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Day of Giving

THE RACE TO $100,000



Each year, MCI proudly holds a Day of Giving (DOG) for Alumni, Families, Staff, Students, and Friends to participate in supporting the Annual Fund in a fun, directed, collective, and slightly competitive effort. The Annual Fund serves to support the operations and programs offered at the School. As we approach the 160th anniversary of MCI's founding, we are officially one day away from the kickoff of our third annual Day of Giving (DOG) **Race to $100,000!** We want to thank those who have already made gifts or pledges in anticipation of the start!

The Race is a friendly competition between seven teams:

Any MCI employees, students, parents, or any other friends will be racing as:



Any alumni that graduated MCI from 2000 to 2024 will be racing as the:



Any alumni that graduated MCI from 1990 to 1999 will be racing as the:



Any alumni that graduated MCI from 1980 to 1989 will be racing as the:



Any alumni that graduated MCI from 1970 to 1979 will be racing as the:



Any alumni that graduated MCI from 1960 to 1969 will be racing as the:



Any alumni that graduated MCI from the 1950's or earlier will be racing as the:

Throughout the two-day event, we'll provide updates on each team's progress. The Race will commence at 6:00am EST on February 1st and conclude at midnight on February 2nd. The team with the highest total contributions will be crowned the 2026 DOG Race champions! Thank you for your support, and even though the race has yet to officially begin, we are accepting gifts and pledges. Simply click the link below, or contact our office at alumni@mci-school.org or (207) 487- 5915 to make a gift or pledge

https://www.mci-school.org/giving/day-of-giving-2026

FEATURED STORY



Paul Bird '60 – From Survival to Service

The life of Paul Bird was marked by resilience, adventure, and dedicated service to his country and to communities all across the state of Maine.

Paul Bird's journey was defined not by a single moment, but by a lifelong commitment to perseverance, service, and quiet generosity. His time at Maine Central Institute came during a pivotal chapter in his life—one that left a lasting impression and forged a deep connection to the school. An MCI alumnus who carried those values forward, Paul went on to build a life marked by leadership, community involvement, and thoughtful stewardship. His story reflects the enduring impact of an MCI education and the powerful ways alumni continue to shape the world long after they leave campus.

FEATURED ALUMNI - PAUL BIRD '60

Paul Bird ’60 never sought the spotlight, but his lifelong connection to Maine Central Institute speaks volumes. **Through a remarkable $2.94 million unrestricted bequest from his estate that is one of the largest gifts in MCI’s history,** Paul has ensured that the school he once called home will continue to shape lives for generations to come.

This extraordinary act of generosity reflects Paul’s deep belief in MCI’s mission and in the power of community that defines the Husky experience. **His gift arrives at a pivotal moment, helping to advance MCI’s new strategic vision** rooted in the school’s living mission statement and focused on the future of teaching, learning, and connection.

With Paul’s support, MCI will look towards the future with three priorities in mind: **developing our innovative Schools of Schools curriculum, continuing to diversify and enhance our recruiting effort, and pursuing a core campus regeneration** that strengthens the bonds that connect alumni, friends, families, and communities both locally and around the world. Paul Bird’s legacy is not just measured in dollars, but in opportunity. This gift is an enduring commitment to ensuring that future Huskies can learn, grow, and thrive at Maine Central Institute, and we look forward to everything this gift will be able to provide in the years to come.





CAMPUS NEWS



MCI's New Experiential Learning Opportunities

MCI's new School of Schools model is supported by our growing number of Experiential Learning Opportunities (ELO's) that give students real world experience depending on their passions or interests. Along with mainstays like the vocational skills that come from opportunities like SCTC and the Cianbro Institute, students interested in the medical field can get started on their journey at Eastern Maine Medical Center. If students are interested in exploring the great outdoors, they can partner with UMaine's 4-H program or take an expedition to Burnt Island with Hurricane Island Outward Bound School. To stay up to date on all the exciting ELO's at MCI, click the link below to follow our Academic Office's Facebook page!

