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*Giving students the tools they need to
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CASCO BAY

BLUEFIN BONANZA

Continuing the tradition of tuna fishing and fundraising scholarships for students in the Maine Community College System.

The Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza's inaugural event was held this summer in South Portland. This event honors the long-held Sturdivant Island Tuna Tournament which ended last year. With the blessing of the Grondin family (founders of the Sturdivant Tourney), Bob Humphrey and Corey Deluc started the Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza to continue the tradition of supporting Maine students through sport fishing. As one of 13 individuals on the new committee; Suzanne Frigon, CMCC's associate director of financial aid, helped pull together donations, sponsors, and participants.

The event itself continues to draw highly-skilled anglers from all over the Northeast to compete while having fun raising money. All participants are committed to "raising and expending funds in support of educational scholarships and charitable donations to those in need."

The Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza kicked off with a tournament dinner hosted at Spring Point Marina. The event also included the captains' meeting, raffles, live and silent auctions, and a full lobster bake.

On August 1st at midnight, 34 boats took to Casco Bay to vye for the largest tuna. The "Molly Jane", captained by Kurt Christiansen and his two sons hauled in the award-winning tuna at 724 pounds.

A special thanks to the many faculty and staff at CMCC for all of their contributions and donations.

1 <https://www.bluefinbonanza.org/>

Top to bottom: Christiansen family with award-winning tuna; CBBB committee and family members; committee member oversees the lobster bake





CHIP MORRISON SCHOLARSHIP SCRAMBLE

THE COMMUNITY THAT KEEPS ON GIVING: STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH GOLF



The 20th Annual Chip Morrison Scholarship Scramble held August 21 at Fox Ridge Golf Club in Auburn was yet another big "drive," raising over \$35,000 for scholarships. Since the first event in 2000 the Scramble has raised almost \$750,000 to support CMCC and other local students in post-secondary education.

In the photo at top left are the Mustang athletes who were volunteers. Left to right are Nic Dieynek, Josh Thomson, Gabriel Farley, Malik Farley, AJ Cunningham, Corey David, Tobias Jense, Matt Attard, and James Bosnakis.

In the photo at top right are the CMCC "Grill Team" workers. Left to right are Alison Daniels and Michelle Hawley from our Center for Workforce and Professional Development (CWPD); student Kauna Yaga; volunteer and former Foundation board member Diane Marquies Monaghan; and Chris Paradis from CWPD.

Many thanks to all our Scramble sponsors, especially co-sponsors Androscoggin Bank and Platz Associates.





TRIO WORLD CLIMATE SIMULATION BRINGS STUDENTS TOGETHER FROM CMCC AND SMCC

CTRIO Student Support Services at CMCC hosted its first annual World Climate Simulation on July 16. This free STEM program was made available through a National Science Foundation grant in collaboration with the Council for Opportunity in Education, an advocacy group for first generation and low income students. The simulation supported student skill development and retention as well as increased STEM engagement in college students.

The event included fifteen students from Central Maine Community College and fifteen students from Southern Maine Community College TRIO programs. Students learned about challenges and possible solutions to climate change, and assumed the role of United Nations delegates to broker deals and trade carbon units in an attempt to slow global warming. The day long simulation

develops global knowledge, 21st century skills, and communication skills, while using climate and sustainability as a STEM-rich topic.

As part of the activity, students examined the ways in which leadership values are expressed by different cultures and nations. Students evaluated their own beliefs and style around leadership, and recognized how the international community has many nuances that play a role in communication and in building agreement. Students with an interest in communication, international business, and world culture also found a rich experience through this simulation.

Representatives from the Maine Campus Compact and VISTA participated in the event and made a brief presentation to the students encouraging them to enlist in a paid internship to assist local residents in making their homes

more energy efficient. The group explored other opportunities on the CMCC and SMCC campuses and communities for students to get actively involved in STEM-related and environmental work.

This innovative and engaging learning experience provided a “summer bridge” event to prepare students for active engagement at college and in the TRIO program. TRIO Director Terry Charlton “... felt hopeful by the end of the day to experience such excitement and enthusiasm evinced by these students. They are ready to take on the challenges of world climate and college.” Charlton has pledged to bring back this activity next year and to involve more colleges and students.

CMCC TRIO SSS is 100 percent funded through a grant from the US Department of Education.

