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TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION & COLLABORATION: THE HEART OF THE NEW LEARNING COMMONS AT CMCC

 Students encountered a big change on campus this fall as the former CMCC Library has been transformed into our new “Learning Commons.” In addition to library and reference support, the Commons also includes four wall-mounted and two table-mounted interactive digital touch screens, top-of-the-line *SMART kapp* boards, the Writing Center, the new Math/Science Center, the Computer Help Desk, and an open computer lab. Judi Moreno, director of the Learning Commons, notes how the new space, “...brings together key campus support services that play a critical role in the academic success of students. It is a place where students can come together to collaborate, innovate, and learn in a technology rich space.”

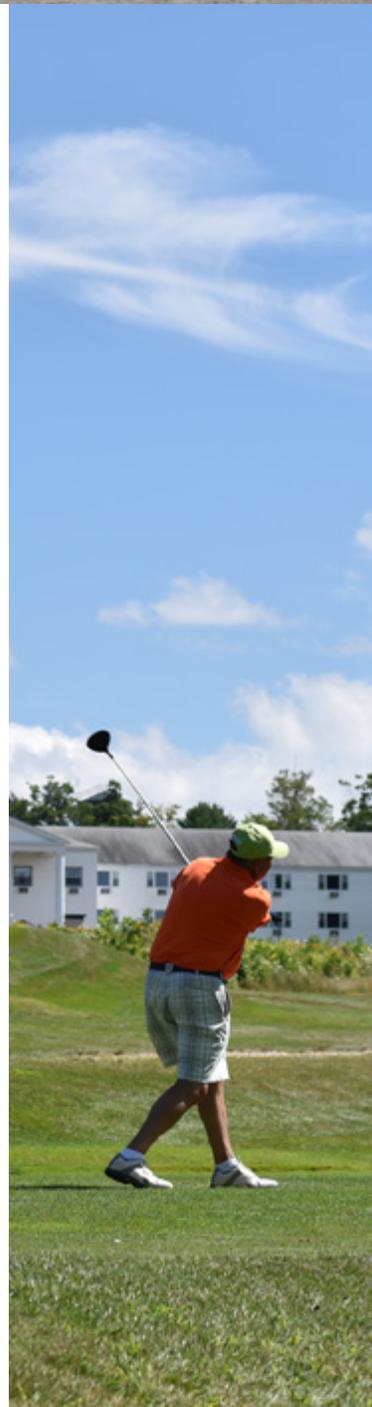
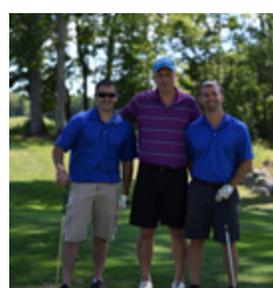
With the addition of tutoring in the Learning Commons space, including the Writing Center and the brand new Math/Science Center, students now “...have access to all of their academic support resources in one place,” says Moreno.

Unlike in traditional libraries, students are encouraged to actively engage with one another. Student Emily Rubino sums it up well: “The reason the Learning Commons is a great space is because unlike the Library, the Learning Commons is an interactive learning playground. What the library lacked was integration. The students had to be quiet, they had to focus on their work, if you wanted to do group work you were supposed to be in the back room, and only one group could be in there at once. The Learning Commons is set up for interaction. From the help desk, to the giant touch screen displays you can tell the school wanted to take a new approach to learning. By allowing students the freedom to communicate and adding new furniture which allowed for an open floor plan it makes it so students (can have) their own space (or) sit down and cram out a little homework with a friend.”



GOLF SCRAMBLE IS ANOTHER BIG DRIVE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

 The 18th Annual Chip Morrison Scholarship Scramble, organized by the L-A Metropolitan Chamber and the CMC Education Foundation was held August 23 at the Poland Spring Golf Course. Since the first event in 2000 the Scramble has raised more than \$680,000 to support CMCC and other local students in post-secondary education. CMCC athletes, above, served as greeters at the event. Left to right are Branden Ross, Cody Tozier, Xavier Roman, Levi Lapham, Cam Duncan, Freddy Webb, Josh Chery, and Parker LaFrance.



