A group of precision machining educators from around the country gathered on campus July 13-15 to participate in a “RAMP Multi-Axis Workshop.” The workshop was an initiative of a $900,000 National Science Foundation grant awarded to CMCC to fund the Regional Advanced Machining Partnership, or RAMP.

The goal of this Advanced Technological Education grant was to provide educators and industry personnel with the necessary skills for advanced Computer Numerical Controlled (CNC) machining, programming and metrology. “We wanted to develop a curriculum that can address industry needs in high-end skills that are directly applicable to the precision manufacturing environment,” said Diane Dostie, dean of corporate and community services at CMCC.

The workshop attracted 24 participants from more than ten states and from as far away as Alberta, Canada. They attended sessions led by CMCC instructors Devin Watson, Richard Bolding, and Stephen Bolduc, assisted by several students.

Sessions included 3-D Milling and Multi-Axis Curricula, and Live Tooling for CNC Lathes. Additionally, there were sessions.

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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: Clam Shack • Debi Pride
Bottom: Downtown Augusta • Christine Cummings

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Fifty-two colleagues from all seven Maine community colleges gathered at CMCC on June 3-4, for learning, discussion, and planning around prior learning assessment (PLA). The group was made up of faculty, academic deans, registrars, student services/advising staff, as well as grant staff. Three experienced trainers from the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) facilitated the sessions and provided much expertise in guiding what they called “a really strong, engaged group” through the information and planning.

The implementation of a standardized, system-wide PLA program to assess learning from outside the classroom is one of the goals of the Maine is IT! initiative, funded by a $13 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. Examples of prior learning include standardized tests, military & registered apprenticeship experience, workforce trainings/certifications, challenge exams and portfolios. This grant initiative coincides nicely with the collaborative work being done between University of Maine System and Maine Community College System (MCCS) in the areas of transfer, PLA, and career pathways – and is ensuring that MCCS presents a cohesive approach during this work. In June, the two systems signed a comprehensive transfer agreement that is designed to reduce college costs for Maine students and speed their time to degree completion.

Pictured above at the CAEL conference are the Maine Community College System grant project managers for each round of the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration grant. Left to right are Leisa Collins from CMCC; Elizabeth Fortin from Kennebec Valley Community College (KVCC); Michelle Hawley, CMCC; and Kurt Klappenbach, KVCC.
Chelsea Dutil a Second-Time Winner!

For the second year in a row, Chelsea Dutil of South Paris, an honor student in the Business Administration and Management program, has been named a recipient of the Patriot Education Scholarship. Lincoln Merrill from Patriot Insurance notes that the scholarship fund was established in 2008 and has a focus on assisting Maine students who are seeking a Maine college education.

Administered through the Maine Community Foundation, the Patriot Education Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to graduates of a Maine high school who are pursuing a degree in business at a college or university in Maine. Applicants who have a demonstrated interest in personal and commercial insurance professions are preferred.

Patriot Insurance is located in Yarmouth, Maine. A member of Frankenmuth Insurance, their insurance products are sold through independent agents and cover homes, automobiles, and businesses.

http://www.patriotinsuranceco.com

Foundation Board Members Get a “Sneak-Peek”

Some members of the CM Foundation Board of Directors were given a tour of the new building following their June meeting. President Scott Knapp, center, describes one of the new rooms to Rick Vail, left, president of Mechanics Savings Bank, and Michele Tribou, owner of Heidi’s Brooklyn Deli.

The new building will include Harvard-style classrooms, a communications lab, a business simulation lab, a high-end organic chemistry lab, multiple student gathering & studying spaces, a meeting space overlooking Lake Auburn, and the Office of Admissions.

New Academic Building Construction Update

We are very happily closing in on completion for the new Academic Learning Tower, known better as “The Tower”. Shown left is progress on the connector between The Tower and Jalbert Hall. Shown right is the back of the building from back quad, framed by the Jalbert Hall 400/500 wing.
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conducted by Immersion Engineering, Sandvik, and CamInstructor.

This three day training session provided instructors with the necessary materials to deliver a class as set-up by the RAMP curriculum. The program included instruction and lab time on the set-up and operation of some advanced techniques and projects. Attendees also used videos created through the RAMP grant to aid them in the set-up of equipment.

A Certificate in Advanced Machining has been developed at CMCC for experienced machinists and graduates of machining programs. Courses such as Advanced MasterCam Programming, Three-Dimensional CNC Milling, and Multi Axis CNC Milling have been designed and can be delivered mostly online and through an internet-based communications environment.

For more information on the RAMP project, please contact Diane Dostie at 755-5281 or ddostie@cmcc.edu.
Brianna Mae Crosby of Wayne, who graduated from CMCC in May, has been awarded the prestigious George J. Mitchell Peace Scholarship.

