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Central Maine Community College has joined Achieving the Dream (ATD), a network of more than 220 colleges in 39 states dedicated to improving student success. As a Network institution, CMCC will innovate to implement, align, and scale cutting edge reforms, work with ATD coaches to build institutional capacity and connect with peers to foster learning and share information.

"Achieving the Dream is a growing network of more than 220 community colleges committed to helping all students achieve their goals for academic success," noted Betsy Libby, academic dean at CMCC. "The goal is to close academic achievement gaps and accelerate student success by examining data

and building on the College's capacities in seven essential areas, such as leadership and vision, teaching and learning, and data and technology," Libby added.

The Kresge Foundation has awarded an \$810,000 grant to The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges to enable CMCC and the other Maine community colleges to join the ATD Network. In announcing the award, William F. L. Moses, managing director of The Kresge Foundation's Education Program, noted: "Maine is poised to become a national leader in demonstrating how low-income, first generation and under-represented students can succeed in college. This award is a testament to the

collaborative approach that Maine's community colleges are taking to improve student outcomes, and it recognizes the promising work already underway across the Maine Community College System."

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The ATD Network offers a “capacity-building framework” and self-assessment tools that allow colleges to pinpoint strengths and areas for improvement across those seven institutional capacities. The approach integrates and aligns existing college success efforts and offers valuable support in making bold, institution-wide changes.

“The strength of local and regional economies, our ability to rebuild the middle class, and the possibility that a new generation will achieve their goals depends on community colleges,” said Dr. Karen A. Stout, president and CEO of Achieving the Dream. “Colleges that join the ATD Network show an exceptional commitment to becoming the kind of institution that will lead the nation into the future.”

A team from CMCC met with teams from other colleges in April and June to prepare to launch their ATD work. Colleges in the ATD Network will rely heavily on data that answers critical questions about who attends college, who succeeds and why, and how college is financed. To advance the goals of academic success and social mobility, the colleges will examine data metrics that provide information on how low-income and other underserved students perform. These are categorized into performance metrics, efficiency metrics, and equity metrics at points during the student experience from access through post-college outcomes.

As colleges progress through ATD, they may apply to participate in initiatives that can help them refine practices based on sound evidence of what works. Read more about ATD on their website or follow them at on Facebook at [facebook.com/AchievingtheDream](https://facebook.com/AchievingtheDream).



Achieving the Dream™

Community Colleges Count

Front Page: The CMCC team at the Achieving the Dream Conference in Cleveland. Left to right are John Wallace, Nick Hamel, Kathy McManus, Ron Bolstridge, Betsy Libby, Ethel Bowden, Anne St. Pierre, and Mike Henry. Top: John, Ethel and Kathy were hard at work at one of the sessions. Above left: Betsy Libby making a very strong point during one of the group discussions.

# DIGITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES SURVEY 2016-2017 WINNER

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*The Center for Digital Education's Digital Community Colleges Survey Awards honor community colleges utilizing technology to engage students and improve learning.*

Central Maine Community College is among the top-ten winners in the 2016-17 Digital Community Colleges Survey conducted by The Center for Digital Education (CDE). Now in its twelfth year, this survey analyzes how community colleges use a range of technologies to improve services to students, faculty, staff, and the community at large.

CMCC placed eighth nationally in the small college category and was the only institution in Maine and one of only two in New England to be selected. "This year's survey indicates community colleges are continuing to improve efforts at creating cost-effective platforms and open-education resources, mobile environments, real-time resources, telepresence robots and more to create robust online and mobile environments for their students," said Dr. Kecia Ray, executive director for the Center for Digital Education.

The survey also revealed insights about community colleges' technology priorities. Colleges surveyed indicated that mobility devices/app support is their top priority in the coming year. Other priorities include website redesign/updates; cybersecurity tools and testing;

and how to integrate technology into curriculum and instructional practices.