HELPING OUT AT STURDIVANT SCHOLARSHIP EVENT A FAMILY AFFAIR

☞ The 2017 CMCC recipients of the Sturdivant Island Tuna Tournament (SITT) scholarships volunteered at the Captain's Meeting and fundraising auctions held recently for the 20th annual tourney. Rylee Moore of Livermore, a Life Sciences major, and Human Services major Rebecca L'Italien of Poland joined other volunteers at the Spring Point Marina in South Portland for the kickoff event. The SITT is a first-class giant Bluefin tuna fishing tournament that brings together highly skilled anglers from all over the Northeast. The event is a major fundraiser, as the SITT Charitable Foundation has made more than \$600,000 in contributions since the inaugural event in 1998. Most of the funds have gone toward establishing and growing scholarship endowments at Maine's community colleges, including Central Maine Community College. A record 27 Bluefin tuna were weighed in at this year's event, and veteran Captain John Harmon and his "Banshee" were the winners with their 719-pound catch. Left to right are Patti Ellery, her daughter Rebecca L'Italien, Rylee Moore, and her mom Carrie Moore.



EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDENTS EARN DORIS M. STEWART SCHOLARSHIPS

☞ Lewiston residents Sahra Abdi (left) and Peyton McPherson (right), both students in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) program, have been awarded Doris M. Stewart Memorial Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.

Sahra is a native of Kenya who graduated from Lewiston High School in 2014. She has earned high honors in the ECE program and will graduate next spring. She plans to work with preschool children and may continue her education at the baccalaureate level.

Peyton graduated from Lewiston High 2016 in and works part time at the Karis Place Infant Center in Lewiston. After she completes her studies at CMCC next spring, she hopes to open her own preschool facility and may pursue a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

The Doris M. Stewart Memorial Scholarship honors the many years of service Mrs. Stewart devoted as an elementary school teacher in Lewiston. The awards are given to recognize the promise of exceptional students in the Early Childhood program at CMCC.



BUSINESS STUDENTS AWARDED MEREDA SCHOLARSHIPS



high honors and plans to graduate in May.

Nicole and Sophie are two of 14 Maine community college students to receive a scholarship from MEREDA. This is the fourth year the organization has provided the scholarship. To qualify, students must be a Maine resident, have financial need, and be enrolled as a second-year student in a building trades, architecture, construction, engineering or business program at a Maine community college.

Nicole Belanger and Sophie Martel, second-year students in the Business Administration and Management program, have been awarded \$1,250 scholarships from the Maine Real Estate & Development Association (MEREDA) for study during the current academic year.

A resident of Lewiston, Nicole is a graduate of Vineyard Christian School. She has earned high honors while at CMCC and plans to complete her associate's degree next May. Sophie resides in Oxford and graduated from Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. She also has earned

The funds for the scholarships were raised through MEREDA's annual "Strikes for Scholars" bowl-a-thon in May. This year, enough funds were raised to provide scholarships to two students at each of the seven Maine community colleges.

More information on MEREDA is available online at www.mereda.org.

Photo Caption: MEREDA scholarship recipients Nicole Belanger, left, and Sophie Martel, right, are pictured here with Shelly Clark, vice president of operations at MEREDA.

CRU FOR CHRIST FALL RETREAT

CMCC CRU for Christ members and their advisor Betty Foster traveled to Camp Fair Haven in Brooks, Maine on September 29 for a weekend retreat organized by the CRU for Christ group at UMO. They join over 40 other CRU for Christ members representing several Maine colleges. Also in attendance were two former CMCC CRU members, Simplice Iradukunda and her sister, Belise Dusenge, who are now pursuing masters degrees at UMO.



Left to right are Breanna De Smit, Betty Foster, Ethan Gray, Matthew Kinney, and Amanda Barr.