MCI ACADEMIC OFFICE FACEBOOK



MCI Welcomes 6 New Students for Spring Semester

This spring, Maine Central Institute is excited to welcome a group of new boarding students from around the world, each bringing fresh perspectives, energy, and curiosity to campus. Arriving from a range of countries and cultures, these students embody the global spirit of MCI's boarding community. As they settle into classes, activities, and dorm life, they are already beginning to shape campus life through new friendships, shared experiences, and a willingness to explore everything MCI has to offer. Their arrival marks not just the start of a new semester, but the continuation of a vibrant, international tradition at MCI. Click the link below to learn more about these new students!

NEW MCI BOARDING STUDENTS



Winter Athletics Enter the Postseason

The MCI winter athletic season began swiftly and is racing towards the finish line. A number of our teams and programs have enjoyed success this season, as the Boys Basketball team fights for a playoff spot, the Wrestling team looks towards the postseason after a pair of podium finishes at KVAC's, and Cheering caps off their run of weekend competitions with Regionals on Saturday. This is all on the heels of another championship performance from the eSports team, which captured two State Championships last month and is already well underway to defending their title in their next season. To learn more about all that our athletic programs have to offer, click the link below and follow our MCI Athletics Facebook page!

MCI ATHLETICS FACEBOOK



BBT's The Nutcracker and Jazz Headline the Arts

The arts have always been a staple of an MCI education, and the winter season is highlighted by a variety of performances and festivals. Bossov Ballet Theatre enjoyed another successful performance of their annual classic The Nutcracker, which continues to stun audiences year after year. MCI musician Calista Post was selected as co-First Chair in the All State Orchestra, which will perform this spring after a number of festivals this winter including KV this coming weekend. Recently students in the visual arts department (Gyuwon Choi, Seoin Choi, and Leonardo Giacomazzi) earned recognition for their entries to the Maine Region Scholastic Art Awards. To keep up to date with our most unique arts program, Bossov Ballet Theatre, click the link below!

BOSSOV BALLET FACEBOOK

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Thanks to the generosity of a small group of MCI supporters, **every gift made on the Day of Giving will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to $100,000.** That means your support goes twice as far in providing transformative academic programs, co-curricular opportunities, and the resources our students need to thrive.



This challenge is more than a match, it's an indication of the ever increasing level of support we are seeing from our alumni, families, and friends. Click the link below to make your gift to Day of Giving today!

GIVE NOW

ALUMNI EVENTS



Northport, Florida – Feb 14th

Hosted by Amy and Gary '69 Fitts at their home in North Port, FL (Sarasota County), 2 Miles off I-75

Casual Attire, Light Refreshments Served

CLICK TO RSVP

DiMillos, Portland – March 7th

Sponsored by the Alumni Association, come enjoy some great fun with alumni and friends!

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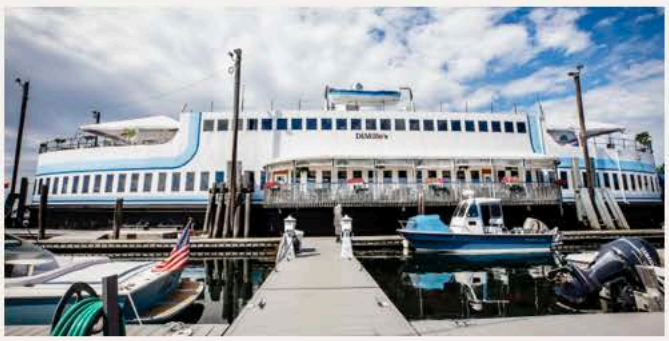

