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for Fall 2018*





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COVER STORY: A MILESTONE FOR GONYEA

500 CAREER WINS

Longtime men's basketball coach Dave Gonyea notched his 500th career win with the Mustangs 91-77 victory over Essex Community College in Concord, NH.

Coach Gonyea was honored for this remarkable achievement before the men's game against the UMaine Machias Clippers in the Kirk gym on November 9. A large number of Dave's former players were on hand and presented him with a signed basketball. A great video tribute was played that included some great photos of the coach when he was younger and had a bit more hair!

Dave, who also serves as director of athletics, housing, and security, started coaching at CM in 1993. Read more about Dave in the Sun Journal at <https://www.sunjournal.com/2019/11/06/mens-basketball-with-500-win-milestone-behind-him-dave-gonyea-focused-on-getting-mustangs-to-buy-in/>. Congratulations, Coach!

WELCOME TO CMCC

CURRY CAPUTO

Curry Caputo of Whitefield has been hired as an instructor in the Building Construction Technology program.

A native of Pittston, Caputo graduated from the College of the Atlantic with a degree in Human Ecology. He is a certified building analyst through the Building Performance Institute and served previously as president of Sustainable Structures, Inc. He resides in Whitefield with his family in an off-the-grid, energy-efficient home of his own design and build.

The building construction 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 jobsite track provides students with alternating on-campus training with paid, on-the-job experience.

SCHOLARSHIP HELPS TWO STUDENTS AT CMCC



☛ Sarah Pierce and Bailey Pullen are two of 14 Maine community college students to receive a scholarship from MEREDA, the Maine Real Estate & Development Association. The association's goal is to support Maine students as they prepare for careers in areas of study that promote MEREDA's mission of responsible development and ownership of real estate throughout the state.

"MEREDA is a strong supporter of trades and professions associated with real estate and the real estate development industry in Maine, and recognizes how important these professions, that provide good jobs and careers, have been to our state, the economy and the real estate industry," said Gary Vogel of Drummond Woodsum and MEREDA president. "An educated workforce is vital to support economic development. We are pleased to help these deserving students achieve their goals and our members look forward to the contributions they will make to our industry, our state and our economy."

A resident of Greene, Pierce has earned highest

honors at CMCC, where she has worked as a peer tutor in the Math & Science Center. After she earns her business degree in December, Pierce plans to complete the network security/computer forensics program at the college. She hopes to pursue a career as a computer forensics investigator.

Pullen completed the criminal justice program with high honors in May 2017 and has now earned president's honors in the business program. A resident of Canton, she is employed as an accounting assistant at H.E. Callahan Construction. After CMCC, she may pursue a bachelor's degree in accounting and then become a CPA.

For more information on MEREDA go to: <http://mereda.org>. For more information on Maine's Community Colleges go to www.mccs.me.edu.

Photo caption: The two MEREDA scholarship recipients at CMCC, Sarah Pierce, left, and Bailey Pullen, right, are pictured here with Shelly Clark, MEREDA vice president of operations.

PLATZ HOST ARCHITECTURE & CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS AT BATES MILL

☛ Students in the Architectural and Civil Engineering program were recently given a tour of a Bates Mill building by Platz Associates architects Thomas Platz and Gabrielle Russell. Platz has a project underway to renovate a portion of the mill to accommodate the GrandRounds expansion.

Left to Right: Thea Quick, Julien Clement, Archie Ray, Thomas Platz, AIA Architect with Platz Associates, Gabrielle Russell, AIA Architect with Platz Associates, Samuel Owen, Keagon Leighton, Dave Hendrickson, Emelia Laramie, Joel Masikini, Megan Cormier



RECORD HIGH ENROLLMENT

3,218



Enrollment at CMCC reached a record high this fall with 3,218 students enrolled in credit-bearing courses. This represents an increase of almost five percent over last fall's enrollment of 3068.

Total fall enrollment at Maine's seven community colleges is up 4.2 percent from last year. Headcount at the seven colleges is 17,327 students, compared to 16,622 last year.

The strong showing is due in part to a number of new initiatives at the colleges, including plumbing and heating, HVAC, esports and a new athletic complex at CMCC, aimed at attracting and retaining more students. The Maine Community College System (MCCS) also did not raise tuition for this academic year, maintaining the lowest tuition

and fees in New England. The enrollment increase is in sharp contrast to a nationwide trend of declining enrollments at two-year public colleges over the last several years.

"This kind of growth is gratifying to see, because we are constantly focused on meeting the needs of today's students by offering an affordable, accessible quality education in a wide range of fields," said MCCS President David Daigler. "We want to prepare people for the meaningful work and lives they have ahead of them."

Maine's community colleges offer nearly 300 degree and certificate options in over 140 occupational fields. More than 75 percent are the only ones of their kind in the state.

PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEES BREAKFAST



A large turnout gathered in Kirk Hall recently for a breakfast meeting of all CMCC academic program advisory committees.

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 CMCC.

REGIONAL ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS BCT STUDENTS



A gift of nearly \$6,000 from North East Regional Association of Housing Maintenance Supervisors (NERAHMS) to The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges will provide scholarships for CMCC students in building construction technology.

