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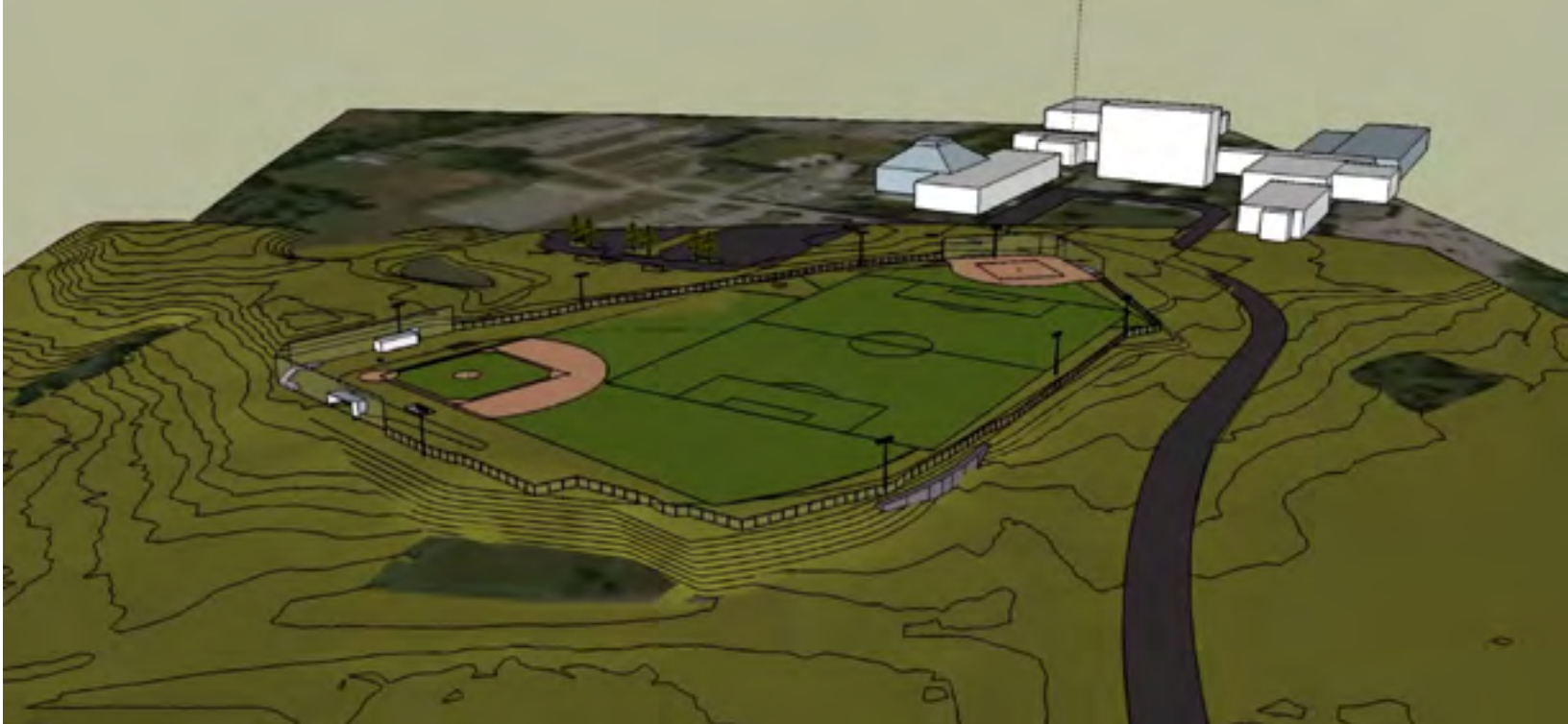
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## NEW ATHLETIC FIELDS COMING TO CMCC

### FIELDS WILL BE READY FOR PLAY IN FALL 2019

 Bulldozers will soon take to the soccer field to begin work on a new athletic complex at CMCC.

This new and expanded facility, which will include lights and a synthetic surface, will be built on the site of the current soccer field. It will include NCAA-sized competition fields for baseball, softball, and soccer. The baseball and softball fields will be situated at opposite ends, with the soccer field overlapping both outfields. Baseball and softball teams will be able to play at the same time.