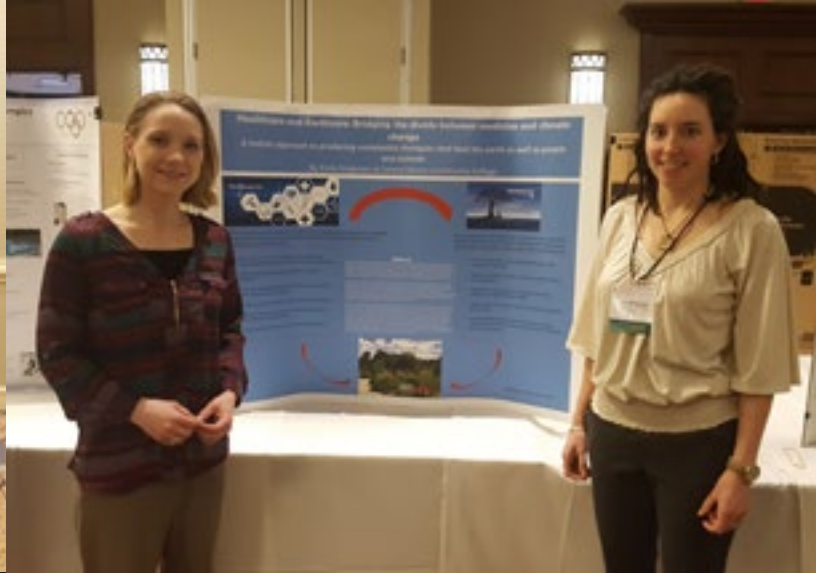
We are pleased to be recognized nationally for the exceptional technology support we provide to our students, instructors, and staff," said President Scott Knapp. "Digital technology is now closely tied with a student's learning process and experiences. A college with a sound digital technology infrastructure is better equipped to train students for the high-tech jobs of today and tomorrow," the president added.

As opposed to confining learning and educational experiences to a classroom or library, the successful implementation of digital technology services allows students to experience both independent and cooperative learning advantages.

The Center for Digital Education (CDE) is a national research and advisory institute specializing in K-12 and higher education technology trends, policy, and funding. CDE provides education and industry leaders with decision support and actionable insights to help effectively incorporate new technologies in the 21st century.

Learn more at [www.centerdigitaled.com](http://www.centerdigitaled.com).





## CMCC Life Sciences Trip to Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference 2017

Four students in the Life Sciences Honors Program recently attended the Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference in Pittsburgh, PA. With a theme of Bridging the Divide: Contemplating Differences and Forging Commonalities, the conference was further inspired by its location of Pittsburgh, commonly referred to as the "City of Bridges."

Samuel Moreau, Fanie Wabwende, Deanna Doyon, and Emily Dingman, along with instructor Diana Drown participated in the conference (and yes, actually walked across one of those famous bridges!) Deanna described the conference as a "truly amazing and inspiring experience. Honors is not just about doing extra credit. It is about coming together, finding a common thread, and collaborating for a common goal. The goal is to feed each other intellectually and enrich our lives."

Emily Dingman had a poster presentation at the conference of her capstone project title "Healthcare and Earthcare: Bridging the divide between medicine and climate change."

Emily noted that the questions she received about her presentation were very helpful in the development of a paper she is working on. "The Pittsburgh trip was a great experience . . . It also reinforced my desire to communicate about and experiment with the ideas about rebranding healthcare and focusing on changing the way we approach healthcare in our communities to be more holistic and earth friendly," she added.

Instructor and honors coordinator Diana Drown, who accompanied the students on the trip, noted that she and the students were really impressed with the keynote

speaker, Dr. Jim Withers, physician and founder of Operation Safety Net and The Street Medicine Institute, which are both focused on providing healthcare to the homeless. "One of my students recently spoke of him and his organization operation safety net and thought as a community service project for our program we could possibly collect needed items for Operation Safety Net," said Diana.

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[Learn more about the Northeast Regional Honors Council.](#) The Life Sciences Honors Program offers students in-class and extracurricular activities that are broader, deeper, and more complex than comparable learning experiences typically found at colleges and universities.

Left: NRHC President-elect Helen- Margaret Nasser, Samuel Moreau, Deanna Doyon, Fanie Wabwende and Diana Drown.

Right: Diana Drown stands with Emily Dingman during Emily's poster presentation at the NRHC Conference 2017 in PA.



## Olympia Snowe Women's Leadership Institute on Campus



The College was pleased to host one of the Olympia Snowe Women's Leadership Institute "Year End Celebrations" for participants in Central Maine.

The Institute launched in 2015 using Senator Snowe's compelling personal story and her historic career as the inspiration to create a meaningful leadership experience for 10th-12th grade girls. Supporting Senator Snowe in this work is a broad and diverse group of successful women from all walks of life. The Institute plans to continue its expansion over the next several years. By the fall of 2019, the Institute will be partnering with 36 schools and will serve 540 girls. More information is available at the [Women's Leadership Institute website](#).



