*Cassandra Giguere (LRTC/Edward Little’11) Criminal Justice CM  
\*Blaine Goodrich (Nokomis’10) Diesel-Truck-Heavy Equipment EM’12  
\*Daniel Grindle (Bucksport’11) Liberal Studies EM  
Christina Hathaway (Presque Isle’11) Liberal Studies NM  
Hannah Higgins (Portland’11) Early Childhood Education SM  
\*James Irvine (Portland’10) Liberal Studies SM  
Fadumo Issack (Portland’11) General Studies SM  
\*Aaron Jellison (UTC/Home-School’11) Fire Science SM  
Dan Kazdoy (Bangor’10) Paramedicine SM’12  
Alex Kazimer (LRTC/Lisbon’10) Fire Science SM  
\*Kayla Kidder (Ellsworth’10) Culinary Arts EM’12  
Kirsten Knutson (Scarborough’10) Liberal Studies SM  
Heather Kromer (Bonny Eagle’10) Horticulture SM  
\*Garrett Johnson (Old Town’10) Electrical Construction-Maint NM’12

\*Kaine Kingsbury (Central Aroostook’11) Diesel Hydraulics Tech NM  
\*Jacob LaBrie (SJVTC/Wisdom’11) Diesel Hydraulics Tech NM  
\*Kelley LaFrance (Winslow’10) Liberal Studies KV  
Dayna Lambert (Bonny Eagle’11) Early Childhood Education SM  
\*Andrew McGillicuddy (Hodgdon’10) Plumbing-Heating NM’12  
\*Derek McIntyre (Mattanawcook Academy’11) Welding EM  
\*Abigail Merrill (Ellsworth’11) Early Childhood Education EM  
\*Colleen Monk (Messalonskee’10) Liberal Studies KV’12  
\*Nicole Murphy (UTC/Brewer’11) Liberal Studies EM  
Shanda Murphy (Sacoeppe Valley’11) Liberal Studies YC  
Patrick Murray (Oxford Hills’10) Refrigeration-AC-Heating EM’12  
Krysta Norris (Kennebunk’11) Liberal Studies SM  
Timothy O’Neill (Edward Little’11) Lodging-Restaurant Mgmt SM  
\*Gabriel Payne (Waterville’10) Computer Science KV’12  
\*Kara Plourde (Presque Isle’11) Liberal Studies NM  
Kyle Poirier (Massabesic’10) Automotive Tech-Ford Asset CM’12  
Cassandra St. Ours (Biddeford’11) Liberal Studies SM  
Griffyn Sawyer (Windham’11) Liberal Studies SM  
\*Jairus Smith (Oxford Hills’10) Computer Tech CM’12  
Taylor Stevens (Lisbon’11) General Studies CM  
Hayley Strout (Bangor’11) Medical Radiography EM  
\*Erin Sturgeon (Mt. Ararat’11) Liberal Studies EM  
Travis Sutherland (Mattanawcook Academy’11) Business Mgmt EM  
Matthew Till (Caribou’11) Plumbing-Heating NM  
\*Angelica Underhill (Calais’11) Medical Assistant WC  
\*Heather Villacci (Falmouth’10) Liberal Studies SM  
Ethan Vonderheide (Messalonskee’11) Architectural-Engineering Design SM  
Andrew Wasson (Caribou’11) Automotive Tech NM  
Cameron Willey (Mt. Ararat’11) Criminal Justice SM  
David Zhao (Portland’11) Communications-New Media SM

**“I was nominated and stuck with the program, and then I got the scholarship.” —Derick Belanger (Buckfield High School’11) Liberal Studies CMCC**

**“This program was an easy way for me to get enrolled into YCCC and structured enough for me to stay on track.” —Alexander Burgess (Massabesic High School’12) Liberal Studies YCCC**

**“I can ask/talk about everything and someone always helps.” —Sarah Baker (Woodland High School’12) Liberal Studies WCCC**

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