ALFOND GRANT FUNDS FREE COMPUTER TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS AT CMCC FOR THE COMMUNITY

☞ The Center for Workforce & Professional Development at Central Maine Community College is pleased to offer free computer training through generous funding from the Harold Alfond Foundation. Students who participate and complete this program can earn two internationally recognized certifications: MTA Windows 10 and CompTIA's IT Fundamentals+. This 80-hour training will help students learn valuable foundational computer skills and provide them the training resources to sit for the certification exams.

Students should have an interest in a computer career; have the ability to attend class eight hours per week; have access to the Internet and be able to do online homework for approximately ten hours per week; and agree to share any employment outcomes within 30-60 days of the course ending. There may be other opportunities for learners to continue for more advanced IT certifications upon completion of this training program.

The three cohort start/end dates are:

- October 31 – January 28 (Daytime Classes)
- February 7 – April 14 (PM Classes)
- April 21 – June 25 (PM Classes)

Michelle Hawley, dean of workforce and professional development is looking forward to helping connect participants with careers. "We will also hold a reverse job fair at the end of the program to link completers to IT-related positions with local employers.," says Hawley.

For more information or to register, please contact CMCC's Center for Workforce & Professional Development at 207-755-5280, email workforcedevelopment@cmcc.edu or visit www.cmcc.edu/professionaldevelopment.

NEW THREE-SPORT ATHLETIC COMPLEX & PLUMBING & HEATING/HVAC TECHNOLOGY LAB NEARING COMPLETION

☞ Workers are putting the final touches on CMCC's new synthetic turf athletic fields. The fully-lit complex includes NCAA-sized competition fields for baseball, softball, and soccer.

Unless the remnants of Hurricane Dorian wreak havoc, the first games on the complex will be played on Saturday! The Mustang softball team will take on NHTI in a doubleheader at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The women's and men's soccer teams will play Vermont Tech at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. respectively. Please join us for these historic events!



Work continues to progress very nicely on the lab for our new programs in Plumbing and Heating Technology and HVAC/R (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration). Located in the former Criminal Justice lab (which relocated to Room J409), the lab includes the addition of a second floor and mock-up workstations and advanced simulators that provide students with a lab environment that mirrors workplace situations.



NEW AND ON THE MOVE

at Central Maine Community College



RICHARD T. GRIFFIN

Dean of Finance and General Services

Rick comes to us from the University of California, Merced Campus, where he was the director of operating budgets and academic planning. He earned a BS degree from USM and a master's degree from Husson University.



CHRIS DYMKOSKI

Associate Dean of Finance

Originally from Monroe, CT, Chris now lives in Lewiston. He comes to CMCC from Conform Gissling International where he was a senior accountant. He earned a bachelor's degree from Bethany College and his M.B.A. from Southern New Hampshire University.



BRIANNA DOYLE

Director of Institutional Research

Brianna has been working at CMCC as a librarian since but is just starting her new role as director of institutional research. Brianna holds a Master of Library and Information Science degree with a concentration in Information Science and Technology from Simmons University.



TOM SMITH

Food Services Representative

A graduate of CMCC's Culinary Arts program, Tom is a well-known face around the campus. He is a great addition to the dining commons team, with his knowledge of food, customer service, and great personality.



CHRISTOPHER SAUNDERS

Admissions Representative

An Army veteran, Chris earned his A.S. degree in Criminal Justice at CMCC in 2018, and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences at USM. Chris worked previously as a patrol officer with the Auburn Police Department.



AMOS BICKFORD

Resident Director

Amos was a contracted resident director last year, and is now a full employee of CMCC. He earned his A.S. in Life Sciences from CMCC and is now studying for his B.S. in Biology at the University of Southern Maine.



MARC GILBERT

Department Chair: Plumbing & Heating Technology & HVAC/R

Marc brought his many years of experience to CMCC in working to develop these new programs and guiding the construction of the new lab. Marc has worked in the industry since 1987, has owned his own business, and earned a bachelor's degree from USM.



STEVE GRAY

HVAC/R Technology Instructor

After 26 years at L.L. Bean as an HVAC Technician III in the Facilities Department, Steve is fulfilling a life-long goal of training the next generation in heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration. He studied HVAC/R at SMCC.