## Hat's Off to Faculty and Staff

Thirty-five faculty and staff members were honored recently at the annual employee recognition brunch held in the campus dining commons. Two retirees, math instructor Doug Carbone and Diane Dostie, dean of corporate and community services, were also recognized. The following employees who represent a total of more than 355 years of combined service were honored:

### 5-Year Service Recognition

Meridith Bonney  
John Bowie  
Emily Butterfield  
Jennifer Gamez  
Dan Graham  
David King  
Sharon Kinney  
Brian Landry  
Eric Meader  
Peter Miller  
Kellie Morris  
Austin Perreault  
Paul Salois  
Heather Seymour

### 10-Year Service Recognition

Kate Dionne  
Carmin Iadonisi  
Michael Matzinger  
Jesse Morris  
Jessica Smith  
Eileen Steck  
Lacey Towle  
John Wallace

### 15-Year Service Recognition

John Blois  
Liz Oken  
Barbara Owen

### 20-Year Service Recognition

Scott E. Knapp

### 25-Year Service Recognition

Douglas Carbone  
Kevin Cook  
Diane Dostie

### 30-Year Service Recognition

Tracey Farmer

### 35-Year Service Recognition

Betty Foster



Top L to R: Diane Dostie & Douglas Carbone are retiring from CMCC. Bottom: Betty Foster celebrates 35 years at CMCC!





## CMCC Students Earn Scholarships from Professional Estimators Group

The Maine Chapter of the American Society of Professional Estimators (ASPE) has awarded \$500 scholarships to three students in the Building Construction Technology (BCT) program at Central Maine Community College. The scholarships were presented at a recent meeting to honor students Eliza Robbins of Whitefield; Shane Kimball of Standish; and Matthew Martin of Saco.

The scholarships are named in memory of longtime ASPE member Guy Washburn, who was an educator and avid supporter of education in building construction. His wife Linda participated in the presentations.

The ASPE organization serves construction estimators by providing education, fellowship, and opportunity for professional development. The Maine chapter encourages a wide range of activities that provide learning experiences for estimators at all experience levels.

The BCT program at CMCC prepares students for successful employment in construction-related fields. Through a combination of classroom study, mock-ups, and live projects, students obtain hands-on experience and become broadly familiar with methods, standards, and codes commonly associated with the construction industry. The program offers students the opportunity to earn a certificate or an associate in applied science degree.

Photo caption: From left are John Brockington, president of the Maine Chapter of ASPE; students Eliza Robbins, Shane Kimball, and Matthew Martin; Don Varney, chair of the BCT program at CMCC; and Linda Washburn. The ASPE group awarded each of the CMCC building construction students a \$500 scholarship.



## CMCC Precision Machining Students Earn Gene Haas Scholarships

Almost 20 students in the Precision Machining Technology (PMT) Program at Central Maine Community College (CMCC) were awarded Gene Haas Foundation scholarships totaling over \$32,000 for the academic year just completed.

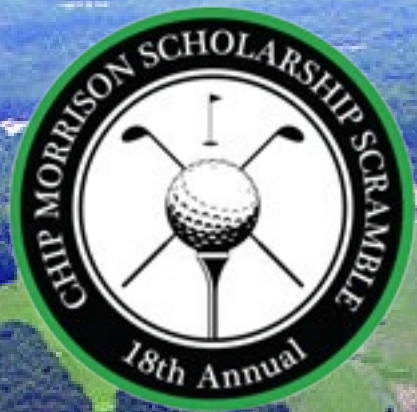
Founded in 1999, the Gene Haas Foundation is dedicated to supporting education programs that prepare students for manufacturing careers. Recognizing the importance of U.S. manufacturing, the Gene Haas Foundation is committed to enhancing manufacturing education by providing scholarships for machinist training.

Among the second-year students who earned a Haas scholarship are from left Dane Wheeler, Hartland, ME; Scott McCrossin, Caribou, ME; Greg Poulin, Jackman, ME; Bob Marquis, Litchfield, ME; Scott Maclean, Beverly, MA. Wheeler, McCrossin (with honors), and Poulin graduated from the program this spring.

