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May and June at MCI



Greetings from MCI Residential Life!

As always it has been a busy end of the school year here at MCI. With the end of every school year comes students taking AP exams, finishing up end of the year projects, final exams, playoffs for athletic teams, academics and athletics ceremonies, field trips, and of course graduation celebrations. To say the least, it is a bittersweet time of the year. We certainly look forward to the summer, but it's sad to see the students leave. For some they are moving on to the next phase of their lives, which we are certain they are prepared for.

For those students that are returning for the 2023-2024 school year, know that the preparation has already begun. We are working hard to make next year even more memorable and rewarding as last. As for our graduating seniors, we wish you the very best of luck in your future endeavors and hope you know that MCI will always be a welcoming place for you to return to.

The Founders Celebration





MCI kicked off May with the grand reopening of Founders Hall from May 4th - 6th. Founders Hall is MCI's original building that was built in 1868, and over the past year and a half has gone through a complete renovation. The celebration began with the return of a long lost tradition "Night of Madness", which is a student/faculty talent show. There were a wide variety of acts, which was enjoyed by a packed Power's Hall. On Friday, the front campus was transformed into a carnival with food and games for all to enjoy. The biggest attraction of the carnival was the dunk tank, where students took their best shot at dunking their favorite faculty/staff into a tub of ice cold water. Those who dared to enter the dunk tank did not leave unscathed, for all were eventually dunked many times. The celebration ended on Saturday with an open house and many outstanding performances by our Visual and Performing Arts department.



International Food Festival

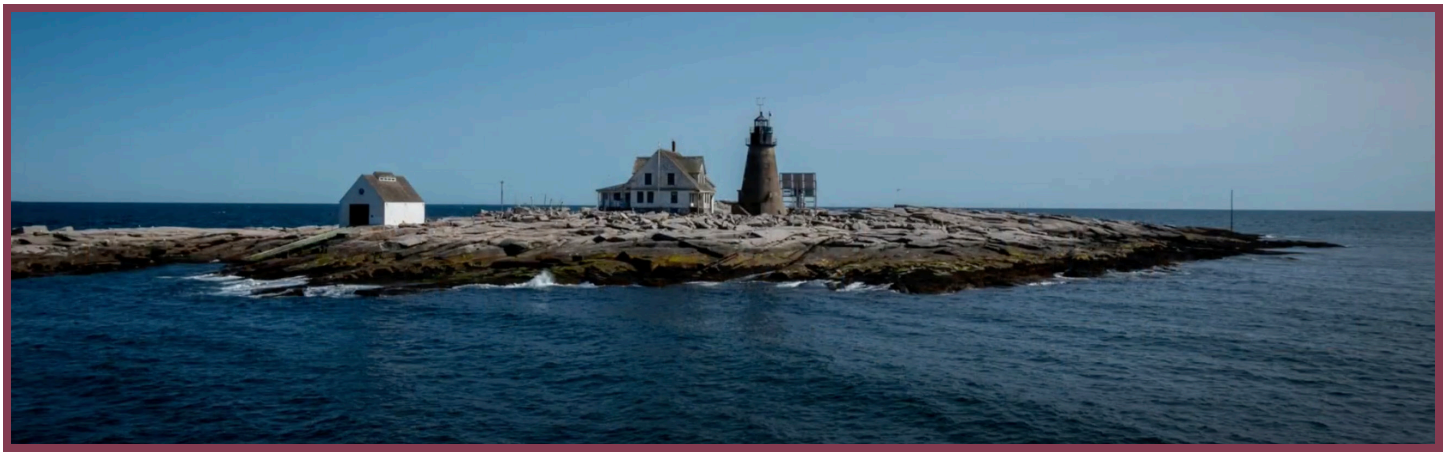
MCI's International Food Festival is a celebration of all of our students and the many cultures that are here at MCI. The festival encourages students to cook their favorite dish from their native country and present it to the community, which they were happy to do. There were 20+ countries represented in this year's food festival with hundreds of people attending the event from the surrounding community. I was so pleased with how serious the students took the event and how proud they were of preparing and presenting a dish from their country. This event continues to grow each and every year, which is no surprise with the great students that attend MCI and the support of the school and of its students from our local community.





Weekend Activities

Along with all the events happening with the end of the school year, MCI ensured that the students had plenty of opportunities to do other activities as well. If students didn't feel like leaving campus, they had the opportunity to do one of the many activities that were offered during the weekend such as indoor soccer, open gym time, and a bon fire with smores and games. For those that wanted to venture off campus, May did not disappoint with many trips. If they wanted to go shopping there were several trips around the state from Bangor, Augusta, Freeport and Portland. If shopping wasn't an interest to the students, then they had other options to pick from such as Go Karts, bowling, and a Whale Watch. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the faculty and staff for making themselves available and being so engaging with the students.



Graduation Weekend

June is a short month here at MCI. It begins with graduation weekend and senior departures followed by underclassmen finals and their departure. It is certainly an emotional two weeks of highs and lows for the entire community. The month began with MCI's graduation weekend from June 2nd - 4th. On Friday graduates gathered for Senior Chapel in Wright Gym where many were recognized academically and athletically. Along with this recognition, many students were awarded scholarships during the ceremony. On June 4th, the 155th graduation ceremony took place in Wright Gym. Unfortunately Maine's weather was not cooperating with us so we could not move the ceremony outside onto our front campus. Although it was wet outside, that didn't dampen our spirits in celebrating our seniors. As with any school year, the graduation is the highlight of the year and I am so proud of our seniors and all they have accomplished in their time here. During the ceremony, the co-Valedictorians Alyssa Ardry and Thongruangsak "Clark" Manawongsakul spoke. Both spoke eloquently, reflecting on their time here, friendships made, appreciation for faculty and staff, and moving on to a brighter future for themselves and their classmates. Congratulations Class of 20203, and as Allysa and Thongruangsak mentioned, now it's onto chasing down those dreams.

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2023-2024 School Year:

Below are key dates for new and returning students for the start of the school year:

New Students Arrival:	8/27
SOLI Program (New Students):	8/27-9/2
Returning Students Arrival:	9/3
Classes Begin for New Students:	9/5
Classes Begin for All Students:	9/6

Have a safe and eventful summer and we'll see you soon.

John