



SENIOR NIGHT AT SOUTHERN
AROOSTOOK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
(SACS)

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A few days before high school graduation, parents and their college-bound students attended a presentation on "Goodbye High School, Hello College!". Jessica Walker, GEAR UP and MELMAC Coordinator, introduced the guest speaker, Ray Cook, GEAR UP Parent Involvement Coordinator from Maine Parent Federation. He engaged parents and students in a presentation focusing on ways parents can support their students during that crucial first year of college and ways students can meet the challenges of college. One parent commented that if she had heard such a presentation before she started college, she would not have flunked out. All of the things mentioned happened to her.

Jessica Walker presented a laundry basket of college supplies to two lucky seniors. She also presented a gift certificate (covering the cost of one course) provided by northern Maine Community college to another lucky senior.

Charlotte Durr, guidance counselor at SACS, offered advice to parents and spoke about ways she supported her daughter in college. Jessica spoke about her first-year college experiences and encouraged students to meet the challenges of that first year.

About 15 people attended the presentation. (Principal and MELMAC coach were also in attendance).