"The new fields will be a tremendous boost to our athletic programs," noted CMCC Athletic Director Dave Gonyea. "Currently, the soccer field is not up to collegiate standards, and our baseball and softball teams have to play off campus. This will allow us to schedule all games on our own facility, increase practice time and flexibility, and save on rental fees," he added.

The lights will increase significantly the availability of the fields, especially during the spring and fall seasons when daylight hours are limited. In addition, the synthetic turf will require significantly less maintenance, and the fields will not have to be "rested" like natural grass fields. They will also require no water or pesticides.


C.H. Stevenson, Inc. of Wayne, Maine is the general contractor for the project and excavation work may get underway before the end of the calendar year. Work will resume in the spring and the fields should be ready for use in fall 2019.

In addition to women's soccer, softball, basketball, volleyball, and cross country, CMCC offers soccer, baseball, basketball, ice hockey, and cross country for men. The hockey team plays at the Norway Savings Bank Arena, just down the road from the campus. More information is available at [www.cmcc.edu](http://www.cmcc.edu).

Photo caption: Breaking ground for the new athletic complex at Central Maine Community College are left to right student athletes Nick L'Heureux, Samantha Belardo, Keara Hunter, and Cody Dolloff. The synthetic turf facility will include baseball and softball diamonds and a soccer field.



## ADVISORY COMMITTEES BREAKFAST: BUSINESS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS PROVIDE VALUABLE INPUT

 A breakfast meeting for all academic program advisory committees was held recently in the Kirk Hall gymnasium. All programs at CMCC have an advisory committee consisting of representatives of those organizations and businesses that employ graduates of the college. In addition to assisting with program planning and development, committee members provide helpful information about jobs and employment trends, educational opportunities, and serve as an important communications link between employers and the college.

Pictured at top right in a breakout session are advisory committee members for the Building Construction Technology program. Left to right are Andrew Seymour, L.L. Bean; Ken Rand, Harriman Architects | Engineers; and Jeff Heseltin, Wright-Ryan Construction.




Bottom right: Counterclockwise starting in the back are Nursing advisory committee members Dr. Anthony McGuire, St. Joseph's College Nursing program chair; Maija Comea, BSN, RN, CMMC; Sosha Beal, MSN, RN, CMMC operator room educator; Liz Oken, CMCC staff; Kathy McManus, Nursing program chair; and Kristin Tift, Nursing instructor.





# CMCC HOSTS STATE LEGISLATORS

 The College welcomed over 70 state legislators to the campus on January 9, as part of a bus tour that brought the legislators to the Lewiston-Auburn area. The group visited the downtown areas, Bates Mill developments, the Good Shepherd Food Bank, and Baxter Brewing.


The Maine Development Foundation runs bus tours through its Policy Leaders Academy, a program that enables participants to learn more about the Maine economy and how public policy decisions affect growth and investment strategies of Maine businesses and organizations.

The legislators enjoyed a buffet dinner in the gym and a virtual tour of the campus presented by President Knapp. Other speakers included State Senate President Maine Development Foundation President Yellow Light Breen, and Maine Community College System Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Dave Daigler. Daigler has now assumed the presidency of the MCCS, succeeding Derek Langhauser, who resigned to accept the position of chief legal counsel to Governor Janet Mills.



*Clockwise from top: Rep. Lester Ordway of District 23 representing part of Standish, speaks with Rep. Nicole Grohoski of District 132 representing Ellsworth and Trenton. Heather Seymour, director of communications at CMCC with Sen. Carson of District 24 representing Brunswick, Freeport, North Yarmouth, Pownal and Harpswell (Rep. Handy of District 58 representing Lewiston in back). Rep. Victoria Kornfield of District 125 representing part of Bangor, speaks with Barbara Owen, chief of staff for the president and dean of human resources at CMCC.*

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: FROM WELFARE TO MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR LOCAL BUSINESS

 Laura Catevenis never let her situation hold her back from helping others and achieving success. A 2010 graduate of the Human Services program, she recently referred to CMCC as "the best college ever!"