SUCCESS IN THE MUSTANG FITNESS CENTER: GETTING IN SHAPE

For years, Nursing Department Chair and devoted nurse Kathy McManus took care of everyone else. In January 2017 Kathy decided it was time to start taking care of herself, so she got to work in the Mustang Fitness Center, overseen by Central Maine Conditioning Clinic and staffed with professional and student personal trainers.

With the help of student trainer Jordy Knoren, a hockey and soccer player from Heerien, Netherlands, Kathy was well on her way to a healthier lifestyle.

Says, Kathy, "I started with a goal of eliminating Diet Coke from my life, walk up a flight of stairs without being out of breath and to lose a few pounds, maybe 20? Now, it is 8 months later and I'm not only free from caffeine and soda but I've lost over 50 pounds and 27 inches! Central Maine Conditioning Clinic here on the campus has been instrumental in my success. They have helped

me set realistic and achievable goals. They have been motivational when I've needed it . . . All of the personal trainers have welcomed me, and I've felt very safe and in good hands while working out. Best of all, it truly is a 'no-judgment zone'. The trainers inspire, educate and motivate you to be better."

If you're interested in taking classes, or doing personal training, at CMCC contact Central Maine Conditioning Clinic at (207) 755-5165. Students, faculty & staff receive classes free or at a discounted rate and student trainers, overseen by professionals, are very capable and affordable!

A very big congratulations to Kathy on her hard work!

Pictured here: Trainer Jordy Knoren and Kathy McManus with a measuring tape showing the inches lost since Kathy began working out in the Mustang Fitness Center with a trainer.

INAUGURAL SEASON FOR MUSTANGS VOLLEYBALL TEAM



The very first year for the CMCC Volleyball Team got underway this fall under the

leadership of Jesse Dixon. Per athletics director Dave Gonyea, "they are committed players and they work really hard. We're excited to have the addition of volleyball to CM athletics, and we're proud of the dedication our inaugural team has."

Check out the Mustang website at www.cmmustangs.com for rosters, schedules, and stats on all of our athletic teams.

Back row left to right: Jesse Dixon, Aleiyah Reynolds, Delaney Rossignol, Lydia Fisher, Gabrielle Cinq-Mars. Front row left to right: Diagne Rodriguez, Carly Thayer, Champagne Ruesch, Gamarieliz Cancel.

FACULTY ARTICLE ON HEALING THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY

Jesse Morris, Ph.D., chair of the Human Services Program, was the co-author of "Ceremonial approaches to healing in the Native American Community", published in the periodical *Addiction Professional*.

"PLANT MANAGERS" ON CAMPUS

A new education course, focused on the topics of gardening, nutrition and cooking with students was offered this past summer. The course offered many hands-on experiences to show how one can encourage children to participate in all aspects of gardening. Students were introduced to what science inquiry is and how to thoughtfully intergrade it into a gardening curriculum. The instructor shared additional activities on healthy foods and how to get children and adults to think about good nutrition. The class met once at Mammy's Childcare & Preschool in Auburn to see how the instructor applies these concepts into the everyday lives of the children and families she cares for.



FLINGING INTO FALL WITH GAMES AND FOOD

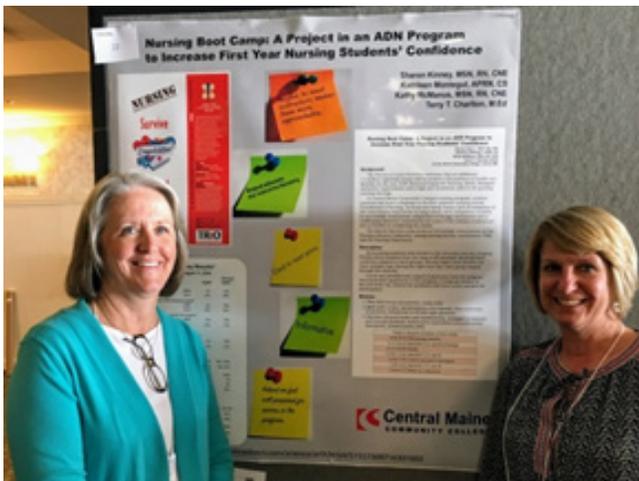
Students kicked off the year with Fall Fling, sponsored by Student Senate. They enjoyed a cookout by the Culinary Arts Program, inflatables, bull riding, and other fun games and art projects. This widely attended event allows students to kick back, relax, and socialize with other students, faculty and staff.



