The College hosted a special gathering on campus September 15 in recognition of “National IT Professionals Day.” Celebrated annually the third Tuesday of every September, this day is set aside to honor IT professionals, those unsung heroes of the modern workplace! More than 125 students attended sessions about IT careers, job openings, the future of IT, and what skills and certifications and employers are looking for. Speakers included Linda Young, manager of the IS Tech & Professional Learning Department at LL Bean; Dr. Ronald O. Brown, networking and telecommunications consultant; Chris Dumais, director of IT for the city of South Portland; Jay Collier, program director for Project>Login; Susan Deliberto, scrum master at IDEXX laboratories; and Brett Siedman, senior director of customer care at Carbonite.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event, from employers, to students, to staff!
COMMUNITY PHOTOS FROM AROUND MAINE

Join us as we feature photos from our students, faculty & staff from around Maine. Have a photo you would like to see featured? Email publicrelations@cmcc.edu.

Top: License Plates; Laurie Courtemanche
Bottom: Shiloh Chapel, Durham; Debi Pride

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The College will host its annual Fall Open House for prospective students and their families on Saturday, October 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

As always, students who complete an admissions application at the open house will have their application fee waived. In addition to having all academic programs and student clubs and activities on display, the College will host information sessions on the nursing admissions process, financial aid, and other support services. Staff will also be on hand to assist students with the admissions and financial aid application processes. Refreshments prepared by Culinary Arts students will be served.

For more information about CMCC, the open house, or for directions to the campus, please contact the College at (207) 755-5273, enroll@cmcc.edu, or visit www.cmcc.edu.

Prospective students and their families are encouraged to visit www.cmcc.edu/openhouse for program updates and to RSVP for the open house.

Come to the CMCC Open House and you will likely be greeted by one of these smiling faces! Left to right above are Chyanna Millett-Cordwell, Emily Butterfield, Andrew Morong, Joey Blanchard, and Joan Nichols.

Wisconsin Congressman Visits Campus

Congressman Mark Pocan of Wisconsin visited the College recently. Rep. Pocan, who serves on the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, was given a tour of the campus by President Scott Knapp.

Left to right in the photo are former Maine State Senators Emily Cain and Margaret Craven, Rep. Pocan, and Dr. Knapp.
### MCCS Trustees Present Mitchell Award to Brianna Crosby

Meeting on campus recently, the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees formally presented the prestigious George J. Mitchell Peace Scholarship to Brianna Mae Crosby, who graduated from CMCC in May.

The Maine Community College System bestows the scholarship to two students every year with the purpose of creating exchange opportunities between Maine and Ireland. It is named after former Maine Senator George Mitchell, who played a historic role in brokering peace accords between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Starting in January, 2015, Brianna will spend a semester studying at the Cork Institute of Technology located on the southern coast of Ireland. All tuition, fees, books, and room and board costs will be covered by the scholarship. Until that time, Brie is taking a few more courses at CM and is working in Student Services.

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This award is part of recent grants awarded by DOE totaling $270 million for 968 higher education institutions across the country. “Every student has the right to an equal opportunity to learn and succeed in college,” U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said. “These grants provide critical support to students who can benefit from extra help and encouragement along their college journey, enabling them to reach their personal goals and contribute to the economic vitality of our nation.”

TRiO programs provide services to thousands of eligible college students to help assure they graduate and are prepared to enter the workforce or transfer to four-year institutions. CMCC TRiO Director Terry Charlton, said that CMCC’s program, which has been in existence for almost 20 years, serves 175 students annually, including many who are low income, disabled, or first-generation college students.

“We have a very diverse group of students with many differing needs. CMCC TRiO assesses each student’s needs and then tailors an individualized program to help students reach their goals,” notes Charlton. The TRiO staff assist students with academic advising, time and money management, financial aid and scholarships, accessing college resources, and access to cultural enrichment opportunities. “We not only assure students that they do belong here, we help them to thrive here,” added Charlton.

Anyone interested in learning more about the TRiO program is encouraged to contact Charlton at 755-5238 or tcharlton@cmcc.edu. Left to right: Kristin Richard, Terry Charlton, Matthew Kinney, Donna Alexander, Heather Wood, Hope Godin, Melissa Harnden, Rene Moody

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Student Perspective: Exploring Vassar by Jessica Staples

In the May edition of the Around Campus we profiled Jessica Staples, who participated in the Exploring Transfer Program at Vassar College this past summer. For thirty years this program has successfully introduced community college students to the possibilities of transfer to a wide range of four-year colleges and universities. Below, Jessica writes about her experience. Enjoy!