The Precision Machining Technology program at CMCC, one of the largest in the Northeastern U.S., offers a two-year associate in applied science degree and a one-year certificate. Students are trained in conventional and CNC machining. Graduates of the program are employed as machine operators, CNC machinists, tool and die makers, quality control inspectors, machine assemblers, machine tool designers, CNC programmers or field service representatives.

# TIME TO TEE UP FOR THE 2017 SCHOLARSHIP SCRAMBLE!

POLAND SPRING GOLF CLUB  
AUGUST 23, 2017



## THE SCHOLARSHIP SCRAMBLE IS SMART BUSINESS

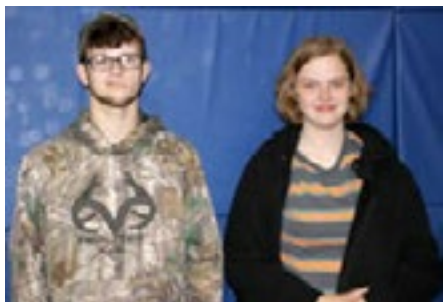
The Chip Morrison Scholarship Scramble is the largest single fundraiser for scholarships benefitting local students in Androscoggin County. In the last 17 years, the Scramble has raised over \$650,000 in scholarship funds for local high school graduates and students at Central Maine Community College.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities and benefits please contact Maureen or Roger!

Maureen Aube at the Chamber  
(207) 783-2449

Roger Philippon at CMCC  
(207) 755-5357

## Dirigo Seniors Receive Full Scholarships to CMCC



Maine Machine Products of South Paris has awarded full scholarships to two Dirigo High School seniors to enroll in the Precision Machining Technology (PMT) program at CMCC.

Alex Ferland and Emillie Urban, who have been students

in the Metal Trades program at Region 9, will begin their studies in the fall, with their tuition and books paid for by MMPCo. Each will have a part-time job during the school year and will work full time during the summer while earning their associate's degree in PMT.

Pete Barlow, metal trades instructor at Region 9, says the program has had a longstanding partnership with MMPCo, and that many of his students have earned this scholarship.

"Region 9 is extremely fortunate to have such a partnership with a local business and the community college," said Barlow. "The manufacturing industry is crying for workers right now, and it is great when some of our local kids are able to take advantage of such a high-tech, high-paying opportunity."

## CMCC Completes Transfer Agreement with Northeastern University

The College's most recent articulation (transfer) agreement was signed this past spring semester, our first-ever with Northeastern University's College of Professional Studies (CPS). This agreement links CMCC's A.S. in Computer Technology to the B.S. in Information Technology at the world-renowned Boston institution. Students can complete this program entirely online, making it an efficient way to earn a bachelor's degree while entering the workforce with associate degree credentials.

A collaborative effort by Computer Technology Chair Ashley Hayes, Director of Placement and Transfer Services Liz Oken, and a team from Northeastern's CPS, the agreement is another product of the TAACCCT Round 3 "Maine is IT!" grant, designed to enhance technology training statewide through the Maine Community College System. Since that time, a representative from Northeastern's CPS has been on campus each semester for our transfer fairs.

The College now has more than 40 articulation agreements with eight different colleges and universities, with more in process. [A complete listing of CMCC's articulation agreements is online.](#)

For additional information on transfer services, please contact Liz Oken at [eoken@cmcc.edu](mailto:eoken@cmcc.edu) or (207) 755-5239.

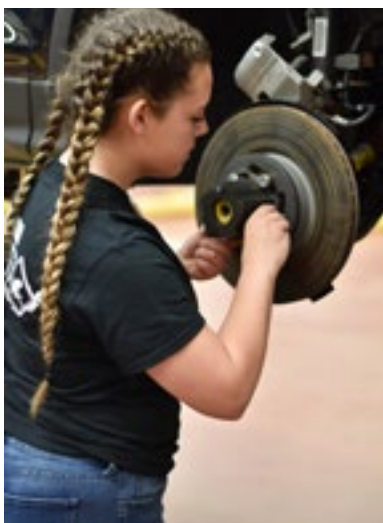


## New Ventures for Young Maine Women with "Totally Trades" at CMCC



It was "all trades-all the time" recently for more than 55 middle and high school girls attending a "Totally Trades" conference here at CMCC. Organized by [New Ventures Maine](#), the conference goal is to give girls a hands-on experience to spark their interest and raise their awareness about career fields they may not otherwise consider.