Right: Associate Dean of Student Services Grimes Williams shows off his balance on the Leaps and Bounds inflatable.

FACULTY PRESENT ON NURSING BOOT CAMP

☞ Nursing faculty members Kathy McManus, Kathleen Montegut and Sharon Kinney were selected to present a poster about CMCC's Nursing Boot Camp at the St. Anselm's Nurse Educator Conference held this summer. (Terry Charlton from TRIO was also involved in the project but was unable to attend the conference). The poster was designed by Nancy Bradbury, a student in the Graphic Arts program. The Nursing Boot Camp is part of the program's efforts to retain freshmen nursing students by preparing them for the rigors of the program and allowing them to interact with some of the faculty prior to starting the Foundations of Nursing course.



Left to right: Kathleen Montegut and Sharon Kinney.

TRIO OPEN HOUSE: MUSIC, FOOD AND FUN

The TRIO Student Support Services program celebrated the opening of the fall semester with an open house on August 29. TRIO students and guests enjoyed food, games, and door prizes. TRIO student and ukulele player Micayla Hill provided entertainment. Funded by a federal grant, TRIO serves 175 students at CMCC every year.



HALF MARATHON A COMPLETE SUCCESS!

☞ The Lake Auburn Half Marathon (LAHM) was held at CMCC on September 10th. It was a beautiful day as the 5K walk/run took participants on a winding and scenic route that started on campus and unfolded around the lake.

Proceeds from the LAHM event benefit Moving ME Forward, a local organization invested in fostering social change in the areas of health and fitness within our Maine communities. Last year, Moving ME Forward donated over \$15,000 to local programs that support healthy lifestyles. The Physical Fitness Specialist program and the Mustang Fitness Center at CMCC receive generous support from Moving ME Forward.

For more information and how you can get involved, please visit the [LAHM](#) and the [Moving ME Forward](#) websites.



Sluggo the Sea Dog, Monty Moose, and Baxter the Library Cat were among special guests at the LAHM 5K.



NEW VEHICLE FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

☞ The College recently acquired a 2017 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle for the Criminal Justice program. This fully-equipped all-wheel drive vehicle will be used for both training and recruitment. The College purchased the car with federal grant funds.



NURSES VISIT THE BLAINE HOUSE

☞ Nursing instructor Kristen Tifft and two students attended a tea recently at the Blaine House in Augusta, held in observance of National Nurses Week. Pictured left to right are Edward Day, Maine First Lady Ann LePage, Kristen Tifft, and Ashley Roy.



A NEW ARRIVAL FOR PRECISION MACHINING LAB



A crew from The Cote Corporation (Crane and Rigging) moves a Haas UMC-750 Universal Machining Center into the College's newly renovated and expanded "Gene Haas Precision Machining Center." The UMC-750 is a versatile 5-axis machining center that

offers reduced set-up times and increased accuracy for multi-sided and complex parts. The College purchased the machine with federal grant funds.

"The UMC has been designed and built based on what our users have told us they need in a universal machine," says Haas Automation Europe Managing Director, Mr. Alain Reynvoet. "In a nutshell, it is a high-performance CNC machine tool for a fraction of the usual cost associated with machines of such significant capability and high quality."

Haas Automation is the largest machine tool manufacturer in North America, building a full line of CNC vertical and horizontal machining centers, CNC lathes, rotary tables and 5c indexers. The Gene Haas Foundation awarded a grant of one million dollars to the College to help fund last summer's renovation and expansion of the Precision Machining Lab. The official dedication of the "Gene Haas Precision Machining Technology Center" will be held on October 27.