My name is Jessica Staples, and I’m a second year at Central Maine Community College. Early on this year, I just so happened to be looking at a Mustang Message in my email.

One article in the email boasted about a free summer in New York, through classes at Vassar College. Naturally, the words “free” and “New York” caught my eye, so I decided to apply. The trip included free room and board, free classes, and a free meal plan. Basically, after submitting my essays and being accepted I was told to “buckle down and prepare for a challenge”.

When I arrived in New York, I was exhausted. Two five-hour layovers put the bus trip at twenty hours total, and I wasn’t able to sleep. I staggered into the college (the architecture and size of the place put me in awe), grabbed my room key, and all but collapsed in my bed for hours.

That same night we had a dinner, received our books (of which I might add, there were seven), and prepared for morning classes. “No rest for the studious” seemed to be the slogan at Vassar, and boy did we become aware of it.

The classes were co-taught by two different professors, making every class more like a conversation and less like teaching something out of a book. There were rigorous amounts to be read, multiple essays to be written, and quite a bit of research to be done. When we got to class, all that was set aside so that we could talk. The professors wanted us to synthesize the knowledge we gained through the readings and our writings, and apply them during active discussion and debate.

Throughout the summer, I gained so many friends. Living there, eating there, going to school there… it’s such a different experience than having to balance out working and commuting to school.

Left to right: Jessica, center, hangs out with new friends she made during Vassar’s summer program; Jessica gives a speech during one of her classes; photo taken by Jessica while at Vassar.
Tiffany Krastins and Brianna Crosby, the 2015 CMCC recipients of the Sturdivant Tuna Tournament scholarships, served as the 50/50 raffle ticket sellers at the “Captain’s Meeting” kickoff event held at Spring Point Marina in South Portland. Over the past 17 years, with the help of tournament participants and generous sponsors, the Sturdivant Island Tuna Tournament has made charitable contributions approaching $650,000! Most of this money has been donated to establish scholarships at all seven of Maine’s community colleges.

And congratulations to John Harmon II and the Banshee Boyz, winners of this year’s tourney. They are pictured here with their 670.8-lb catch.

Top: Taking a well-deserved break are Angelia Derboghosian, Ciaran Estes, Jessica Pare, Gary Malcolm and Evan Roberts.

Bottom: Resident Assistant Samuel Beety gives directions to Gary Malcolm, Samuel Wehry, and Eric Hathaway.

Instructor’s Sculptures Featured in Local Exhibit

A sculpture exhibit featuring works by Nathan Stevens, Ph.D., adjunct visual arts instructor, was recently on display at Kimball Street Studios in Lewiston. Part of a two-person show along with photography by William Pearce Cox, the exhibit included a series of blown-glass sculptures by Stevens. These sculptures created from abstract and non-representational blown glass forms focusing on texture, balance, and tension. The exhibition was part of the L-A Arts Art Walk.

Nathan’s glass sculptures have been exhibited at venues such as National Art Glass Gallery (AUS), Sculpture by the Sea (AUS), Gomboc Gallery (AUS), Gadfly Gallery (AUS), Harlow Gallery (ME), High Peaks Artisan Guild (ME), and USM Art Galleries (ME).
The 16th Annual “Chip Morrison” Scholarship Scramble, organized by the Androscoggin Chamber and the Central Maine Community College Foundation, raised over $52,000 again this year for scholarships for CMCC and local high school students. Held on August 26 at Spring Meadows Golf Club in Gray, this year’s effort pushed the total raised since the first event to more than $550,000! Our sincerest thanks go out to tournament sponsor SymQuest and co-sponsors Center Street Dental, Evergreen Subaru, Napa Auto Parts, and Skelton, Taintor & Abbott. Please check out the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce September newsletter for a complete listing of all our sponsors. Next year’s Scramble will be held August 31 at Springbrook Country Club in Leeds.

**Scramble Raises Big Bucks Again this Year!**

Top Left: It was a beautiful day on a beautiful course!

Top Right: This foursome from our tournament sponsor Symquest certainly had a great time! Striking quite a pose are David Lafontaine, Shaun Leeper, Kurt Jones, and Meg Fleming.

Bottom Left: Our good friends from Mechanics Savings Bank appeared confident and relaxed before they teed off on the sixth hole! Left to right are Norm Albert, Mark Carrier, Dick Roy, and Rick Vail. Dick is a member emeritus of the CM Foundation Board and Rick is a current member and former chair.