The full agenda for the day consisted of workshops in Automotive, Architecture, Building Construction, Criminal Justice, Forensic Science, Emergency Medical Service, and more! The students also participated in activities such as obstacle courses, bird-house projects, a trivia contest, and a pep rally. Numerous CM faculty and staff participated, and Bob Daigle and his crew provided lunch. Our thanks go out to Edward Little High School Assistant Principal Jim Horn and the Maine Departments of Transportation and Education for their invaluable assistance and support in bringing this conference to fruition.



Top: Becca Armstrong of Auburn builds a bird house with assistance from a friend. Bottom left: Emily Plourde of Sabbathus demonstrates her brake replacement skills. Bottom right: Ryan Tupper, welding assistant at Rickers Wharf Marine Facility in Portland oversees a young woman welding for the first time.

## College Receives Generous Gift from Gene Haas Foundation

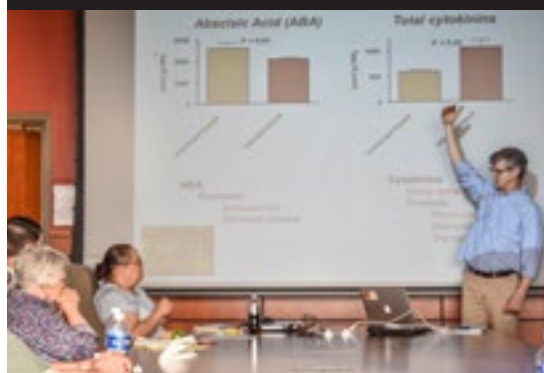


The Gene Haas Foundation has donated \$50,000 to the CM Education Foundation for the 2017-18 academic year. These funds will provide scholarships to new and continuing students in our Precision Machining Technology (PMT) program. The Haas Foundation has contributed over \$150,000 to the College and Foundation for scholarships in the last several years.

Founded in 1999, the Gene Haas Foundation has awarded more than \$45 million to more than 2,000 charitable organizations and schools since 1999. The Foundation is committed to U.S. manufacturing and supporting manufacturing education in the form of scholarships and other support for CNC machinist training.

Photo: Marc Lapointe, left, a Haas CNC sales associate, presents a check for \$50,000 from the Gene Haas Foundation to President Scott Knapp.

## Bowdoin Professor Guest Speaker



During this past academic year, the Life Sciences Honors Program hosted a monthly speaker series.

Invited guests spoke to students on a wide range of topics in science, sustainability and the environment. A light dinner was served prior to the presentation to time for the presenter to meet students and staff. In May, Dr. Barry Logan, a professor of biology at Bowdoin College, delivered a very informative talk on "What's killing white spruce along the Maine coast - parasitic dwarf mistletoe, and the legacy of pastureland formation and abandonment."

## CMCC Announces Special Fall Term Beginning September 25



The College is offering a special “delayed-start” fall term with nine classes beginning September 25 and ending December 16.

This special fall term is advantageous

for students who are unable to complete their admission application by the start of the regular semester. Parents who want to get their children settled in school before starting classes may also find this schedule to be more convenient.

Seven of the classes will meet twice a week on campus and two will be online. The following courses are offered during this special 12-week term: Introduction to Computer Applications; Understanding Business; Public Speaking; Intermediate Algebra; U.S. History to 1877; Introduction to Psychology; Introduction to Sociology (online); and College Writing (online or on campus).

Students at CMCC enjoy very affordable tuition, financial aid, advising, learning assistance, and a variety of student services and activities. The College offers over 41 degrees, certificates and advanced certificates in programs such as business administration, computer technology, criminal justice, medical assisting, precision machining, and general studies.

Anyone interested in more information about this special fall semester option is encouraged to contact the Office of Admissions at (207)755-5273 or [enroll@cmcc.edu](mailto:enroll@cmcc.edu).

## A Gold Star for CMCC's Tobacco-Free Efforts



CMCC has been recognized at the highest level by the Maine Tobacco-Free College Network's (MTFCN) Gold Star Standards of Excellence Program for achievements in advancing campus smoke and tobacco-free policies as well as promoting tobacco-free lifestyles. Award

levels are based on best practice criteria such as a smoke and tobacco-free campus policy, tobacco treatment information availability for students, faculty and staff, and prohibiting tobacco product distribution on campus. The College has also earned a gold “Work Healthy Award” from Healthy Androscoggin.

