

MAINE CENTRAL INSTITUTE ALUMNUS

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THE MCI ANNUAL FUND

The school year and fiscal year are coming to a close, and we are a little more than **2/3 of the way** to our **\$300,000** Annual Fund goal! We are looking for one final push to get us across the finish line and allow us to continue to supplement the MCI student experience year in and year out. If you want to participate and be a part of this final push, get your gifts in by **June 30th** by clicking the link below!

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Featured Content



Alum and Trustee Joo Yi '98 Takes the Gaming World by Storm

Joo Yi, Class of 1998, has had many stops on her journey since parting ways with our campus. From learning the ins and outs of business analysis, to applying that knowledge to the gaming industry in South Korea, China, and more, we checked in with Joo to see what role MCI has played in her personal and professional success.



Winter Sports Enjoy Another Successful Season

With spring sports just around the corner, let's take a look at our basketball, cheering, indoor track, and other winter sports teams and all the accomplishments they've enjoyed this past winter season.



Addie Verrill Receives MPA Principal's Award

Addison Verrill of Pittsfield, a senior at Maine Central Institute, has been selected to receive the 2024 Principal's Award, Head of School David Pearson announced. The award, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association, is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship.

Winter Carnival 2024!



Winter Carnival 2024 was definitely one for the record books! While the weather didn't necessarily cooperate for a winter wonderland, there were still plenty of fun and festivities had by our entire MCI community. Between the volleyball, "sledding" relays, bombardment, Quiz Bowl, cornhole, skits, kickball, tug of war, basketball, and annual Sno Ball, Winter Carnival is always one of the greatest times of year on our campus and this year was no different. **To view our full album of Winter Carnival photos and a video capturing the events, please click the links below!**



**WINTER CARNIVAL 2024
GALLERY**



**WINTER CARNIVAL 2024
PROMO VIDEO**

Jazz and Drama Surge into Spring

The end of Winter and beginning of Spring usher in the season of competition for many of our visual and performing arts programs, especially our Jazz and Drama groups. On February 14th, the MCI Jazz Band and Jazz Combo competed in the Maine District Jazz Festival. Both groups earned a Silver rating, with the Jazz Band just 1 point away from earning Gold. This strong performance at Districts meant that MCI qualified for state competition. On March 16th, our instrumental Jazz ensembles traveled to Lake Region High School in Naples to compete in the Maine State Jazz Festival. Both groups once again received Silver ratings and our own Bryan Wiers (combo student director) was awarded an Outstanding Musicianship Award. Outstanding solo awards went to Juliana Marcello, Bryan Wiers, Addison Verrill, Peter Xie, Danielle Armiger, Colin Griglio, Gabrielle Finelli, Danielle Armiger, and Cameron Jamison. It was another strong showing for a Jazz program that has a long tradition of success and achievement, and it's exciting to see how this program will continue to grow and develop in the years to come!





On the other side of the artistic spectrum, the MCI Drama team has also had a busy and successful season of competition. This year our student thespians are performing *Charley's Aunt*, a comedy production centered on an undergraduate named Babbs whose friends Jack and Charley persuade him to impersonate the latter's aunt. After performing the production for the MCI community on Thursday, March 7, the Drama team traveled to Lawrence High School that weekend to compete in the One Act Regional Festival. With their

strongest performance yet, the MCI Drama team captured the Class B Regional Championship and a number of commemorations for their hard work. Ja'Gotti Brown, Tyson Thompson and Heidi Dechaine received All Festival Cast, Alesha Burnham, Kylie Rowe, Mars Gavlin and Vivian Walker were recognized for Costume and Hat Design, Oscar Kersey, Madison Gillis, Hunter Frost, Charlotte Hands, Alesha Burnham, and Zane Gray for Scenic Painting, and Wyatt Robinson for Set Design. The MCI Drama team then traveled with six other high schools on Friday, March 22 to the Class B State Finals hosted by Sterns High School. Another strong performance led to another All Festival Cast award for Ja'Gotti Brown, another Set Design honor for Wyatt Robinson, and another honor for Costume Design. It's safe to say that our performing arts programs are in good hands for years to come!



An Irish Dance from BBT

In honor of Saint Patrick's Day, our Bossov Ballet Theatre resurfaced a traditional Irish dance that they performed on their new YouTube channel, check it out and get into the Irish spirit!

BBT IRISH DANCE VIDEO



Lunar New Year at MCI

February 10th marked one of the largest holidays in the world: the Lunar New Year! Every year our MCI residential community gathers to celebrate at our annual sit-down dinner, click the link below for a video capturing this essential holiday!