TRAVIS BROWN

Electromechanical Technology Instructor

Travis, a Master Electrician among many other licenses and certifications, has over 18 years of experience in the electrical field, including many years in power plant and wind energy. Travis holds associate degrees in Electrical Construction/Maintenance and in Instrumentation and Controls.



TIA ZUKOWSKI

Early Childhood Education Instructor

Tia served as a preschool teacher at the Jewish Community Alliance in Portland and has extensive teaching experience including in Head Start, Montessori programs, and at the collegiate level. She holds a BS Early Childhood Education from UMF and an MS in Human Development from UMaine.



CRYSTAL AYOTTE

Nursing Instructor

Crystal has been the nursing instructor at CMCC's Damariscotta location for many years and now joins the faculty here on the Auburn campus. Crystal has 14 years experience in neonatal intensive care, pediatrics and maternal/child nursing. She earned her M.S.N. from the University of South Alabama.



SUSAN WINTER

Nursing Instructor

Susan has taken over as the nursing instructor at the Damariscotta/Lincoln Health location. Susan taught previously in the nursing program at Santa Fe Community College in New Mexico. She earned her MSN from the University of Connecticut and is certified in hospice and palliative care.



EXPLORING THE Medieval Cultures OF THE IRISH SEA AND NORTH SEA

BY Ethel Bowden

█ This spring *The Medieval Cultures of the Irish Sea and the North Sea* was published by Amsterdam University Press as the culmination of scholarly research conducted through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). My contribution, "Kohlberg Explains Cú Chulainn: Developing Moral Judgment from Bully to Boy Wonder to Brave Warrior" reflects my interest in the intersection of literature, psychology, and education. I am grateful for support from CMCC and NEH.

In April of 2015, I was selected to participate in a five-week NEH seminar called "The Irish Sea Cultural Province".

In June, I joined 15 other scholars from across the nation to begin a life-changing experience in academia. For the first week, we lived in the dorms of Queen's University, Stranmillis College in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Our esteemed mentors and other experts in language, history, literature, and culture provided daily lectures. (On a day off, I took the "Game of Thrones" tour and saw many of the sites used for the TV series.) My knowledge of ancient Irish literature was limited, yet I was intrigued by the saga *Táin Bó Cúailnge* (Cattle Raid of Cooley). We took a field trip to Emain Macha (Navan Fort in Armagh) reported to be the home of the Tain's hero: Cú Chulainn. I had

been rereading a section of the saga, “The Boyhood Deeds”, and easily imagined a young boy growing up surrounded by the beautiful countryside.

After two weeks in Belfast, we took the short flight to the Isle of Man, located in the center of the Irish Sea. Every morning at the Manx Museum, we heard lectures by experts including Sir D.M. Wilson, former director of the British Museum. We spent a week exploring archeological sites and museums, including the church yard in Maughold which has the largest

headed for Scotland and the University of Glasgow. This university was founded in 1451! The buildings must have served as the model for Hogwarts School of Wizardry, and I was in awe of the campus! We listened to lectures on Sir Gawain and the Green Knight and Beowulf. We took a field trip to the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh where we were given access to ancient manuscripts and rare books. We finished our seminar with a dinner at the Royal Overseas League on Princes Street.



collection of Celtic crosses, dated from the 6th — 13th century. By this time, our leaders encouraged us to identify a research topic for our final presentation. Because I’ve taught writing at CMCC since 1988, I have witnessed the panic that a writing assignment can create – and I was terrified! But Dr. Nagy encouraged me to think about the courses I taught and how I could use the literature we were studying.

I enjoy teaching Children’s Literature and always focus on the responsibility of sharing values with children. We discuss the behavior of heroes and bullies; we examine qualities valued by our culture. Cú Chulainn’s childhood deeds are inserted into the narrative of his heroic defense of his countrymen. I wondered if his exploits could reveal the process of developing of his moral judgement.

Meanwhile, we left the Isle of Man by ferry and arrived in England. We hopped on a bus and

By this time, I had formulated a research question: In this age of comic-book superheroes, how can classroom teachers explore the process of learning right from wrong using a ‘new’ hero? The answer was to analyze Cú Chulainn’s actions as a child using psychologist Lawrence Kohlberg’s stages moral development. Over the next two years, Dr. Nagy worked with me to write my chapter of our book. I am thrilled that the interdisciplinary NEH seminar has been preserved in each chapter. I hope you have a chance to read the book and glimpse the amazing medieval culture that existed in the Irish Sea Province.