## College Hosts L-A Merger Forum



The first public forum with representatives from both sides of the proposed merger of Lewiston and Auburn was held in Kirk Hall on June 19. A good crowd was on hand to hear local businessman Gene Geiger, chairman of the Lewiston-Auburn Joint Charter Commission, and attorney Jim Howaniec, chairman

of the Coalition Opposed to Lewiston-Auburn Consolidation. The forum was organized by the L-A Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. Chamber President Beckie Conrad served as moderator. [Read more in the Sun Journal.](#)

## Rancourt's Run for Special Olympics



Some rainy skies could not dampen the enthusiasm for the annual Rancourt Run/Walk 5K held

June 24 here on campus. Named in honor of the late Androscoggin County Deputy Sheriff David Rancourt, the 5K is a “Law Enforcement Torch Run Event” to

benefit Special Olympics Maine. Congratulations to all event organizers and participants! Androscoggin County Deputy Sheriff David J. Rancourt died in the line of duty on November 4, 2006. A US Army Reserve veteran of the Gulf War, Deputy Rancourt graduated from Central Maine Community College in 1990. Rancourt Hall is dedicated in his memory.

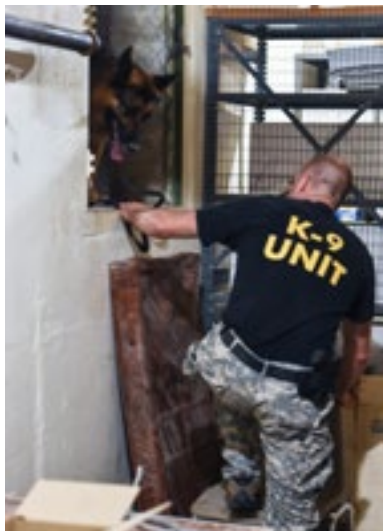


## Doggone Training on Campus



A number of law enforcement officers and their canine partners were on campus recently to conduct some training exercises. The campus grounds proved to be an excellent location for the K-9 officers and dogs to practice tracking for suspects or lost children. They used classrooms and maintenance areas to run simulations of barricaded subjects, drug searches, and clearing businesses after receiving an alarm call.

Scott Watkins, security supervisor at CMCC and a lieutenant with the Auburn Police Department, noted that it is beneficial to the College to have the handlers visit and train on campus should we ever need their assistance in the future.



Top: Multiple law enforcement agencies came together for K-9 training on campus, from left to right, North Berwick Police, Bath Police, Auburn Police, Sagadahoc County Sheriff, Kennebec Sheriff. Below: An officer dons bite gear during a K-9 drill with Bath Police representatives. Auburn Police conduct a K-9 search on the CMCC campus to find a hidden individual.

## Coach Dave a Hall of Famer!



Congratulations to our own Dave Gonyea, inducted recently into the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) Inaugural Hall of Fame. Dave has been with CMCC for 24 years and serves as Director of Athletics, Housing and Security.

According to Matthew Simms, executive director & CEO of the USCAA, Dave and the other inductees were selected "in recognition of their meritorious contributions to the USCAA, seeking to advance the association."

A long-time contributor to the USCAA, Coach Gonyea just finished his 24th season as head coach of the men's basketball team with an impressive 481-219 record over the last twenty-four seasons. Under his leadership, the men have won nine league championships, three New England championships, and participated in 12 NSCAA/USCAA national championship tournaments. In 2002, the Mustangs won the USCAA national championship. Coach led his team to an undefeated season in 2012 (18-0), a Yankee Conference Championship, and a trip to the USCAA National Tournament held in Uniontown, PA.

Gonyea was named 1996-97 New England Coach of the Year, 1998-99 and 2000-01 NSCAA Athletic Director of the Year, 2002 USCAA Athletic Director of the Year, and 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, & 2002-03 MSCC Coach of the Year, as well as the 2007-08, 2013-14, 2015-16, Yankee Conference Coach of the Year.

The iUSCAA Hall of Fame Dinner was held June 11th in Norfolk, Virginia, home of the USCAA National Office where the Hall of Fame will be housed.

Photo caption: USCAA Executive Director Matthew Simms presents the HOF plaque to Dave Gonyea.