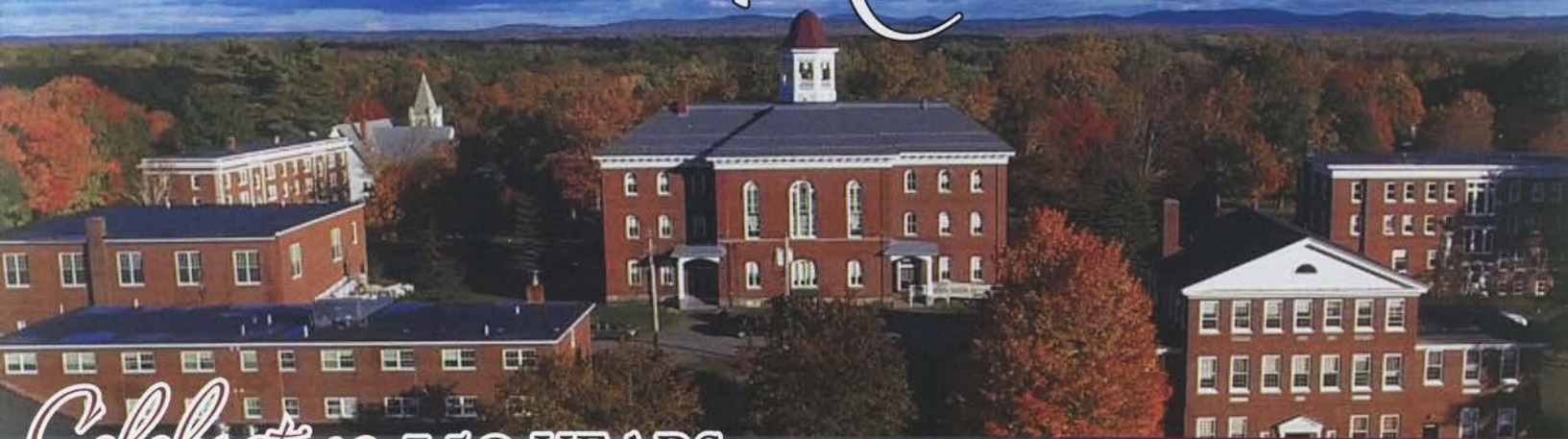
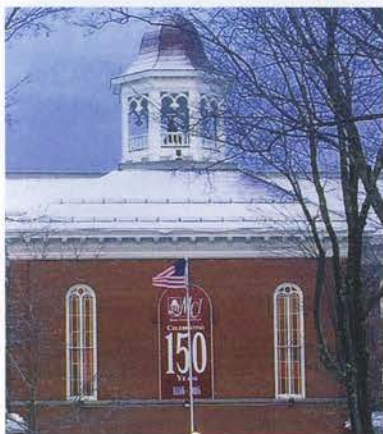


ALUMNUS *Newsletter*



Celebrating 150 YEARS

1866 - 2016



In spring 2016, MCI will release a special commemorative issue of the *Alumnus* magazine in honor of the School's Sesquicentennial. This larger, keepsake edition will include MCI histories, interviews, photos, alumni memories and more.

Because of the Sesquicentennial issue, this supplemental newsletter will take the place of the normal winter issue of the magazine. Inside you will find information about how you can join our Founders' Day

Sesquicentennial celebration on February 1, as well as school news, athletics and arts updates and new campus photos.



