



# The Husky Howl



News & Notes from the MCI Academic Office



## SCTC RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM



## JUNIOR COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT

In December, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Campbell hosted our Junior College Planning Night. They discussed the college admissions process, went over key terms to know, and the college search timeline. If you have any questions about gearing up for college, don't hesitate to make an appointment with them!

## SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Many scholarships are now open for applications with deadlines fast approaching! Be sure to keep an eye on the Senior Google Classroom for scholarship posts.

## Upcoming Dates

- March 4:** SAT School Day Testing (optional)
- March 6-7:** One Act Regional Competition
- March 10:** PSAT 10 (optional)
- March 13:** Jazz State Competition
- March 18:** Parent/Teacher Conferences
- March 28:** Vocal Jazz Festival
- March 26:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Move Up Day
- April 4:** Grade 11 MEA Testing
- April 2:** 8th Grade Parent/Student Information Evening
- April 7:** Grade 10 NWEA Testing
- April 17:** Spring Community Service Day
- April 20-24:** April Vacation
- April 30:** MCI College & Career Fair



## SCTC TOURS

Sophomores and Juniors recently took tours of the Somerset Career & Technical Center facilities. They were able to see the spaces for electrical, culinary arts, automotive, residential construction, and many more! They even were able to tour the new facilities at the Bloomfield school, which houses the new cosmetology program, digital graphics, and EMT/Firefighting. Applications are now open for Fall 2026. Be sure to make an appointment with your academic counselor before applying.





## 26/27 COURSE REGISTRATION

In Mid-March, students will begin registering for their 2026/2027 academic courses. It is extremely important that they speak with their academic counselors about their course of study. Proper planning can help alleviate many fears as they move closer to graduation. Aligning their plans with aspirations is essential. Please encourage your students to schedule time with their counselor should they have any questions about their academic planning.



## POETRY OUT LOUD

Poetry Out Loud made a return to Maine Central Institute with a spirited competition held on Friday, January 16. Six talented students took the stage to recite poems from an anthology celebrating America's 250th anniversary: Daniel Brooks '26, Rebekah DiMartino '28, Gabrielle Finelli '26, Calista Post '28, Abi Rowell '26, and Sophia Smith '26.

## PATHWAY EXPANSION

We are happy and excited to announce that we will be expanding our course offerings in 26/27. More specifically, we will be hiring a Business & Marketing Teacher to oversee this very popular pathway. As a result, we will be able to offer several more courses that benefit our young entrepreneurs and business minded students. Our new Business & Marketing Center will be located in Founders Hall.

Additionally, we are thrilled to hire a new Computer Science & AI teacher. During the 26/27 academic year, MCI will offer a variety of new courses in Computer Science, including the following:

- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Cyber Security
- Intro to Game Design
- Intro to Web Design
- AI & Virtual Reality
- Robotics



## COLLEGE NEWS

Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Smith have been knee deep for the past several months guiding our seniors through their application process to both two and four year institutions. Students use either the Common Application or the institution's school specific application. Applications ask for demographic information, parent education, student sports, clubs & activities, academic honors, a personal essay, recommendation letters from a counselor, teacher, coach or other, a transcript and school report. Phew!

Recent acceptances have been rolling in from Colby, Bates, Embry-Riddle, UVM, UNH, Cornell College, Husson, Thomas, UMaine, Endicott, Maine Maritime Academy, Colorado State, UNE, Roger Williams, UMass Amherst, University of Delaware, CMCC, KVCC, SMCC and more.

## 2ND QUARTER SCTC PROGRAM LEADERS

Congratulations to the following students, who were recently recognized as program leaders at SCTC!!

Keyara Alexander (Cooperative Education) - Positive Attitude Award  
Tanisha Nickerson (Cooperative Education) - Positive Attitude Award  
Breelyn Harrison (Culinary) - Professionalism Award  
Hope Watson (Culinary) - Professionalism Award  
Haley Poissonnier (Early Childhood Education) - Teamwork Award  
Colin Griglio (Firefighting) - Citizenship Award  
Demarcus Smith (Outdoor Leadership) - Professionalism Award  
Brayden Badger (Welding) - Professionalism Award  
Caraden Bryson (Welding) - Professionalism Award



## COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR

We are thrilled to once again be hosting our Annual College and Career Fair on Thursday, April 30, 2026 from 8:30-10am in Wright Gym. This annual event brings 70+ colleges, businesses, and organizations from around the area and country to showcase the limitless pathways for students. Whether you're looking to kick start your college search process, speak with future employers, or explore what's out there, this fair has you covered! Be on the lookout for our complete list of attendees and additional details in April.



## SENIOR PROJECTS

One of MCI's longest traditions, is the Senior Project. During semester one several seniors presented on topics of their choosing. Below, please find what they were up to!

- Green House Garden
- Building a Hunting Blind
- Preparing a Cookbook
- T-Shirt Quilt
- Ceramic Sculpture
- Coracle Boat
- Interpretive Dance on Exchange Year
- Intro to Coastal Kayaking
- NICU Fundraiser
- Sourdough Website Demonstration
- Prediction Markets
- Children's Book
- Basketball Clinic
- Dirt Bike Construction
- and many, many more.



## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

In collaboration with the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School, 9 MCI students will embark on an experiential learning opportunity on Burnt Island, a spectacular and remote 265-acre island located four nautical miles off the coast. With the support of instructors, students will take part in island camping, meal preparation, rock climbing, solo reflection, and other activities.