Laura went from a mom on welfare to running a multi-million dollar business in just three years! Laura exemplifies the hard work, goal-setting, and persistence of CMCC students. Congratulations to Laura on her endeavor; we are proud of you.

Read the story by Kathryn Skelton of the Sun Journal:

**<https://www.centralmaine.com/2019/01/08/lewiston-mom-from-welfare-to-a-million-dollar-business-in-three-years/>**

*Photo courtesy the Sun Journal.*





## PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS



Thirty-three CMCC students were inducted recently as members of the Alpha Phi Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. To be eligible for Phi Theta Kappa membership, students must be pursuing an associate degree and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Lilly Huang, owner of Wei Li Restaurant in Auburn, was the guest speaker at the induction ceremony. Huang is a CMCC graduate and Phi Theta Kappa member.

The new inductees are Nasteho Abdi (Lewiston), Adam Baril (South Paris), Laura Breton (Lisbon Falls), Brooke Tracy (Jay), Daniel Bussiere (Sabattus), Shelly Carver (Auburn), Daphne Champagne (Bethel), Sarah Chaput (Lewiston), Courtney Charest (Lewiston), Carla Dionne (Livermore Falls), Maurice Drouin (Turner), Bethany Ellis (Vienna), Chandler Ellis (Vienna), Brooke Boord (West Boothbay), Gabriel Hoy (Lewiston), Kristen Huntress (Harrison), Grace Kidd (Auburn), Kevin Kidd Sr. (Auburn), Emelia Krapovicky (Auburn), Zoe Lamoureux (Rollinsford, NH), Isaiah Louis (Orlando, FL), Shannon Monahan (Strong), Jessica Moore (Lewiston), Mason Morin (Lewiston), Nathaniel Outslay (Lewiston), Ian Pantanella (Fayette), Chris Rider (Sabattus), Grace Royle (Minot), Whitney Smith (Gardiner), John Wardwell (Poland), Jennifer Wentzheimer (Lisbon Falls), and Robin Woodard (Auburn).

*CMCC student Sarah Chaput of Lewiston reaches for her ceremonial white rose after signing the official register at the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society induction ceremony. Behind her is fellow inductee Carla Dionne of Livermore Falls.*

## ALUM PARTICIPATES IN PRESIDENT BUSH'S FUNERAL



United States Navy Seaman Cristina Lewis, who graduated with honors from CMCC in 2016, carried the presidential flag as a member of the Navy's Ceremonial Guard during the funeral of President George H.W. Bush.

Read more about Crissy's amazing service in the Sun Journal at <https://www.sunjournal.com/2018/12/05/a-once-in-a-lifetime-opportunity-elhs-grad-a-part-of-presidential-funeral>

## SOCCER PLAYERS WIN AWARDS



Samantha Belardo, left, and Keara Hunter were selected recently as All-Conference

players for the Yankee Small College Conference Women's Soccer. Congratulations to both!



# FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT DAY OF CELEBRATION AND SUPPORT

CMCC TRIO Student Support Services observed "National First-Generation College Student Celebration Day on November 8. Faculty and staff shared their own "first-generation stories," reassuring students that some CMCC employees faced challenges and overcame barriers to achieve their academic goals.

A majority of CMCC students are first-generation college students, meaning that neither of their parents have a bachelor's degree or higher. According to census data about 70 percent of Maine residents do not have a bachelor's degree. Many of our students are blazing a trail of higher education for their families.

*TRIO student Amber Getchell (left) and Jannie Durr, TRiO academic and transfer advisor, staff the table during First Generation College Student Day.*



# FIVE SOCCER PLAYERS MAKE YSCC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Five Mustang soccer players were named to the YSCC Fall All-Academic Team. The YSCC awards all-academic status to student athletes who earn a 3.2 GPA or higher. Congratulations!

Julian Clements - Architectural & Civil Engineering  
Abdullahi Daud - General Studies  
Abigail Fogg - Electromechanical Technology  
Sam Fortin - Electromechanical Technology  
Joel Maskini - Architectural & Civil Engineering  
Jordi Valls - Business Administration

# JOURNALISM CLASS WELCOMES SPECIAL MEDIA GUESTS

Jason Libby's Journalism class at CMCC hosted three distinguished guest speakers last fall. David Charns, anchorman on "Maine's Total Weather & News This Morning" on WCSH 6; Tim Kask, former editor of Dragon magazine; and Dan Lampariello, an Emmy Award winning multimedia journalist for WGME 13. All three shared valuable and amazing experiences that the students will always remember!