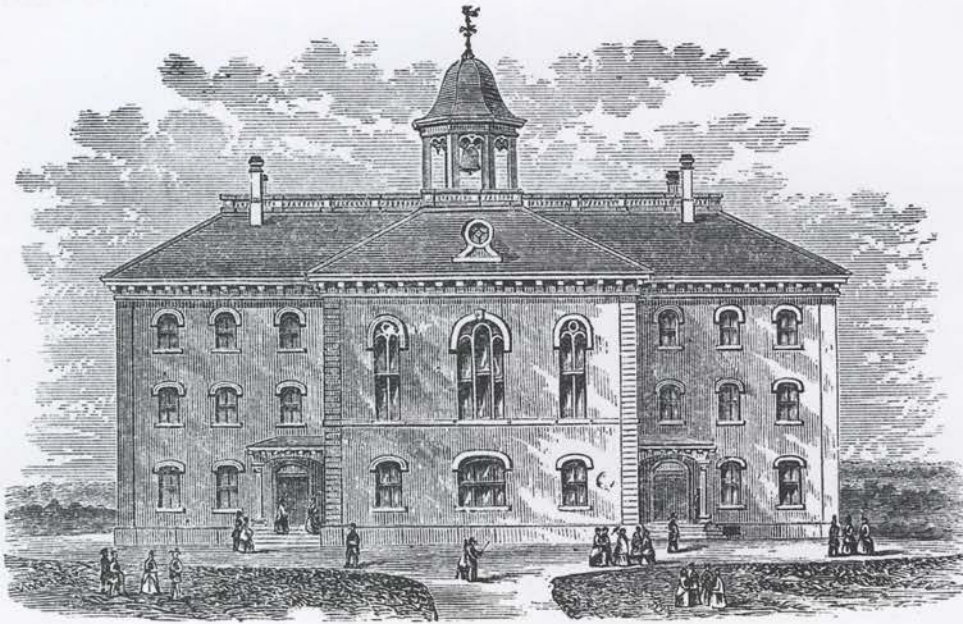
Top photo: An aerial view of MCI's campus. Bottom photo: The new MCI Fields Complex. Both taken by drone. Photo credit: Monty Rand.

In recognition of both MCI's 150th anniversary and the new MCI Fields Complex, the School commissioned a series of aerial photos and videos taken by drone. The breathtaking views of campus, taken during peak foliage season, highlight the amazing history and campus growth since 1866. Videos of the drone footage will be available on MCI's website as part of the School's Sesquicentennial celebrations.

To view a selection of campus drone photos, please visit www.mci-school.org/campus2015.

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MCI will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the School on February 1, 2016 with a series of events on campus. All MCI alumni and friends are invited to join the celebration! For more information, please visit www.mci-school.org/MCI150 or call the MCI Alumni Office at 207-487-5915.

Founders' Day Schedule of Events

February 1, 2016

(schedule subject to change)

9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction
9:15 a.m.	Keynote Speaker
9:40 a.m.	Student Performances
10:00 a.m.	Proclamations, Videos and Sentiments Presentation of Time Capsule
12:00 p.m.	Anniversary Cake and Refreshments
12:30 p.m.	Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides with Hot Chocolate

Celebrate with MCI!

Make plans to return to campus on February 1, 2016 to celebrate with the School community. Even if you can't return to campus, you can still help us celebrate!

★ Post a selfie, group photo or video wishing MCI a Happy 150th and tag it with #MCI150.

★ Submit your favorite MCI memories and photos to the Alumni Office to be included online and in the special commemorative issue of the *Alumnus*.

www.mci-school.org/memory

★ View our special 150th videos on MCI's website (available on February 1)

★ Return to campus for Reunion 2016 - August 5 through 7.
www.mci-school.org/reunion

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School News

Day of Giving 2016

MCI will be celebrating the second annual Day of Giving on April 13, 2016. The School has thrived for 150 years thanks to supporters who have believed in its mission. In honor of the School's sesquicentennial, all supporters who give \$150 or more on the Day of Giving will qualify to become a member of the 150 Club. Members of the 150 Club will receive a commemorative gift and be listed in a special donor report. Supporters who give \$1,866 or more will have the opportunity to have his/her name listed on a sesquicentennial plaque displayed on campus.

With help from the Student Philanthropy Council, last year 319 students, faculty, alumni and friends raised \$20,643.84 in 24 hours for MCI's Annual Fund! The money raised helps provide the great educational experience and close community that has always made the School special.

The goal this year is to reach 482 donors (one for every current student) by midnight. *Gifts of any amount will count towards the goal.*

Making a tax-deductible gift on the Day of Giving supports the School and celebrates 150 years of history. Gifts can be made either online at www.mci-school.org/afgift, by phone at (207) 487-5915 or in person at the Cianchette Admission and Development House on campus.

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Coding Club members competing at the Thomas Cup on December 4

MCI Enhances Curriculum with Computer Science and Experiential Learning Courses

Computer Science

In January of 2015, MCI faculty member Hannah Walden began a new student group, the Coding Club. "I've always been interested in coding and teaching myself new things," said Walden. "MCI didn't offer any other club like it and we very quickly saw that there were a large number of students who were interested." Currently Walden advises around 20 students and uses Code Avengers, an online tool that allows students to learn coding at their own pace. The club uses their programming knowledge to write code for school-owned drones and spheros (app-enabled robotic balls). "The Coding Club is a practical way to see coding at work through play," explained Walden. "Each student can figure out the way he/she wants to learn and we are able to meet the needs of many students with varying interests. Our goal is to expose a wide range of students to programming and computational thinking."