LUNAR NEW YEAR VIDEO

Reunion 2024 Schedule

Reunion 2024 is just around the corner! Please see our first schedule for this summer's alumni events below (subject to change):

Friday, August 2nd

Alumni Association Golf Scramble

JW Parks Golf Course
8-9am Registration

Hall of Fame/Distinguished Achievement Awards Celebration

Savage Family Dining Room
5-6pm Registration/Dinner
6pm Awards

Alumni Association Party – RIFF JOHNSON LIVE IN CONCERT

Boutelle Savage Lawn
Under the Tent, 8-10:30pm



Saturday, August 3rd

Blaine K. Littlefield Memorial Walk

8:00am Registration, 8:30am Start

Reunion Registration

Savage Family Dining Room
8:30-11:30am Registration

Reunion Breakfast

Savage Family Dining Room
8:30-10:30am

Class Agent Meeting

Ella Powell Room
9:30-10:15am

Alumni Association Meeting

Ella Powell Room
10:30-11:30am

Registration Continues

Boutelle Savage Lawn
11:30am

Founders Hall Tour

Outside Founders
11:30am

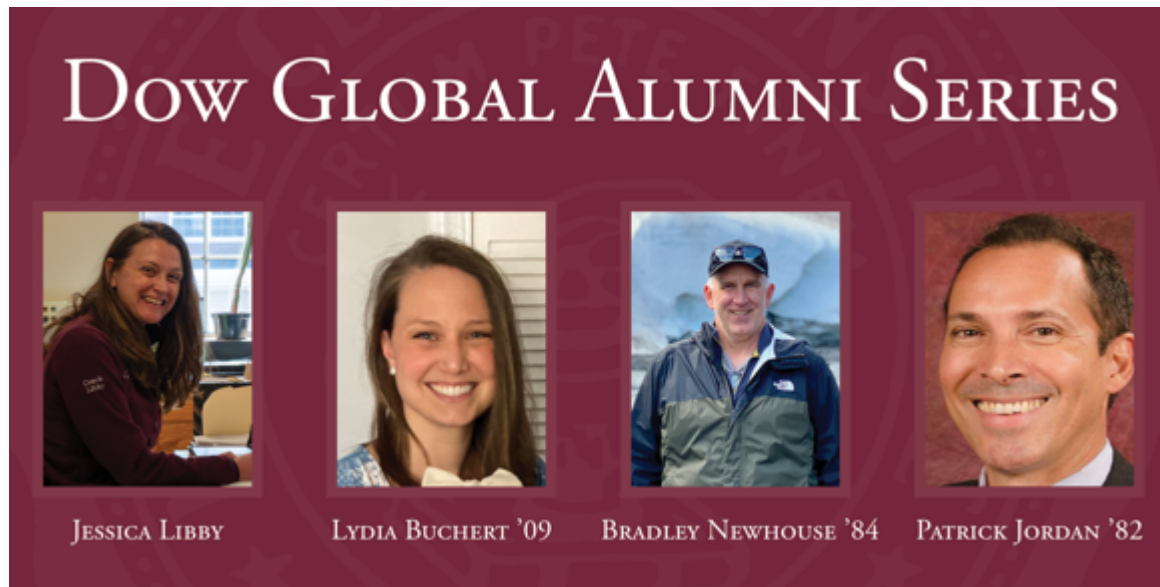
Reunion BBQ Luncheon

Sponsored by the Alumni Association,
honoring the Class of '74
Boutelle Savage Lawn
1:00pm

Class Gatherings (Years Ending in 4's and 9's)

Various Locations
3:00pm

The Dow Global Alumni Series



Last month was the inaugural event in our **Dow Global Alumni Series**, in which some of our esteemed MCI alumni and one of our current faculty members made up a panel that discussed over Zoom their own career paths and the importance of careers in the field of science. In case you missed it, you can view the entire panel at the link below!

FEB GLOBAL ALUMNI PANEL VIDEO

The next Dow Global Alumni Series will be on **Monday, April 8th at 7:00pm EST**. The topic of the panel will be "**Technology - Global Connections and Opportunities**." We will have more details on next month's panelists in the coming weeks, so stay tuned and we hope to see you for the next Dow Global Alumni Series on April 8th!



Alumni Association Sweatshirts!

New alumni sweatshirts with a painting courtesy of Milton Webber imposed on the front are now for sale by the Alumni Association. Hoodies are \$40, Crew Necks are \$34, and these may be purchased at the MCI Bookstore or at MCI Alumni Association Events!



Bryant's Brewing Ice Out Event

Join MCI alumni and friends at the annual spring alumni gathering at Bryant's Brewing in Hartland on April 6th from 12-4pm! Bryant's will have hand crafted brews, coffees, teas, and hot chocolate for purchase. We hope to see you there!



Unfortunately the storm got in the way this past weekend, but we will still hold an alumni gathering sponsored by the Alumni Association at **RiRas in Portland, now on April 13th from 12 – 4pm.** We will have more reminders and details to come, but we hope to see you there in April with Head of School David Pearson, Assistant Head of School for Advancement Tom Bertrand, and many more alumni and friends!

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