Top image: left to right - Zakiya Shiekh, Ben Berry, Kate McPherson, Alexander Strout, Keara Hunter, Jonathan Poulin, Jacob Wall, Garret Cummings, Trevor, Norris, David Churns (ABC)

Bottom Image: left to right - Garret Cummings, Ben Berry, Zakiya Shiekh, Jonathan Poulin, Dan Lampariello, Alexander Strout, Kate McPherson, Keara Hunter, Jacob Wall, and Trevor Norris

# HOCKEY TEAM AT .500



The CM hockey team ended the fall semester with a record of seven wins and seven losses. The team started with a bang by defeating Dartmouth 9-7 in the season opener. The

Mustangs return to action on January 23 when they head to Augusta to take on Thomas College. The next home game is scheduled for January 25 vs. UNE. *Photo courtesy of Dana Taylor-Fifield*

## COLLEGE DISPLAYS GREEN DOT QUILT



“KindSpring,” a quilt created by local Green Dot L-A members, was on display recently in the Hall of Flags in Jalbert Hall. Left to right are Green Dot members Linda Matzen, Susan Cooper, and Peter Elias.

A local volunteer initiative committed to making the community a better and safer place, Green Dot L-A offers strategies for safe and effective responses to hurtful and hateful words and behaviors. The quilt’s design conveys the program’s central image of positive “green dot” actions that people can learn in response to negative “red dot” incidents of harassment or violence.

For more information on how to get involved, email [info@greendotla.org](mailto:info@greendotla.org).

## ALUM GRADUATES FROM CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY



Rumford Police Officer Austin Couture graduated recently from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Austin graduated with high honors from CMCC’s Criminal Justice program in 2016. He also completed our Advanced Police Operations Certificate in 2017. Congratulations, Austin! See more in the Sun Journal at <https://www.sunjournal.com/2018/12/27/officers-graduate-from-maine-criminal-justice-academy/>

## CMCC HELPS TO “STUFF THE BUS”



Our thanks to all who helped the L/A Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce to “Stuff the Bus” again this year! Pictured here are Chamber staff with Student Services Representative Jean Blais, second from left; student Brink Beaulieu, center; and Admissions Representative Chyanna Millett-Cordwell, right.

## MUSTANGS A BIG HIT AT THE CLUBHOUSE



Officials at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Maine’s Auburn/Lewiston Clubhouse sent out a “huge THANK YOU” to the women’s basketball team for visiting the facility and spending some time with the kids. They “had a blast!”



# HAIL AND FAREWELL TO RETIREES

Two long-time employees retired recently from the College. Rick Whalen, who logged in 33 years in the Dining Commons, retired in December and has transitioned to a new career as a truck driver. Betty Foster, who worked at CMCC for 37 years, most recently as Business Manager, also began her well-deserved retirement in December. Betty also served for a number of years as the volunteer advisor to the Campus Crusades student club.

Thanks and congratulations to both. Job well done! We will miss you.



Top: Rick Whalen, second from left, is pictured here with coworkers Linda Hinkley, Megan Paine, and Bob Daigle.

Bottom: Betty (second from right) took time out during her retirement reception to pose for this photo with coworkers Gina Blanchard, Tracey Farmer, and Pam Remieres-Morin.

## WELCOME TO THE CENTRAL MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FAMILY



### FERNAND LANGLOIS FOOD SERVICE MANAGER

Fern comes to CMCC with a strong background in food service and management. Fern is well acquainted with CMCC, having worked with Sysco Foods for 23 years. More recently, Fern was the food service manager for Lewiston High School. A Sabattus native, Fern earned his degree in culinary arts from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. He's been married 29 years to his wife Heidi, and has two a daughter and a son. We look forward to Fern's infectious enthusiasm about providing nutritious food to students. You'll be hard pressed not to smile and leave feeling better after interacting with him. Stop by to say hello!