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.

Noting that she was truly humbled, Briana was nonetheless overjoyed at being selected for the Mitchell Scholarship. “Just the idea that I was nominated was very special to me. But to be chosen? I was ecstatic!” While addressing her fellow graduates at CMCC’s Commencement Exercises on May 14, Brianna remarked that she was honored to be named a Mitchell Scholar and added: “In a few months, as one of the recipients of the George J. Mitchell Scholarship, I will be heading to Ireland to study. However, I will not be going there alone. I will be going with every one of you. This is because at Central Maine Community College, we don’t just earn an education. We build a family, a network of friends and faculty.”

Crosby earned an associate degree with highest honors in Business Administration and Management with a concentration in Culinary Arts/Hospitality Management. A member of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, she completed her studies at CMCC with a perfect 4.0 GPA. In recognition of her outstanding accomplishments, Brianna was honored as CMCC’s 2015 Student of the Year by the Maine Community College System’s Board of Trustees in April. Before her semester in Ireland, Crosby plans to continue her studies in International Studies at the baccalaureate level in the fall.
Members of the Franklin County Community College Network (FCCCN) met earlier in July to plan local educational opportunities, including CMCC classes in Franklin County and the Comp TIA A+ Certification through CMCC’s Maine is IT! federal grant.

Jobs which may require the Comp TIA A+ Certification include technical support specialist, field service technician, IT support technician, IT support administrator, and IT support specialist. The certification program is available through the RSU 9 Adult Basic Education Program and begins in late September. The college class registration deadline is August 14.

CMCC courses offered in Franklin County in the fall include College Writing, Interpersonal Communication, Introduction to Psychology and Effective Customer Relations. Many residents of Franklin County have taken advantage of such courses and CMCC programs in the pursuit of their educational goals.

Denise Castonguay became unemployed after working for a local school system for 14 years then enrolled in the Medical Assistant Program at CMCC. A scholarship helped her with travel costs, supplies and a computer. “The four classes I’m taking this fall will enable me to return to the work force as soon as possible,” Catonguay said.

“Thanks, you can never give up on your goals,” Charity Christopher tells her children. She is enrolled in the Human Services Program and is looking forward to a career doing what she loves, which is simply helping people. A scholarship helps her cover costs above tuition.

Scholarships, supported by the Maine Community Foundation are available through the Network, which to date has made 168 awards to citizens throughout Franklin County, totaling over $85,000. Application deadlines are coming soon. For more information, contact the FCCCN at info@franklinnetwork.org or (800) 517-2859.

To enroll or learn more about CMCC courses available in Franklin County contact Eric Meader, admissions representative, at emeader@cmcc.edu or (207) 755-5480.

To learn more about the Maine is IT! grant or Comp TIA A+ certification contact Emily Butterfield, student navigator, at (207) 755-5375 or ebutterfield@cmcc.edu.

This program is funded by a $13 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. This is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action program. Adaptive equipment will be provided upon request to individuals with disabilities.

News from Our Partners in Franklin County

Student Jeena Shrestha, who is from the Southeast Asian nation of Nepal, raised funds on campus in the spring to help the April earthquake victims in her native country. Jeena was a honors student in the General Studies program, and is now studying nursing in New York.

CM Students at Your Service at Heidi’s

When you stop in for a great sandwich at Heidi’s Brooklyn Deli in Auburn there is a good chance that the excellent service you receive will be from one of our students. Owner Michele Tribou, who serves on the CM Education Foundation Board, counts numerous CM students and alums among her current and former employees. Pictured here left to right are Kelvin Duran, Abigail Rines, Owner Michele Tribou, Ryan Gervais (behind Michele), Kimberly Plummer, John Weston, and Kelly Plummer. (Absent from the photo is Miranda Johnson). Ryan graduated in May from our ELT program and is working at Heidi’s through the summer before heading into the field. Kim and Kelly are entering CMCC this fall.
Dave Gonyea, who serves CMCC as director of athletics, housing, and security and as men’s basketball coach, was presented with the USCAA Career Achievement Award at the national convention held in Pittsburgh in June. Gonyea, a former USCAA president, just ended a term of service on the board of directors.

During the presentation, USCAA Chief Operating Officer, Matthew Simms noted “This individual was with this organization before it was the USCAA . . . He called upon as many members as possible to stay and reorganize this association as the USCAA. Moving forward he was an outstanding leader, working to establish a national office that provided services to the member institutions and put forth first class national championship experiences . . . He is an outstanding coach, board member, and leader and he will be severely missed. Because of his service above and beyond to keep this organization alive and make it what it is today, we recognize Dave Gonyea with the USCAA Career Achievement Award.”