Jonathan Clark, NERAHMS chair and maintenance facilities director for the Westbrook Housing Authority, made the presentation during the closing dinner at the group's annual conference held in September. "We are pleased to support the trades with these scholarship funds," Clark noted.

This is the second gift from NERAHMS to the Foundation. The funds were raised during the organization's annual golf tournament, which is part of the group's annual trade show and conference. For more information: nerahms.org/

The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges is dedicated to ensuring that the state's seven community colleges have the resources they need to provide a high quality and affordable education for Maine people. More information about the Foundation is available at: <https://www.maineccfoundation.org/>.

Photo caption: Jonathan Clark, left, chair of NERAHMS, presents a check to Roger Philippon, dean of planning and public affairs at CMCC.

JOB FOR MAINE GRADS ON CAMPUS. WHAT IS JMG?



Jobs for Maine Graduates, or JMG, partners with public education and private business to offer results-driven solutions to ensure all Maine students graduate, attain post-secondary credentials and pursue meaningful careers.

The JMG program at CMCC is open to former JMG high school and middle school students, students who were in foster care, or students who earned a GED within the last five years. Benefits of membership include intensive advising, overall college support, community engagement, career development assistance, personalized attention and participation in the JMG Career Association Club. Members may also be invited to attend high school visits.

The student-led JMG Professional Career Association bridges the gap between CMCC and local communities through activities and events such as networking, community service projects, fundraising, charity work, resume workshops, leadership development, financial literacy, and job interview practices. Additional activities may include job shadowing, community-based learning projects and volunteer opportunities with high school and middle school JMG sponsored programs.

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ACHIEVING THE DREAM AT CMCC: COACHES VISIT WITH FACULTY

☛ Achieving the Dream (ATD) coaches Joanne Bashford and Trudy Bers were on campus recently. While here they met with some faculty members and discussed an inventory of student engagement practices that instructors use in the classroom.

ATD is a network of more than 220 colleges in 39 states dedicated to improving student success. As a network institution since 2017 CMCC has been working closely with national experts to apply evidence-based approaches to improving student outcomes.

"The goal of ATD 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," says Academic Dean 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.

Caption: Achieving the Dream coach Dr. Joanne Bashford, left, talks with faculty members Tia Zukowski, Ros Arienti and Dr. Tina Daigle, instructional designer at CMCC.

CMCC STUDENTS CELEBRATE MEDICAL ASSISTING WEEK

☛ Students in the Medical Assistant program observed Medical Assisting Week October 21-25 with several events including guest speakers, social media postings, and a pizza-party gathering with instructors and advisors. Pictured here at the pizza gathering are left to right are students Destiny Giroux of Lewiston, Lindsay Huff of Strong, and Hannah Harris of Augusta.

The Medical Assistant Associate Degree program at CMCC prepares graduates for entry-level employment in settings in which medical secretarial and/or basic clinical and laboratory training are required. The program curriculum includes coursework in anatomy and physiology, communications, medical administrative procedures, medical law and ethics, medical transcription and clinical procedures. A 240-hour externship is required in the last semester. More information is available at www.cmcc.edu.



FAFSA IS A 'PIECE OF CAKE' WITH TRIO

Staff from TRIO and Financial Aid teamed up for the "FAFSA is a Piece of Cake" event on October 2-3, when they assisted students in filing their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for 2020-2021. The federal website opened on October 1, and CM students were among the first to submit their applications for next year. "Applying is very simple for most students, because they are able to renew their application using the IRS data retrieval tool. For most you might say, it was a piece of cake," quipped TRIO Director Terry Charlton, Financial Aid Director John Bowie noted that the numbers of students applying early is really growing. Students who apply early are considered for all types of available aid.

Caption: Donna Alexander, TRIO retention advisor, gets ready to serve up the cake.



MUSTANG PUCKSTERS VOLUNTEER



Several Mustang hockey players helped out recently at a charity hockey game put on by Patriots Hockey. All proceeds from the game went to the Farmington firefighters who were injured in the major explosion last month and to the family of the firefighter who died in the tragedy. A total of \$3881 was raised and the Mustangs sold \$690.00 worth of raffle tickets by themselves.

The Patriots Hockey Association, run by active and former fire, police, EMS and military personnel and their supporters, is a nonprofit organization that organizes events to benefit local charities. Visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Patriots-Hockey-Association-218340122314355/>.

Photo: Left to right are Shawn Sullivan, Ben Feldmen, Jeff Clark, president of Patriots Hockey, Jacob Strout, Trevor Roche and Christine Lee, Patriots Hockey director of communication. Christine also works at CM as a learning and advising specialist.

NURSING HEALTH FAIR

The annual Nursing Health Fair at CMCC was a great event this year, educating students on a wide range of health-related topics, from sleep issues, to smoking and alcohol, to stress related management, and more.

Caption: Second year Nursing student Ben Creznic hands out material and plays a trivia game with interested participants during the fair.





