

MAINE CENTRAL INSTITUTE ALUMNUS

digital edition

Fall 2023

Greetings from Maine Central Institute,

We have been so busy at MCI on a whole host of fronts that I scarcely know where to begin! But, perhaps I should start with this digital edition of the Maine Central Institute Alumnus Magazine, which itself is part of a new and deliberately crafted comprehensive media matrix aimed at keeping MCI alumni in touch with one another and connected to their alma mater. From the frequent Facebook updates (school-wide, athletic, and Bossov Ballet Theatre), through to weekly website refreshes, this quarterly digital alumnus magazine, to the annual printed copy of the MCI Alumni Magazine, we very much hope that you enjoy vicariously sharing in the exciting events and activities that continually energize and enliven our campus and global community. Below you will find inspirational and heartwarming stories of generous benefactors to MCI, a photographic recap of the 2023 Alumni weekend and Homecoming activities, including the reintroduced Athletic Hall of Fame dinner that this year honored Amanda Leavitt '01 and Rutledge King '93, links to our alumnus archive, and a brand new MCI Gift Smorgasbord page. With regard to this latest website addition, which has only been up for a week, I can share that a kind and generous alumnus and family have, a few days ago, committed to the purchase of a brand new lift equipped Mini-Bus that can support two wheelchairs with seats for a further 12 passengers. An additional gift from the same family will see a chair lift installed in the J.R Cianchette building providing full disability access to both floors that support our visual and performing art programs. Such later-in-life altruistic support of MCI demonstrates concretely the impact this incredible school has had on students and families over the years, and we are both humbled and blessed by their continued support of today's student body. I would like to also publicly recognize Mr. Brayden Rollins '17, who has cheerfully accepted the challenge of updating, maintaining, and managing, every facet of our enormous MCI media footprint in its many electronic and printed formats, whilst also running around and personally capturing video and photographs of our numerous events and activities. Please check out our monthly featured alumni webpage to see how Brayden's diligence is helping bring our many adventures and shared stories together. Finally, please remember that my door is always open, and that if you are ever passing the school, stop by, have a cup of tea, and say hello.



Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Pearson', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr. David Pearson
Head of School
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All gifts to the Annual Fund support student programming and our commitment to excellence by providing our students with the tools they need to be prepared for post-secondary and career success. Gifts from alumni, parents, and friends are vital in making a difference in the lives of our MCI students.

Starting this year, you can direct your Annual Fund gift to one of our five areas of need: Academics, Arts, Athletics and Activities, our Boarding Program, or Campus Improvement. With this feature you now know that your generous gift could go to a specific program or area that you are most passionate about, and the School will make every effort to apply your gift, accordingly. To give to the Annual Fund, please click the link below!

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Featured Content



Norbert Sr. and Maple Young Fund for Excellence Honors Faculty of the Past by Supporting Faculty of the Future

Established in June of 2022 by incoming President Michael Dow '84, the Board of Trustees, and Past-President Norbert Young, Jr. '66, the Norbert Sr. and Maple Young Fund for Excellence is named in honor of the two distinguished faculty members and aims to support the development of today's MCI faculty and staff.

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Homecoming 2023 Returns School Spirit to MCI

Homecoming weekend marks the time when many MCI alumni venture back to our campus to restore that connection with our MCI community, and that restoration is celebrated by our current students through class competitions, thrilling sports contests, and more.

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The X-traordinary Success of Robert E. Knowles '52

From humble beginnings that led him to our MCI campus, to an auspicious career in the field of X-ray technology, Maine stock car racing, and more, we sat down with Robert E. Knowles '52 to learn more about his life's story and why he thinks MCI prepared him for all that life has had to offer.

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Campus News

Athletics and Arts Enjoy a Successful Fall Season

With the end of the Falls sports season upon us, it's safe to say that it has been another successful season for our MCI athletic teams. The Golf team recently competed at the Class C State Championship, where Owen Moore finished 2nd just one stroke behind the winner, followed by strong performances by the other MCI golfers. The Cross Country team competed in the KVAC Championship meet this past weekend, where Addie Verrill (4th place) and Isaac Keresey (7th place) earned First Team All-Conference. Our Girls Soccer and Field Hockey teams enjoyed successful seasons that came to a close with their playoff appearances last week. The Boys Soccer team showed great promise and have a great future ahead of them, while our Football team is getting ready for their Quarterfinal game slated for tomorrow. The eSports team is just getting started and looking to capture another banner when their post-season emerges, and the MCI Cheering team enjoyed its first Fall season as a Varsity sport.





The Music program has a multitude of offerings such as classes in Piano, Chorus, Vocal Jazz and Music theory led by Mrs. Julia Carr, and Guitar, Ukulele, Digital Music Creation, Music Theory, Concert, Jazz, Pep and Modern Bands led by Ms. Marilyn Buzy. These classes are open to all experience levels here at MCI.

A small number of students enrolled in choir this year has opened up an opportunity for a voice-class experience for the few participants. We are able to work

on solos and duets and focus on improving vocal tone. Two Choir members, freshmen Jackson Munger and Colin Griglio, attended a choral workshop with UMaine directors and 200 local choir students from multiple schools.

Concert Band members have been busy rehearsing Pep Band Music for home Football games, and Concert selections for the Cultural Heritage Flag Ceremony. Many of the Instrumental and Vocal musicians have taken or will be taking auditions for Jazz All State, The Kennebec Valley Music Festival, and the All State Band, Orchestra, or Chorus. The MCI Jazz Band and Warsaw Jazz Band will be performing Nov 3 at 6:30 in Parks Gym w/ the University of Maine at Orono Jazz Band after a day of clinics led by Dan Barrett and his University students conducting sectionals.



Homecoming 2023

Between the parade, class competitions, sports games, Athletic Hall of Fame induction, and more, we captured so many timeless memories at Homecoming 2023. Please click the link below to view our full gallery of photos from this year's Homecoming!

[HOMECOMING 2023 GALLERY](#)



Reunion 2023

Reunion season is always one of those times where you can truly feel the community and kinship that MCI has to offer, even decades after you've left the classroom. This year's Reunion was no different, as it was all about bringing our alumni community together.

[REUNION 2023 GALLERY](#)

Save the Date:

November 9-11: Drama Club Performances

November 23: Community Thanksgiving Meal

December 6: Holiday Concert

December 8, 9, 10: The Nutcracker Performances



The Alumnus Archive: A Digital Repository of All Alumnus Magazine Issues



Did you enjoy the most recent issue of our print Alumnus Magazine and itching to read more?

Introducing the Alumnus Archive, a brand new feature of our new website that allows you to read our entire collection of Alumnus Magazines, old and new! From issues dating all the way back to 1953 and everything in between, you can digitally read all our Alumnus Magazines that we have on file. To read through our digital Alumnus Archive, please click the link below and scroll down to the bottom of the page. Happy reading!

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James Doncet '65

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At any given time, MCI has a series of needs outside our standard budget that would enhance and enrich our overall student experience. This giving "smorgasbord" is an itemized list of school needs that can be **fully-funded** by your generous gift. Please view our current list of items at the link below, and if you have any questions please reach out to our Advancement Office.



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