On Friday, December 4 the Club competed in the first-ever Thomas Cup, held

at Thomas College. Open to high school and home-schooled students, the Thomas Cup featured fifteen teams competing for the top bragging rights in a number of cyber defense, gaming, computer science, and technology competitions. While the Thomas Cup was centered on technology, competitors needed to use "project management, innovation, creativity, teamwork, leadership, and more in order to overcome the challenges and defeat their opponents."¹

For the first time this fall, Walden is also offering a year-long coding class, Coding 1, which is an introduction to Java Script, HTML and CSS. The new course came about from the success and student interest surrounding the Coding Club. "We realized that we needed to go further to support the needs of our students." By the end of the year, students in the class will have created working apps that they will submit to the Google App Store. This summer, Walden will become certified by the College Board to teach AP Computer Science A and AP Computer Science Principles. In addition to Coding 1 and the two AP

1. www.thomas.edu/thomas-cup

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courses, she will also be adding Coding 2 and Video Game Design. Walden is “hoping to pull in students with interests not only in computer science, but also in art, music and creative writing. In order to create good games, you really need a team, not just programmers.” In fact, though Walden has vast experience with computer science, her background is in the Humanities. “I think it’s an asset because I am able to bring a different side to the program,” said Walden. “I really want these courses both to prepare students for a rigorous computer science program in college and to expose a wide variety of students to the value of computer science and computational thinking in a variety of different fields. This is an opportunity to introduce students to a career path that is viable (and needed) in Central Maine, allowing them to stay in this geographical area if they so choose.”

Experiential Learning

MCI debuted a new experiential learning program during the School’s Thanksgiving Break. Though the program will ultimately incorporate four strands-- outdoor education, internships, community service and travel, both international and domestic-- the initial course focused on Wilderness First Aid. “Our idea for this year was to develop a pilot program that would allow us to test the logistics, see where we could find funding and figure out how we could make the course work with both on- and off-campus components,” explained Academic Counselor Emily Wagner ’04. Seven students and two faculty members earned Wilderness First Aid Certification through the SOLO Wilderness Medical School. The group split the sixteen hours required for certification between MCI’s campus and the Flagstaff Hut on the Maine Huts and Trails network. “We really wanted to make sure we were able



Students in the Wilderness First Aid Class doing a primary assessment on patients (Airway, Breathing, Circulation, Deformity, Environment)

to do this partially off campus not only to create a bit of excitement, but also provide a more realistic scenario for the students,” said Wagner.

The certification, valid for two years, “focuses on the basic skills of response and assessment, musculoskeletal injuries, environmental emergencies, survival skills, soft tissue injuries, and medical emergencies.”² The course, offered during Thanksgiving Break to minimize the impact on classes as well as athletics and other co-curriculars, cost each student only \$10. “Though each certification alone normally costs over \$100, we received a grant from the Oak Grove Foundation to help cover the fees. We really wanted to minimize the costs for students and not create barriers or increase barriers that are already there.” Students had to apply for the course and indicate the reason for their interest. “We had two students who are in the Certified Nursing Assistant program at the Somerset Career & Technical Center, looking for additional medical certifications; a couple are members of MCI’s Outdoor Adventure Team and wanted to learn additional skills; others really enjoy hiking and the outdoors and are considering a career in some sort of

medical field. It’s a great course for students interested in the field of Search and Rescue or being a camp counselor. Many camps require the certification, so having it already can make a student really marketable.”

As a follow up and to help support the student interest in outdoor education, the Academic Office is coordinating an Outdoor Education Career Expo on April 30 with hands-on career panels and is planning to invite area colleges as well as Outing Clubs from other Maine schools.

Going forward, the School is planning to offer another Wilderness First Aid course in the spring, either during a break or over a weekend. The committee in charge of the planning for experiential learning is looking at the best way to incorporate experiential learning into the current curriculum, with the overarching goal of having all MCI students participate in an experiential learning course during their time at MCI. “We’re trying to start small and do it well,” stated Wagner. “The exciting part is that now we have students who can talk about their experience and we can use the first course as a guide as we move forward.”

2. www.soloschools.com/wilderness-first-aid-wfa

Athletics @ Maine Central Institute

Fall 2015 Team Recap

Jim Leonard, Athletic Director

Home of the 2015 Class C Field Hockey State Champions!