Cover: Peel Castle Isle of Man; Above right to left: Ethel Bowden heading to Glasgow University for class, Ethel and classmates dressed as the Members of the Night Watch on the Game of Thrones tour; the historic pictish stones and celtic crosses of Maughold Church. All photos contributed by Ethel Bowden.

Ethel is an instructor and chair of the Humanities department at CMCC. She holds a B.A. from Colby College and a M.S. from the University of Southern Maine.

WALK-IN BORROWING AT THE LEARNING COMMONS



The CMCC Learning Commons and nearly 60 other Maine libraries are participating in a pilot program starting this month that will allow walk-in borrowing at participating libraries. Students can simply bring their CMCC ID (which also serves as their library card) to a participating library to check out material. A full list of participating libraries

will be available soon on the Maine State Library website. Previously, the CMCC ID allowed students to walk in and borrow materials from only the Auburn and Lewiston public libraries. This pilot program expands walk-in borrowing access to libraries such as Bates, Bowdoin, Colby, the University of Maine at Farmington, Augusta, Orono, as well as many public libraries. Contact any of the librarians in the Learning Commons for more information.

MAINESPARK AT CMCC



Central Maine Community College was part of the recent MaineSpark Navigator Network convening. As part of

MaineSpark, the College is working toward the goal of 60 percent of Maine citizens' attaining of a higher education degree or credential by 2025. This effort will help adult learners with a wide variety of student supports, including tutoring programs, academic advising to guide students toward a credential of value, writing support and much more. To connect with CMCC about your goals and how we can support you contact: Christine Lee at clee@cmcc.edu or 207-755-5355

MOVE-IN DAY A SUCCESS



As the new academic school year began, CMCC kicked off Move-In Day with a full-staff complement to help residence and commuter students alike get settled before the start of classes on Monday, August 26th. Also on hand to help resident students move in were our student athletes. Taking shifts throughout the day, each team really helped the new students to feel welcome.



Above: Student athletes from our basketball, baseball and soccer help out during Move-In Day.

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CMCC ALUM COMPETES IN MRS. AMERICA PAGEANT

By Allison Tribou



I started at CMCC by attending one summer writing class. This class was necessary in order to earn the credits I needed to graduate high school after the small private school I was attending announced

it's closing in 2004. As a 2007 graduate of CMCC, attribute a large part of my success to the school that took me from a young high school graduate to a hard-working business woman. I am currently working full-time as a quality assurance analyst for Liberty Mutual Insurance and I am also the events coordinator for my husband's local business, Saylorink Tattoo in Augusta. I am the proud mom of two beautiful daughters. CMCC was an integral part of the formation of love for community and education in my life. As Mrs. Maine America 2019, my platform has been to bring awareness to the foster care system, and to help meet the needs of those children and the families that care for them. I have teamed up with wonderful organizations such as Project Sparrow. I hope that I can influence young people to pursue education and involvement in their communities. I hope I can be an example of hard work and confidence to young women and men. Mustang proud!

Above: Allison Tribou; photo by Tess Johnson Photography.

2019 PROMISE SCHOLAR ANNOUNCED



Congratulations to Kate McPherson, selected as a 2019 Coca-Cola "Leaders of Promise Scholar" and winner of a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Leaders of Promise Scholarship, sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars

Foundation, recognizes 200 Phi Theta Kappa members with awards totaling \$200,000. Twenty-five of these scholarships are earmarked for Society members who are active personnel or veterans of the U.S. Military.

This year's recipients were selected by a panel of independent judges from nearly 900 applicants. Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholars are selected based on outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated leadership potential.

Kate is a second-year student in the Computer Technology program. She has earned President's Honors in three semesters and currently serves as president of the CMCC Chapter (Alpha Phi Xi) of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

The Leaders of Promise Scholarship Program was launched in 2001 to assist new Phi Theta Kappa members in obtaining an associate degree and encourage participation in Society programs. Today, the Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship is more relevant than ever as our organization, colleges and communities actively encourage the completion of a college credential, an associate degree or certificate among college students.