“I am beyond honored and humbled by this recognition,” said Dave. “It has been an absolute pleasure serving the USCAA over the last decade plus. Watching it grow in membership and the services and opportunities it provides is something we should all take a lot of pride in. A lot of people are putting in a lot of hard work, and I’m excited about the future of this fantastic league.”

Maggie Sabine Returns to CMCC as Assistant Coach for the Women’s Basketball Team

“ I am really looking forward to empowering our female athletes...”

We are very happy to announce that former Mustang basketball standout Maggie Sabine will be returning to CMCC to serve as assistant coach for the women’s basketball team. Maggie enjoyed a stellar playing career here at CMCC and then at St. Michael’s College in Vermont. “I am beyond excited to be back at CM, and to coach alongside Andrew Morong,” said Maggie. “I really wanted to coach at CM because it opened so many doors for me over the past couple of years, and I really felt it was important for me to give back. I am really looking forward to empowering our female athletes as they work hard and pursue their goals.” Congratulations Maggie and welcome back!
Scholarships and academic credit for prior learning are available!

It’s no secret higher education leads to better and higher paying jobs. CMCC’s Business Administration & Management Certificate is great way to increase your skills in:

- business
- management
- accounting
- marketing
- customer relations
- strategic planning
- recreation management

Best of all, the certificate doesn’t require dedicating years, or even full-time months, to a program. The Business Administration & Management Certificate program offers full or part-time students the opportunity to earn a Certificate by taking day, evening, or online courses.

CMCC courses are offered online, as well as face-to-face, at:

- Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School
- Mountain Valley High School
- Fryeburg Academy
- Mt. Blue High School

View all course offerings at: www.cmcc.edu

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Pamela LaBelle of Lewiston has been honored as one of 12 winners of the 2015 Next Step Maine Scholarship.

Awarded by the Maine Development Foundation (MDF), the scholarship recognizes “Employees of Promise” who are nominated by their employers. The goal of the fund is to support outstanding employees who are pursuing higher education while balancing their careers, supporting family members, and juggling additional life responsibilities.

Pamela enrolled here at CMCC some 24 years after earning her GED in Auburn. An accounting major, she has earned President’s Honors – the highest academic honors at the college – in four separate semesters. LaBelle lives in Lewiston and is employed as the treasury manager in the Treasurer’s Office for the City of Lewiston.

This year’s 12 scholarship recipients represent eleven Maine employers, seven counties, and eleven Maine educational institutions. The scholarships presented were three $2,300 scholarships, three $1,500 scholarships, five $1,000 scholarships and one $500 scholarship. For more information, visit the Next Step Maine website at http://www.nextstepmaine.org/.

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TRiO Is Getting Refreshed for Student Success!

The TRiO SSS Student Success Center computer lab and offices are being remodeled. New carpeting, paint, faster and more powerful touch screen computers, and a whole new layout will welcome students in September. Join us for an open house on September 3 from noon until 3:00 p.m. Door prizes, light refreshments, and welcoming smiles await all. Stop by and see what TRiO is all about.

Future Hoopsters Spend Weekend on Campus

A group of future Mustang basketball players spent the last weekend in June on campus getting a “crash course” on the CMCC basketball program. A good time was had by all as the recruits learned about the expectations for Mustang athletes. They mingled with future teammates, met current students and the coaching staff, and participated in team-building activities, such as the volleyball game pictured below. They also enjoyed a cookout, and of course, played some ball! Some family members also attended the event.

Maine’s Community Colleges and State Universities Reach Far-Reaching Transfer Agreement• CMCC Student Participates in Bill Signing

The University of Maine System (UMS) and the Maine Community College System (MCCS) signed an important agreement on June 8 that should reduce college costs for Maine students and speed their time to degree completion.

The agreement, signed by UMS Chancellor James Page and MCCS President Derek Langhauser, will make it possible for students enrolled in any one of Maine’s 14 community colleges and public universities to complete up to 35 credits of their general education requirements and transfer that block of credits, for full credit, to any of the other institutions within the two systems.

“Every year, over 750 of our students transfer to the University of Maine System,” noted President Langhauser. “This agreement and other joint transfer initiatives are designed to serve the best interests of those students and to make sure they are able to get the education they need as quickly and affordably as possible. Thanks to the hard work of faculty and staff across our institutions, this agreement will help ensure that our students are prepared to be successful at each step in their educational journey.”

Bayley Caouette of Buckfield, an honors student at CMCC who will be moving into the Nursing program in the fall, was invited to attend the formal signing of the agreement. She hopes to continue her studies at the baccalaureate level after she graduates from CMCC. She appeared on camera in the WCSH-TV report on the signing. You can watch Bayley here!

The full text of the new transfer agreement is available online.