# CMCC AND MCCS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TEAMS PARTICIPATE IN INAUGURAL MAINE BUSINESS EXPO



The workforce development teams of CMCC and the Maine Community College System (MCCS) joined forces recently to staff an exhibitor booth at the Maine Business Expo and participate in the “NEXT4ME” forums held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland.

The Expo provided an opportunity to showcase the community colleges’ workforce training and professional development resources. Participating were Charlie Collins, MCCS acting deputy director of workforce development; Kern Philgence, workforce development curriculum designer at CMCC; Christopher Paradis, corporate training coordinator at CMCC; and Rob Klaiber, dean of workforce development at York County Community College.

In addition, Charlie Collins participated in a panel discussion on workforce and labor development issues along with Steve Hewins, president of Hospitality Maine; Beckie Conrad, president/CEO of the LA Metro Chamber of Commerce; and Joan Dolan, director of the Maine Apprenticeship Program.

*Above: Charlie Collins, left, and Kern Philgence at the MCCS booth at the Maine Business Expo.*

## UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES



Register for any course, and see new ones at:

**[www.cmcc.edu/  
professionaldevelopment](http://www.cmcc.edu/professionaldevelopment)**

### ***Effective Business Writing***

Thursday, Feb 7

5pm – 8pm

\$139.00

Reg. Deadline: 02/01/19

### ***Persuasive Business Proposals***

02/25/19 – 02/27/19

Monday/Wednesday

2pm – 5pm

\$199.00

Reg. Deadline: 02/18/19

### ***Rethinking Project Management***

03/01/19 – 04/05/19

Friday

9am – 12pm

\$450.00

Red. Deadline: 02/22/19

### ***Real Estate: Buy, Sell, & Invest***

Thursday, March 21

5:45pm – 7:45pm

\$20.00

Reg. Deadline: 03/14/19

### ***CompTIA Network+***

03/26/19 – 04/25/19

Tuesday/Thursday

5pm – 9pm

\$1,800.00

Reg. Deadline: 03/19/19

### ***BLS for Healthcare Providers***

Friday, March 29

8am – 12pm

\$89.00

Reg. Deadline: 03/22/19

### ***Emergency Preparedness***

Friday, March 29

9am – 3pm

FREE



# NEW CAR DONATED TO THE CM FOUNDATION



Our thanks to Emerson Chevrolet Buick of Auburn and the Maine Chevy Dealers Association for their generous donation of a brand new 2017 Chevy Volt to the CM Education Foundation. The Foundation will be selling the vehicle and the proceeds will go toward the Scholarship Fund.



Left: Left to right are John Emerson, president of Emerson Chevrolet Buick; President Knapp; Dean Roger Philippon; and Will Emerson. Emerson and the Maine Chevy Dealers donated a new car to the CM Foundation. Right: Car donated by Emerson Chevrolet Buick.

## CMCC FIRST COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE NORTHEAST TO OFFER COMPETITIVE ESPORTS



Central Maine Community College has announced that it will be joining the National Association of Collegiate ESports (NACE) starting next fall.

Esports (short for electronic sports) refers to the hugely popular and rapidly growing field of competitive video gaming. College varsity ESports began in 2014 when Robert Morris University in Illinois announced a scholarship-sponsored "League of Legends" team.

Andrew Morong, director of admissions at CMCC, notes that the College is currently recruiting top players in Maine and beyond to join the first teams for fall 2019. Students who participate will have to meet the same requirements as other athletes at the College. "We will be competing against other colleges in a sanctioned league.

NACE officially formed in July 2016 when only seven colleges and universities had varsity ESports programs. Interest has since exploded, with more than 90 member institutions with 1,500 student athletes now competing in varsity programs. Approximately 90 percent of all varsity ESports programs in the U.S. are members of NACE.

In addition to providing governance with standardized rules, NACE also provides a private discord server (voice-over software) for athletic directors and coaches. It also assists with Student-athlete recruitment and competition between varsity programs. NACE has provided over 9

million dollars to participating students in scholarships and aid.

Member schools compete in a wide number of different game titles, with Counter Strike, League of Legends, Hearthstone, Rocket League, Fortnite, and Madden NFL among the most popular at the present time. Morong also notes that CMCC will be competing largely against four-year colleges, since they comprise 90 percent of NACE membership. "We will be the only community college north of Virginia to offer competitive ESports," he added.