CMCC REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND USS DANIEL INOUE CHRISTENING

☛ A U.S. Navy Arleigh Burke-class destroyer (DDG) bearing the name of the late Daniel Inouye, a long-time senator from Hawaii and decorated World War II veteran, was christened at General Dynamics/Bath Iron Works on June 22. A CMCC contingent was in attendance at the invitation of BIW President Dirk Lesko.



The Inouye will be the 68th Arleigh Burke-class destroyer and is configured as a Flight IIA destroyer. Nine ships in the class are under construction and 11 are under contract, according to the U.S. Navy.

The 509.5-long ships carry a crew of 329, are 9,000 tons and can travel in excess of 30 knots per hour while fighting enemy ships, submarines, missiles and aircraft.

Left to right are Roger and Celeste Philippon, Jason and Betsy Libby, Melissas and Nick Hamel, Scott and Susan Knapp, and Steve and Barb Owen.

TWO CMCC STUDENTS EARNS ASPE SCHOLARSHIPS

☛ Two students in the Building Construction Technology (BCT) program, Audra Ziobro and Chandler Ellis, were awarded scholarships recently from the Maine Chapter of the American Society of Professional Estimators (ASPE).



A resident of Arrowsic, Audra is an honors student in the BCT program jobsite track and works for Blaiklock Carpentry in Woolwich. Chandler lives in Vienna and has earned highest honors (President's Honors) in the BCT program. He works for Maine Masonry in Scarborough.

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.

Above: Pictured left to right at the ASPE awards dinner are Brent Nolan of Titan Mechanical; scholarship recipient Audra Ziobro from CMCC; Don Varney, chair of the BCT program at CMCC; John Burrell of ASPE ME; John Brockington, president of ASPE ME; Jim Hoy, treasurer of ASPE ME; Dave Eng, chair of the SMCC construction program; and scholarship recipient Chandler Ellis from CMCC.

2019 PROMISE SCHOLAR ANNOUNCED



Derek Kuusela of Gorham, a student in the Automotive Technology Ford ASSET program at CMCC, is one of seven Maine community college students who were awarded scholarships in honor of Leon A. Gorman at a ceremony held recently at L.L.Bean's Corporate Headquarters in Freeport.

The Leon A. Gorman Endowed Scholarship was established in 2014 by the children of

Leon and Lisa Gorman in honor of Mr. Gorman's 80th birthday. The scholarship supports Maine community college students who demonstrate strong academic achievement, financial need, and a commitment to community service, a hallmark of the scholarship's namesake.

"My father was proud to support Maine's community colleges and its hardworking students. He would have been honored to be associated with these outstanding recipients, their educational aspirations and their dedication to their families and communities," said Jennifer Wilson on behalf of her family.

CMCC NURSING PROGRAM TOPS MAINE 'BEST VALUE RANKING' IN 'NURSING EXPLORER'



According to 'Nursing Explorer,' the CMCC nursing program is placed number one for "best value" out of 12 programs in Maine.

Nursing Explorer gathers information every year about nursing schools from different government organizations and makes it available to students as a searchable database.

This year, they gathered data and ranked 1,721 schools across 45 states. Their ranking formula gives a 70 percent weight to NCLEX pass rate and 30 percent weight to net price. The NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination) is a nationwide examination for the licensing of nurses.

The result of the calculation is a score between 1 and 100 that reflects the quality of education offered and affordability. If a nursing program has a high NCLEX pass rate and low tuition (or provides a sizeable financial aid), then its ranks will be high.

You can read more about the Nursing Explore ranking methodology here: www.nursingexplorer.com/methodology You can find the complete list of nursing schools along with their rankings on this page: www.nursingexplorer.com/states/maine.

CMCC CELEBRATED FOR ADDRESSING TOBACCO USE AND EXPOSURE ON CAMPUS



CMCC was one of 18 organizations celebrated for our tobacco policy, prevention and treatment efforts during the 2019 Behavioral Health and Higher Education Gold Star Standards of Excellence awards program! For the third year in a row, CMCC received the (gold level) award for our ongoing work to address the tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke. Learn more about the Gold Star Standards at: www.BreatheEasyMaine.org/GSSE.



BREATHE EASY
REDUCING SMOKE EXPOSURE IN MAINE

Above: Mary Caron, MPH, Health Promotion Coordinator, Healthy Androscoggin, presents to Roger Philippon, dean of Planning and Public Affairs at CMCC.



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