MCI's 2015 State Championship Field Hockey Team

Participation in fall athletic programs was up 14% over last fall. Fifty different students received All-Conference or All-State recognition with 17 student-athletes receiving conference All-Academic honors. The combined winning percentage of our fall athletic teams was .614. Fall athletic teams won two regionals titles (field hockey & football) and one state title (field hockey).

The MCI **Field Hockey team** earned the title of State Class C Field Hockey Champions after defeating Class C South Champ Oak Hill 2-0 at the University of Maine on October 31. It is the first field hockey title in the school's history and its first team state title in an MPA sanctioned sport since the early 1980s. The Huskies were an offensive powerhouse throughout the season, outscoring opponents 57-25 on their way to a 14-4 overall mark. MCI

outscored playoff opponents 11-2 in four postseason contests, including a pair of shutout victories. After beginning the first half of their season with a 4-3 mark, the Huskies completed their outstanding run by winning 10 of their last 11 games. Included in their regular season victories were wins over Leavitt (Class B South Semifinalist) and Winslow (Class B North champion). Their 2-1 regional final victory over Dexter at Thomas College secured the team's first field hockey state title berth – one they took full advantage of on Halloween. Addi Williams '18 and Taylor Hall '16 were named to the Maine Field Hockey Association's All-State Team, an honor bestowed upon a handful of the state's best players. Williams scored 7 goals in the team's four playoff games, including the eventual game winner 19 seconds into the sec-

ond half of the state championship game. Hall was named to the KVAC All Conference First Team with Madisyn Hartley '19 and Victoria Friend '19 named to the KVAC All Rookie Team. Williams also received KVAC All Conference Honorable Mention. Mikayla Carr '16, Katherine Welch '16, Alexis Caldwell '16, and Mia Fox '16 were all named to the KVAC All Academic Team. With 90 percent of their offensive production returning next season, the Huskies appear to be the team to beat in 2016 and have their sights set on a successful championship defense.

The MCI **Football team** rolled through the regular season and regional playoffs, but fell to Oak Hill in the State Championship game on November 20 by a 34-21 score. MCI

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finished with a 10-1 overall mark for the second straight season. During the regular season, the Huskies outscored their opposition by a margin of 363-63 – with an average margin of victory of 51.8 – 9. In the regional playoffs, MCI outscored opponents 121-27. Husky starters played very little in the second half of all regular season games throughout the year as halftime leads of 35 or more points were the rule, rather than the exception. Their regular season and regional playoff point totals are amongst the best in Little Ten Conference (LTC) history. Receiving All-LTC First Team recognition were: Greg Vigue '16 (quarterback), Willie Moss '17 (running back), Alex Bertrand '18 (fullback & linebacker), Michael Westgate '16 (center), Curtis McLeod '16 (offensive guard & noseguard), Michael Steeves '16 (offensive tackle and defensive tackle), Dillon Fitts '16 (tight end & defensive end), Braden Monteyro '16 (wide receiver & defensive back), Brandon McKenna '16 (Utility Player) and Alex Jones '16 (defensive back). Jones (offensive tackle), Elijah Harvey '16 (offensive guard) and Eli Bussell '17 (linebacker) were named to the All-LTC Second Team. Vigue, Bertrand, McLeod, Harvey, Fitts, McKenna and Monteyro were named to the LTC All Academic Team. McLeod was named LTC Lineman of the Year and a nominee for the Graziano Award, given to the state's best lineman. Bertrand, who led the Huskies in tackles, was an LTC Player of the Year nominee. While MCI will lose an outstanding group of players to graduation this year, they return an extremely talented core group for another championship run in 2016.

It was another great season for the MCI **Golf Team**. The Huskies finished the regular season with an unblemished 10-0 mark and were the top Class B team at the KVAC Qualifier on October 6. The Huskies finished third in the State Class B team ranks



The 2015 MCI Football Team Captains hold their plaque proudly after their regional championship win. Photo courtesy of Emily Vigue '88.

on State Championship Saturday at Natanis, just four shots back from the winning team. Eric Dugas '17 finished third amongst the Class B Individual boys for the State Individual title. Dugas, Carter Pearl '17 and Nate Tilton '16 were all KVAC All-Conference Boys First Team selections. Anna Smith '19 was named to the KVAC All-Conference Girls First Team. Maya Li '16 was named to the KVAC All-Academic team. With all but one player returning for next season, another championship run appears in the cards for the Huskies in 2016.