**First Annual Fitness Career Fair at CMCC**

The first annual CMCC Health & Fitness Career Day was held last month in the gym. Sixteen area professionals participated and shared information with students about opportunities in this growing field. Talking with students at left is Dustin Stanton, a licensed athletic trainer who works for the Central Maine Conditioning Clinic.

**Mt. Blue Open House**

Eric Meader from Admissions represented CMCC at the recent open house at Mt. Blue High School in Farmington. The College is offering four courses this fall at Mt. Blue. Contact Eric at 755-5480 or emeader@cmcc.edu for more information about CMCC in Franklin County.
A BIG WELCOME TO THE NEW FACES AT CMCC

MARGARET H. BREWER
Business Administration & Management Instructor
Margaret is the owner of FSPM, Inc., a general contracting company, and DiveMasters, LLC, a scuba diver services company. She has two degrees in business administration, a bachelor’s from Saint Joseph’s College in Standish and a master’s from Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, NH.

JUNE ROBERTS-SHERMAN
Graphic Communications Instructor
June earned an AAS degree in graphic communications from CMCC and a BA in fine arts from USM. She worked previously at the Auburn Public Library and as a page designer at the Sun Journal. June lives in Auburn.

KEELY HEIDTMAN
Chemistry Instructor
Keely is a native of Norwich, CT who currently lives in Hallowell. She holds a BA in chemistry from Assumption College in Worcester, MA and an MS in biochemistry from the University of California at San Diego. She has taught at the University of Maine at Augusta, Messalonskee High School in Oakland, ME, and Everett High School in Everett, MA.

KEVIN ELLINGWOOD
CPT Instructor
Kevin earned his AAS degree in computer science at CM (with President’s Honors) in 2001, and a BS in Information Technology from Kaplan University. He holds a certification in Comptia A+ and is a Microsoft technology associate (MTA) in Security, Server Administration, and Networking. Kevin lives in his home town of South Paris and has been employed as director of E-Commerce and Web Design for the Nezinscot Guild.

KYLE FLEMING
Information Systems Support Specialist II
A native of Norway, ME, where he still resides, Kyle holds an AAS degree in computer science from CMCC. He is currently pursuing a bachelor’s degree in IT and certifications from Microsoft and CompTIA. Prior to coming onboard full time, Kyle worked on campus as a student helpdesk technician in IT and as a resident assistant.

GRIMES WILLIAMS
Associate Dean of Student Services
A native of Raleigh, NC, Grimes has also lived in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and England. He worked previously at SMCC as a pathway learning strategist for the Business and Community Partnership Department. Grimes holds a BA in history and political science from the University of No. Carolina at Greensboro; an MA in higher education from Geneva College in Beaver Falls, PA; and an MA in liberal arts from St. John’s College in Annapolis, MD.
CYNTHIA MCSHANE
Learning and Advising Specialist
Cynthia earned a BFA in creative writing from UMaine at Farmington and an MFA in creative writing from Chatham University in Pittsburgh, PA. She also holds graduate certificates in travel writing and the teaching of writing. She has worked at CMCC as an adjunct instructor in humanities and as a writing center tutor. Cynthia has also served on the adjunct faculty at Southern New Hampshire University. She is a native of Auburn where she continues to make her home.

JOEY BLANCHARD
Admissions Representative
Joey just graduated from CM this year with a degree in criminal justice. A familiar face on campus, Joey recently worked as a campus security officer. While he was a student, Joey served as a resident assistant, president of the Student Senate, and president of the Criminal Justice Club. A native of Andover, he currently lives in Auburn.

BRANDEN ROSS
Resident Director
A former resident assistant here on campus, Brandon graduated in May with honors in business administration and management. Brandon has worked for several years as manager at Stevenson’s Vegetable Farm in Wayne where he trained employees and operated equipment. A certified nursing assistant, he lives in his native Livermore Falls.

JOSHUA MELLO
Facilities Maintenance Specialist
Josh graduated from Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School in Fall River, MA. A native of Monmouth, Josh has worked as a carpenter and also served as a correctional officer at the Two Bridges Regional Jail in Wiscasset.

MARQUIS FORBES
Food Service
Marquis recently joined our food service staff. A native of Providence, RI, he recently worked as a cook at Buffalo Wild Wings.