The College is converting a space in Kirk Hall into a state-of-the-art facility, known as an "ESports arena," that will be ready next fall for practice and competitions. CMCC is acquiring 30 high-end gaming computers (Alienware 51Threadrippers), five console stations for Xbox One and PS4 Pro.

According to the market research firm Newzoo, over 200 million people watched or played ESports in 2014. Huge ESports tournaments now take place all over the world in big arenas with large crowds. While ESports have long been very popular in Asia, North America and Europe now claim 28 million ESports fans and the number is growing by 21 percent a year.

**Anyone interested in more information on ESports at CMCC is encouraged to contact Morong at [amorong@cmcc.edu](mailto:amorong@cmcc.edu) or 755-5448.**

## CMCC IS MILITARY FRIENDLY

CMCC has again been named a "Military Friendly" school by Victory Media, originator of the Military Friendly employment, entrepreneurship and education resources for veterans and their families. This designation singles out CMCC for its support of the military community.



The College received high ratings in all six key categories: academic policies and compliance; admissions and orientation; culture and commitment; financial aid and assistance; graduation and career, and student support and retention.

The Military Friendly brand is nationally recognized as being the trusted resource on post-military education and employment options for veterans and military families. According to the website: "Developed through more than a decade of proprietary research, Military Friendly ratings and resources provide service members and their families with the information they need to make decisions about civilian careers and education opportunities."

## MUSTANGS TOP POLL



Norfolk, VA - Results from the week 4 edition of the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) coaches poll has been posted, and

both CM basketball teams continue to be ranked in the top 10.

The Lady Mustangs (12-2 overall, 8-0 Yankee Conference) remain in the top spot for the fourth consecutive week. The Men's Basketball squad (10-3 overall, 6-2 Yankee Conference) drop to the 8th seed, after being ranked 6th in the last poll. .

For a full list of the rankings, please visit:  
**[https://www.theuscaa.com/Coaches\\_Poll/2018-2019/Winter/Week\\_4](https://www.theuscaa.com/Coaches_Poll/2018-2019/Winter/Week_4)**

## "GAME ON" FOR FACULTY AND STAFF



Faculty and staff members competed recently in a friendly "Game On" activity in an effort to better understand student success barriers. Made available through "Achieving the Dream", "Game On", enables teams to walk in the shoes of students as they navigate their journeys through college and explore the impact of college policies, practices, and culture on student progress and success. A valuable professional development tool, it also served as an enjoyable and competitive team-building exercise.

Participants found it sparked conversations about many factors that can impact student progress, many of which occur outside the classroom.

Achieving the Dream (ATD) is a network of more than 220 colleges in 39 states dedicated to improving student success. As a network institution, CMCC is working closely with national experts to make better use of evidence-based approaches to improving student outcomes. "The ATD 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," notes Dean of Academic Affairs Betsy Libby.

The Kresge Foundation 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.



# NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS STARTING FALL 2019



*Pending Board Approval*

## PLUMBING & HEATING TECHNOLOGY

### Associate in Applied Science & Certificate

Prepare for a career in the plumbing and heating industry. Gain skills to assist with installation and repair of systems in residential and commercial settings.

## HVAC/R TECHNOLOGY

### Associate in Applied Science & Certificate

Learn installation and servicing of heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration equipment in residential and commercial settings.

## CM Education FOUNDATION **SAVE THE DATE** **12th Annual Dinner**

**Mark your calendars for  
a night of celebration  
and good food!**

**Wednesday, April 17, 2019  
5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Ramada Conference Center  
490 Pleasant Street  
Lewiston, ME 04240

Save the date to join us as we honor the accomplishments and contributions of students, faculty, staff, and community supporters.



**Your name could be here.  
Sponsor today!**

## Sponsorship Opportunities

**Contributing Sponsorship**  
\$250

**Table Sponsorship**  
*(Includes a table of eight at the 12th Annual Dinner)*  
\$500

**Supporting Sponsorship**  
\$500

**Co-Sponsorship**  
\$1,000

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