This fall the MCI **Cross Country team** built upon its success from the previous season. The number of participants was nearly twice that of last year's team and for the first time in many years the Huskies had scoring groups in the boys and girls divisions. Each group was extremely competitive in every meet with the boys finishing second in our only home meet of the season (held at the Pinnacle) on September 25. Alex Krechko '17 was named to the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference (KVAC) All-Conference team for his top 20 finish in the Conference Championship meet. Tyler DeViller '16 and Quinn Dang '16 were named to the KVAC All-Academic team.

The dramatic improvement of the MCI **Fall Cheerleaders** continued under second-year coach Leah Piatt. The ladies commanded the crowd at football games throughout the fall and made appearances at every fall sports venue throughout the season. The cheerleaders also participated in tumbling clinics and worked with their middle school counterparts at Warsaw.

Injuries at key positions hampered the MCI **Boys Soccer team** throughout the fall. With an overall record of 4-8-2, the injuries opened up playing time for a group of underclassmen whose consistent improvement bodes well for the program going forward. Logan Rollins '16 and Will Wescott '17 were each named to the KVAC All-Academic team.

The MCI **Girls Soccer team** was under its first year with new head coach Autumn Pepin. The ladies finished the season with a 2-11-1 record in what was actually a tale of two seasons. The ladies struggled to score goals in September, but found their stride in October and played well down the stretch – including a close 3-2 loss to Class B powerhouse Winslow on Homecoming. Sydney Morton '18 once again led the team in scoring and was named to the KVAC All-Conference Second team. Hailey Stewart '16 was named to the KVAC All-Academic team.

The Arts @ Maine Central Institute

MCI Drama and Jazz Groups Present Jazz-Infused Mystery Theater Event

MCI's Drama and Jazz Groups teamed up on November 14 to present an evening of jazz, mystery theater and dessert during their production of *Darling, You Slay Me!* written by Tom Shelton and Alyssa Cannon. The play, set in Lardis' Restaurant and Jazz Club in 1929, showcased the talents of MCI's award-winning Instrumental Jazz, Vocal Jazz and Drama Club. The interactive performance treated audience members to sweet musical numbers, tasty desserts and a delectable whodunnit. Prizes and raffles took place throughout the evening, including to those participants who were able to correctly guess the culprit's identity.



MCI Drama and Jazz Groups perform during the Jazz-Theater Event.
Photos courtesy of Kali Doiron '16.

To wrap up the winter season, the annual Holiday Concert and Tree Lighting Ceremony took place on December 16 and featured both the concert band and choir as well as selected pieces from the Visual Arts Department. As part of the concert, the Music Department gathered donations of non-perishable food for a local food pantry.

The Drama Team is now working on their one-act competition piece, *These Shining Lives*, by Melanie Marnich. The regional one-act competitions will take place on March 4 and 5.



BBT students do barre exercises during class in the Founders Studio

Bossov Ballet Celebrates 20 Years

In addition to MCI's 150th anniversary, Bossov Ballet Theatre will be celebrating a milestone on February 23, 2016 as the program turns 20 years-old! Congratulations to founders Col. Michael D. Wyly and Andre Bossov as well as current Artistic Director Natalya Getman for their amazing accomplishment! In recognition of the event, BBT will be holding a special perfor-

mance at the Waterville Opera House in May. Check MCI's website (www.mci-school.org/ballet) and social media accounts for upcoming details.

BBT's annual production of *The Nutcracker* took place December 11 through 13 at the Waterville Opera House. The holiday favorite included new choreography, costumes and sets, and featured Hannah Holtsclaw '16, Julia Bluhm '16 and Arjan Orr '17 as principal dancers. Over 45 cast members as well as additional tech crew participated in the show.

For the first time, BBT will hold an audition tour for the Summer Intensive and year-round programs on February 6 and 7 in New York and Massachusetts. Students attending the auditions will have the opportunity to take a master class with Artistic Director Natalya Getman. The tour will help determine placement in the BBT program as well as identify applicants qualified for the merit scholarship program. For more information about the audition tour, please visit www.mci-school.org/auditiontour.



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Reunion Weekend 2016
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The weekend will be packed full of activities unlike any other, with special events in honor of MCI's sesquicentennial.

Even if it is not your Reunion year, please make plans to return to campus for this grand celebration! We hope that all alumni will participate in what is certain to be a once-in-a-lifetime, fun-filled extravaganza!

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