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January at MCI



Greetings from MCI Residential Life!

As the saying about the month of March goes, "In like a lion, out like a lamb." The opposite was true for the month of January here in Maine. January came in like a lamb and out like a lion! We started the month with mild temperatures and very little snow and as of last weekend, which was the first weekend of February, we have several feet of snow and say temperatures dip down to -45 degrees Fahrenheit with the wind chill factored in. During January, we saw days of school canceled because of snow and ice and STILL we found lots to do in the wonderful Maine outdoors when the weather permitted. We had a couple of ski trips to Sugarloaf USA, a premier mountain in the entire northeast of America and a snowshoeing outing around Moosehead Lake in Greenville, Maine. We had several movie, shopping, and restaurant trips mixed in as well as a Masardis Coffee House which is an open mic night in our newly renovated Powers Hall.





MCI's Lunar New Year Sit-Down Dinner









Always a highlight of the year, we celebrated Lunar New Year with a sit down dinner that featured Asian themed cuisine and offerings of "lucky money" for our students. While we know this is no substitute for what our students are missing at home, it is intended to celebrate the holiday in a symbolic manner and hopefully helps ease the homesickness during this important holiday. As February begins, we are looking forward to the February break followed by MCI's finest and most fun tradition – WINTER CARNIVAL, where we take two days of school and devote them to class competitions and community fun. As always, life at MCI is good as we not only brave the winter weather, we embrace it and make it fun!

Sincerely,

Tom Bertrand
Dean of Student Life