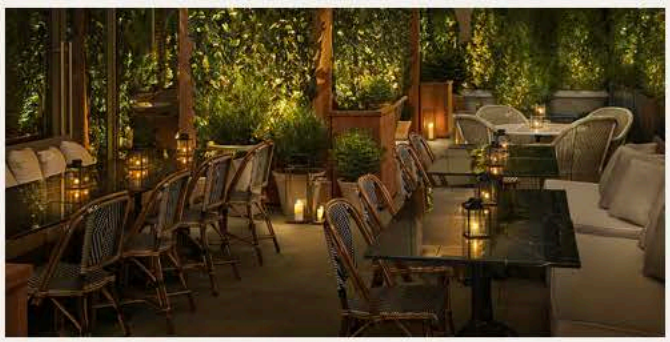

Edition, New York – March 28

Hosted by Haley Ingraham Lambert '03 at The Times Square EDITION, come enjoy hors d'oeuvres and time with MCI alumni and friends. Cash bar available.

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What our MCI students are saying this

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Abby Kemp 2027

"Because of MCI I have been able to participate in 4 clubs and 2 sports on top of my normal schoolwork, which I really enjoy."



Mac VanDeventer 2028

"Because of MCI,I have been able to grow and make lifelong connections with my peers. I am very grateful to be in a kind and supportive community."

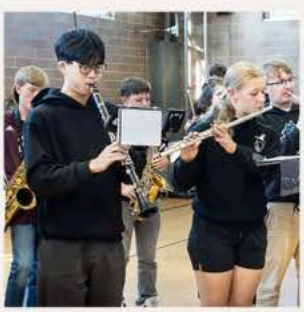


Abigail Rowell 2026

"Because of MCI, I have been able to grow and experience incredible opportunities that have shaped who I want to be."

SAVE THE DATE

District Jazz Festival



February 11th

Winter Carnival



Feb 25 – 28

One Act Regionals



March 6–7

Community Service



April 17th

and Reunion 2026: July 31st and August 1st!



Are you ready to reunite with classmates and friends old and new? On the first weekend in August, MCI welcomes alumni back to campus to reconnect with fellow students and teachers, and see how the school has transformed since they were students. MCI Reunion begins with the Alumni Association Golf Scramble on Friday and an awards celebration in the evening, where we recognize our Hall of Fame inductees and our Distinguished Achievement Award recipient. On Saturday, alumni and friends will enjoy a luncheon with one another before heading off to their class parties throughout the area. Click the link below to see our photos from Reunion 2025 and we hope to see you this year!

REUNION 2025

THE BELL TOWER CIRCLE

In honor of our upcoming Day of Giving on February 1st & 2nd, let's take a look back at our **24-25 members of the Bell Tower Circle!** Membership in The Bell Tower Circle celebrates those who **contribute $1,000 or more to the Annual Fund during the fiscal year.**

At the conclusion of Day of Giving, we will be unveiling the **first list of Bell Tower Circle members for 25-26!** Want to see your name amongst our most generous donors? Make your gift at the link below and support Day of Giving 2026!

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Timothy and Heidi Archibald
Bill Ball
Joe and Karoldene Barnes
Tom and Karin Bertrand
Paul Bird II
Peter and Sally Bryant
Robert Bryant
Doug and Tania Carnrick
Scott and Debra Carter
Tom and Laura Chadwick
Cianbro Corporation
Helen Cianchette
Robert Cianchette & Hillary Ginsberg
Doug and Lori Cummings
Kevin F. Cunningham
Amos Davis
John and Tracy Dean
Robin Chaffee Dewkett
Dominick Destito
Michael and Katherine Dow
Allen and Susan Dyer
David and Susan England
Cynthia Feldmann & Thomas DeMello
Peter and Karen Fendler
Jethro and Molly Ferguson
Gary and Amy Fitts
David and Tracye Fortin
Ali-Akbar Foughi
Darrell Goodridge & Brandon Luke Tardif
Michael Gordon
James Gould and Page Talbott
Natalia and Ben Hall
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Susan Haseltine
Jeffery Hazell
Dean Homstead
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Patrick Jordan
Robert Knowles
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David Longenecker
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