Want to learn more about the UMC-750? **Check out this short video at bit.ly/2zknarW**



NEW FACES AT CENTRAL MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



RATHNAYAKA MADAWALA, Ph.D. • Chemistry Instructor

Dr. Madalawa taught previously at Kalamazoo Valley Community College in Michigan. She earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Kelaniya in Sri Lanka, and Ph.D. in chemistry from Western Michigan University, where she also served as a doctoral assistant. A native of Sri Lanka, Dr. Madalawa now lives in Lewiston.



STEPHEN J. STRENGARI, JR. • Learning and Advising Specialist

Stephen comes to us from Southern Maine Community College where he served as path-to-graduation advisor. Previously, he served as a tutoring center coordinator at the University of Delaware, where he earned a B.A. in International Relations. Stephen also holds an M.S. in Management and Organizational Leadership from Wilmington University. Multilingual, Stephen says German is his other first language. A native of Newark, Delaware, he now lives in Bridgton.



JESSE DIXON • Admissions Representative

Jesse worked previously as a TRIO College Access services Counselor and Tutor, assisting at-risk high school students prepare for college. A graduate of Northern Maine Community College, he is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Maine at Presque Isle. A native of Orlando, Florida, he now lives in Lewiston.



TRACY L. HALL • Administrative Specialist

Tracy is a native of Standish where she currently resides. She holds a Medical Office Assistant Certificate from Northeast Technical Institute. Tracy has five grandchildren and she enjoys camping, kayaking, and reading.



TINA DAIGLE, Ed.D. • Instructional Designer in Academic Affairs

Tina served previously at CMCC as Instructional Designer for the Maine is IT! grant. Tina earned a master's degree in education from The College of Saint Rose and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership, Curriculum, and Instruction from the University of Phoenix. Originally from the Capital District of New York State, she now lives in Turner.



ALEXANDRIA CHRETIEN-CUNNINGHAM • Resident Director

A native of Livermore Falls, Alexandria is a second-year General Studies student at CMCC. She is focusing on Human Services and plans to transfer to the Mental Health and Human Services program at UMA. Alex has extensive student worker experience on campus, having worked in Student Services, the LAC, Central Station, and even helped with our Maine is IT! grant.



JONATHAN BRICE MOORE • Resident Director

Born in Flowood, Mississippi, Jonathan also grew up in Alabama and Texas. He graduated from CMCC in May with high honors in the General Studies program. A member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Jonathan is also an Eagle Scout.



MORE THAN A NAME CHANGE: THE CENTER FOR WORKFORCE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT CMCC



☞ This past summer, the department formerly known as Corporate and Community Services went through a major reorganization and has now become The Center for Workforce and Professional Development. Located on the ground floor of the Lapoint Center, the department is staffed by Director Michelle Hawley, Workforce Development Specialist Christopher Paradis, and Events Coordinator Alyson Daniels.

Michelle has worked at CMCC for 23 years, most recently as grant project manager for a Maine Community College System federal grant consortium. Prior to that, she served as CMCC director at the Western Maine College Center in South Paris. She holds an associate degree in business administration and management from CMCC; a bachelor's degree in leadership and organizational studies from USM; and a master's degree in adult and higher education from USM. Hawley serves on the Central/Western Maine Workforce Development Board. A native of Texas, she now lives in Oxford.

Chris has more than 25 years of marketing, sales and international business experience. He has

a bachelor's degree in business administration from UMaine and a master's degree in business management from Husson University. Paradis has also served as a member and chair of the board of directors for the Maine International Trade Center. He currently serves on MITC's "Invest in Maine" Committee, the Franklin County Workforce and Education Committee, and the Husson University Alumni Board. He resides in Gray-New Gloucester.

Alyson, who just joined the team in September, comes to us from the New York Institute of Technology in New York where she was the customer relations coordinator for the specialized catering and dining services. Originally from Wales, Maine, Alyson now lives with her husband and young child. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and an international MBA, both from Southern New Hampshire University.

The Center provides custom training and professional development programs across Androscoggin, Oxford, Franklin and Lincoln counties. Non-credit classes (including online options) and industry-recognized certification programs are also offered. Popular training topics include, supervisory, leadership, communications, customer service, occupational trade skills, and computer based applications. More information is available at www.cmcc.edu/workforce.