MAKING PROGRAM HISTORY

SOCCER TEAM AT YSCC TOURNAMENT

☛ The Mustang women's soccer team reached the Yankee Small College Conference (YSCC) championship game for the first time ever. A preliminary round 6-1 victory over Vermont Technical College on Oct 20, the first ever home playoff game for the team, put them in the YSCC semifinal game against #1 seed NHTI, who have been unbeaten by a conference opponent since 2015. A 1-0 victory over NHTI in that semifinal matchup - another first in program history - led to a spot in the YSCC championship game against #2 seed SMCC. The 1-0 loss to SMCC in the tightly contested final was yet another highlight in a season that saw the women's program continue to take big steps forward in becoming a top YSCC contender!

A SIGHT NEVER BEFORE SEEN ON OUR CAMPUS!

☛ The Mustang baseball, softball, and soccer teams took the field on our new synthetic turf athletic complex this fall, including some games under the lights.

We look forward to seeing them out there again in the spring!



CARBONITE SPONSORS ESPORTS

With a generous gift of \$10,000, Carbonite, Inc., has sponsored the Esports athletic program at CMCC for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Carbonite provides cloud-based, online backup service and data protection strategies for individuals and small businesses.

"Carbonite's Lewiston office has a culture of dedicated gamers and great respect for the value that CMCC offers our community," said Tom Neal,

senior manager of recruiting at Carbonite. "So when we heard CMCC was creating a new Esports team we jumped at the opportunity to be involved. Esports is a fantastic way for Carbonite to engage with a technically oriented audience. We are proud to sponsor the eSports team and look forward to cheering on the Mustangs this season!"



ESPORTS TEAM NOTCHES INAUGURAL WIN



Two weeks into their first season, one of the CM esports teams won its first contest with a convincing 3-0 victory over Arcadia University of Pennsylvania.

The CMCC Rocket League team composed of Levi Little of Phippsburg; Jared Lambert of Oakland; Sean Rooney of Winslow; Paisley Drakiotas of Lewiston; and Jayson Goguen and Matt White of Fairfield,

defeated Arcadia in regular season action earlier this month.

Esports (short for electronic sports) refers to the popular and rapidly growing field of competitive video gaming. The CMCC esports teams compete in the National Association of Collegiate Esports (NACE). Students who participate have to meet the same requirements as other athletes at the college.

Other CMCC esports teams are competing in Hearthstone, Overwatch, Fortnite, and Rainbow 6 Siege. The college has a new, 1,600 square-foot arena located in Kirk Hall equipped with Alienware Area-51 Threadrippers; five console stations with Xbox One, PS4 Pro, and Nintendo Switch; and a Twitch broadcast booth for live streaming matches.

More information is also available online at www.cmmustangs.com/sports/esports.

ESPORTS MADDEN TEAM FINISHES SEASON UNDEFEATED

The Esports Madden team finished 5-0 playing in the ECAC. Other schools were UAlbany, Providence College, Mansfield University, New England College, and Neumann University. We kickoff our Spring season in the CSL next semester.

Left to Right: Allyx Chabot, Building Construction Technology; Robert Tremaine, Business Administration and Management; Hunter Fisher, Plumbing and Heating Technology; Connor Sheehy, admissions representative



HUNTRESS NAMED USCAA NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Kristen Huntress (Harrison, ME) was named the USCAA National Player of the Week for her efforts between Monday, November 25th, and Sunday, December 1st.

In the Mustangs only game during the week, against the 7th ranked (USCAA DI) Bryant & Stratton- Albany, Huntress hit 6 threes to finish with a career high 27 points.

The junior guard and captain shot 61.5% from the floor and 54.5% from the three. She also recorded 4 rebounds and 3 steals. Most impressively, Huntress did this in just 16-minutes of action.

CM defeated Bryant & Stratton-Albany 86-60 to improve their record to 10-1.

Congratulations Kristen!



CHECK OUT 'FRIDAYS WITH GRIMES!'



Our Associate Dean of Student Services Grimes Williams is becoming quite the campus Facebook sensation with his 'Fridays with Grimes' videos. Shot and edited by Director of Communications Heather Seymour, these short, light and funny clips highlighting campus happenings are proving to be very popular among our students.

Check out his latest at <https://www.facebook.com/CMCCMaine/videos/555745251857119/>

BE A PART OF THE FUN



Are you a current student, alumni, faculty or staff member? Let the community - on and off our campus - get to know you better! As part of our cross-channel popular series 'Humans of CMCC,' we'll showcase who you are and what makes you uniquely you! Simply email us at socialmedia@cmcc.edu to express your interest. It's a simple and fun way to connect!

Take a look at the Humans of CMCC campaign from last year! <https://bit.ly/2pluJZr>

Above is student Jared Rubin, one of our resident assistants. Read all about Jared at the Humans of CMCC campaign link above!

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EARN A DIGITAL BADGE AND ENHANCE YOUR DIGITAL RESUME

Search for WDB courses in CMConnect.

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**Friday,
December 13**

is the last BLS class of 2019!

8:00am - 12:00pm

Cost: \$89.00

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spring 2020

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