

CMCC Students Honored at College for ME Androscoggin Event

Two CMCC students were recognized earlier this month for their outstanding academic achievement.

Zamzam Mohamed of Lewiston and **Jill Bouchard** of Sabattus, were cited during the College for ME Androscoggin's annual awards ceremony. More than 200 people attended the event held at Bates College.

Adjunct instructor Alicia Harding presented the award to Zam Zam, who came to Lewiston as a refugee from Somalia. Harding noted how she was immediately impressed by Zam Zam's ability and determination. Until her husband is able to join her, she is raising five children on her own, Harding said. "I've never heard ZamZam complain about hard work, pressure, or the loneliness of separation," Harding said. "She's taken care of her family, become an American citizen, dealt with family sufferings, been a top student," and kept working toward her goal of becoming a nurse, Harding added.



Acting Dean of Student Services Betsy Libby presented the other award to Jill Bouchard, a medical assistant student who also hopes to pursue nursing. "She's a wife, a mother, president of the honor society, vice president of the Women in Technology Student Organization," Libby said. "She's in the hallway of every sign-up and volunteer table. She has school spirit."

Jill is the mother of a child with special needs. "He is nonverbal, confined to a wheelchair, and has endured many medical procedures. When he was born she was told he'd live six months. He just turned 11," Libby said.

Our heartiest congratulations to Jill and Zam Zam! Please click here to read the article that appeared in the Sun Journal. http://www.sunjournal.com/story/294635-3/LewistonAuburn/Moms_honored_for_college_success/#