OLD FACES, NEW POSITIONS

DAWN DAYE
Financial Aid Representative
Dawn worked previously in the Business Office.

JENNIFER GAMEZ
TAACCCT Round 3 Project Coordinator
Jen was formerly the TRiO transfer and retention coordinator.
CMCC “Fearsome Foursome” Competes in MCCS Tourney

A foursome of Denis Fortier, Roger Philippon (dean of planning of public affairs), Pam Remieres-Morin (dean of finance and administration), and Marc Gosselin competed this summer in the Governor’s Challenge Cup Golf Tournament at Augusta Country Club in Manchester. Both former CM employees, Denis is now retired and Marc is the general manager of the Norway Savings Bank Arena. Proceeds from this event benefit Maine Community College students.

Left to right Denis Fortier, Roger Philippon, Pam Remieres-Morin, Marc Gosselin

Megan Parsons Wins Scholarship

TRiO student Megan Parsons of Lewiston has been selected as the recipient of the Arnold Hill and W. Scott Reid Scholarship, offered through the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. This $1,000 scholarship is awarded for up to four years to strong students who hope to earn a nursing degree. Megan is an honors student who was recommended for the scholarship by former TRiO Transfer Counselor Jennifer Gamez.

A Check for Fitness!

Bob Brainerd from “Moving ME Forward” presented a check for $3,500 recently to Athletic Director Dave Gonyea. The funds will go toward the purchase of gear for our student athletes.

Started in 2012 with a mission of “creating mentors in the field of Health and Wellness that will give back to our youth by confronting childhood obesity,” Moving ME Forward is also the force behind the Lake Auburn Half Marathon 5K Walk/Run, which was held last month on the CM campus. A number of CM athletes assisted in organizing the event. Money raised from the marathon and other efforts help to fund community programs that promote healthy living skills, nutrition education, and physical activity. Bob notes that Moving ME Forward also wants to partner with CM to encourage students to learn about health and nutrition and then become mentors to area youth.

Bob is a licensed athletic trainer and the co-owner of Central Maine Conditioning Clinic of Auburn. He is an adjunct instructor in the Physical Fitness Specialist Program at CM and also assists as athletic trainer.

Left to right are Andrew Morong, admissions director and coach of the women’s basketball team; Brainerd; Gonyea; and Bryan Wallace, corporate trainer coordinator and coach of the men’s soccer team.
Men’s Soccer Team Runs in Lake Auburn Half Marathon

The fourth annual Lake Auburn Half Marathon 5K was held on campus Sunday, September 13. Proceeds from this event support programs for local youth. Our intrepid men’s soccer team participated in the race.

Pictured left to right are Coach Bryan Wallace, Abduljabar Farah, Aden Hassan, Abdullahi Aden, Bisabu Abel, Derek Gosselin, Zachary Lowe, Kenneth Ball, Sam Newcombe, Fiston Mubalama, Ken Gatara, Justin Freda, Zachary Johnson, Keeshawn Ferreira, and Assistant Coach Jeff Joiner.

Pontbriand New Cross Country Coach

Dan Pontbriand of Auburn is the new coach of the Mustang Cross Country Team. An avid runner all his life, he participated in track and field at Edward Little and the University of Southern Maine, where he earned a BFA in 2011. Employed at the Lewiston Middle School, he has also coached the boys’ track and field team at Edward Little for the past five years. Under his leadership, the boys have earned three indoor and three outdoor track KVAC conference championship titles.

According to Pontbriand, “I am looking forward to coaching at the collegiate level and helping expand the fledgling program at CM. It is my goal to help the cross country athletes develop not only on the race course, but also in the classroom.”
Women’s Soccer

Front row left to right: Hailey Lebel, Bayley Caouette, Francesca Lally, Amber Pritchard, Hannah Blais, and Megan Duval.

Standing, left to right: Bailey Jumper, Alissa Gleason, Lilly Linscott, Elizabeth Cormier, Head Coach Rob Rodriguez, Emily Burnham, Rylee County, Courtney Cotnoir.

For men’s Soccer team see page 8 photo

Softball & Baseball

First row left to right: Sierra Patterson, Francesca Lally, Amber Pritchard, Katherine Perry, Sadie Ellsworth.

Second row: Amanda Barr, Jessica Pare, Ashley Crane, Coach Kate Dargie, ’09, Allison Morse, Ciaran Estes, and Taylor Fillion.

Our baseball and softball teams are nearing completion of their fall schedules. They will be back on the field in the spring!