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### **Kennebunk Businessman Named Entrepreneur of the Year**

(Kennebunk, Maine) - The Center for Entrepreneurship at York County Community College has announced that Patrick Corcoran, President of Corcoran Environmental Services, Inc. in Kennebunk, Maine has been named Entrepreneur of the Year.

Corcoran was presented with the honor at the Fourth Annual Entrepreneur Awards Celebration held recently at York County Community College in Wells.

Paulette Millette, Director of the Continuing Education and Business Services Department at York County Community College says the Entrepreneur of the Year award is presented to small business owners who have gone 'above and beyond' in their approach to business, community and environment.

"The people that are nominated for this prestigious award are business people that show the most promise and have consistently demonstrated a keen ability to succeed. Typically they employ fifty people or less, they are progressive in their business practices, are community minded, they reach out to, and foster relationships with their business colleagues and they promote environmental consciousness. Essentially, they're the cream of the crop."

"Each year this event gets bigger and better," adds Millette. "We believe that its important to recognize and celebrate the small businesses like Corcoran Environmental Services that are the backbone of Maine's economy. Entrepreneurs are the innovators and the employers in our state. They consistently step outside their comfort zone and go after their goals with a can do attitude. Entrepreneurs like Patrick are critical to our economic strength."

According to Millette, Lynn Howe of Kennebunk Saving Bank in Kennebunk, nominated Patrick Corcoran and Corcoran Environmental Services for the award.

"I'm honored and humbled to receive this award," stated Corcoran. "The success of Corcoran Environmental Services boils down to three things...family, loyalty and integrity. My family at home and the family of staff who work hard every day to make Corcoran Environmental Services succeed. The loyalty of my customers who've stuck with me through thick and thin and the integrity with which we conduct our business practices every day."

Established in 1997, Corcoran Environmental Services provides recycling solutions and logistic services to over three hundred municipal and corporate clients. Operating from Kennebunk, Maine with additional offices in Manchester, New Hampshire, the company currently services national accounts, universities and communities with innovative recycling and waste diversion programs.

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