



# Making Way for **GREATNESS**



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

# OUR MESSAGE TO YOU



The past two years as chair of the NMCC Foundation have flown by! In the past 24 months **we've ventured into somewhat uncharted territory** as we have all learned how evolve and adapt to the new norm coming out of the COVID crisis. Students and families have different needs, and I am so proud of how NMCC and the Foundation have supported our campus community during this time, as well as the greater Aroostook community.

Over the past few years the Foundation has increased the total number of scholarships disbursed each year. This past year we have granted **\$144,446** in scholarships and received **\$466,649** in donations.

This broad story of growth is impressive, but it's the individual efforts that I find most moving. We've had local nurses band together to honor their late friend, Paula Michaud, who passed too soon. Paula left behind a hole in the community that cannot be easily filled, but can be recognized and celebrated. We've seen students like Leeann Kaiser take advantage of the opportunities available through the College and the Foundation to turn their lives around and change the fortunes not just for themselves, but their families. We've seen community members like Peter and Bette Briggs who built their businesses on the strong work ethic of Aroostook County, return to this community and ask, **"What can we do to help?"**

One personal highlight: We were able to host our annual TD Bank Golf Tournament at our new venue, the Presque Isle Country Club. This year brought a refreshed format as we continuously look for ways to make the event friendlier to our sponsors and players. I personally look forward to this event each year, and was happy to see many familiar faces on the course that day enjoying the summer sunshine. I want thank everyone for their very generous support!

I am excited about the growth of our community College and our Foundation in the coming years. We will continue to grow together as we address the training needs of our businesses and students. It's time for me to fade into a support role for our new Chair, Gina LeBlanc Eggert.

**I would like to close by thanking our community partners that give so much each year to support our College and Foundation.** Your support is critical to our community's future & growth. To all the NMCC administration, faculty, and fellow board members: Thank you for your kindness & encouragement these past two years. It's my been my privilege to serve.

Respectfully,  
**RYAN BUSHEY**, Foundation Chair, NMCC

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

## What do we mean by "Making Way for Greatness"?

**Human development is at the core of our work.**

Helping individuals reach a place in life that is rewarding and satisfying. To measure our success we can look at employment rates after graduation, or pass rates on licensing exams. By these measures, we excel against peers. But I don't rely solely on those metrics.

A more subjective approach is to listen to what people say about their experience at and with NMCC. **Many past students and employers tell me they think we are doing great work.** I struggle a bit with this term, because greatness is something that most people shy away from. It's too bold; it has a hint of conceit and bravado that can be considered offensive.



Timothy Crowley

As the community's college, our highest success is one individual life transformed. NMCC provides skills-training and education, and then we watch graduates achieve prosperity in our community and beyond.

Our greatness is local hospitals being able to provide the quality and

breadth of care our community deserves, with well-trained nurses and staff. Our greatness is local farmers finding enough CDL drivers and diesel technicians to ship 56,000 acres of potatoes around the country.

Greatness isn't the goal we've set our mind to. We're here to train the workforce, educate students, and catalyze growth.. Greatness can't be claimed by those who think they are

great; it can only be bestowed by others. Our greatness isn't us, it's you, our community. We can only make way for greatness.

How we feel about meeting our goals is less important than how our community, our students, and our employees feel about our impact. We feel that we're doing good work, but greatness is not ours to claim.

The support we receive from our community is extraordinary, and this report demonstrates some highlights from this past year. We strive to honor this support by doing work that is impactful, and on occasion, maybe people will feel we are doing great work.

Sincerely,  
Timothy Crowley  
*President,*  
*Northern Maine Community College*



# Congressionally Directed Spending Update

In 2021, US Congress re-authorized Congressionally Directed Spending funds, which are commonly called earmarks. This process allows members of the US House and Senate to determine how some funds are spent in the regions they represent. Since 2022, NMCC has submitted projects for consideration, and continues to work with the offices of Senator Susan Collins, Senator Angus King, and Representative Jared Golden to secure funds to advance the mission of the College.

## 2022 Grants



Wind Power Technology Equipment and Lab Upgrades  
**\$988k**



Electrical Construction Program Expansion  
**\$567k**



Mechanized Logging Operations Joint Cohort with Commercial Driving  
**\$1 million**

## 2023 Grants



Wind Power Offshore Partnership with Maine Maritime Academy  
**\$2,175,000**



Early Childhood Education  
**\$115k**

## 2024 Grants Pending

Diesel Hydraulics Equipment Purchase  
**\$410k**  
Campus Technology Infrastructure Upgrade as Well as Simulator Warranties for Nursing & Ems  
**\$640k**

# New Gusts in Wind Power

## Anonymous Donors Provide Life-Changing Opportunity, for \$1,000

A new scholarship at Northern Maine Community College allows eligible wind power students to live on campus for 9 months, eat meals in the dining commons, and graduate with their credential to service wind turbines. The total cost to the students? Only \$1,000.

That's the criteria established by anonymous donors who believe it's important to invest in one's own future. The donors defined their mission as twofold: to increase training opportunities for those priced out of a quality education necessary for well-paying employment, and assist in meeting the urgent need for qualified wind technicians.

To support the effort, the donors also made a one-time \$20,000 donation to promote the program. The funds allowed NMCC to create new videos and print materials, and for the Admissions team to visit energy-related career fairs. From 2022 to 2023, enrollment for NMCC's wind program jumped from two students to 10. Not all students used the scholarship, but the general awareness created an impact.

"This program can change the trajectory of an individual's life," said NMCC Wind Faculty member Wayne Kilcollins. "There are opportunities at every level – technicians, supervisors, managers – and our graduates are finding work locally and nationally, with some working overseas."

There's increased interest in offshore wind in Maine. In February, the Governor's Energy Office issued the Maine Offshore Wind Roadmap.

"In addition to offshore wind, the opportunities for onshore wind continue to grow in northern Maine," said, Al Cowperthwaite, Aroostook County native and consultant to Longroad Energy. "Maine recently approved the King Pine Wind project, a 1000 MW wind farm that will be comprised of approximately 170 turbines. Large-scale, on-shore wind projects like King Pine Wind require the expertise of highly trained wind technicians."

The scholarship can provide up to \$50,000 annually spread among students with unmet needs. According to the NMCC admissions department, the largest unmet need for students is campus housing and food costs (traditionally called Room & Board), which cost \$7,818 annually.

# Roundtable Discussion to Announce Unique Offshore Training Partnership

On Tuesday, July 18th, leaders from NMCC, Maine Maritime Academy (MMA), and Diamond Offshore Wind announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) committing to a partnership that will map out workforce needs of the offshore wind industry in Maine and support the development of offshore wind technicians and other skilled workers. The roundtable discussion took place at MMA's Center for Professional Mariner Development and focused on the joint initiative to "marinize" Maine's workforce to service future offshore wind farms. This agreement marks the first collaboration of its kind in Maine.

The panel discussion included NMCC President Tim Crowley and Wind Power Faculty Wayne Kilcollins, author of "Maintenance Fundamentals for Wind Technicians."

The event came on the heels of NMCC and MMA receiving nearly \$3M through 2022 and 2023 Congressionally Directed Spending grants, allowing the institutions to jointly pursue Global Wind Organization (GWO) certification. GWO certification brings training into alignment with the highest standards in the industry. The CDS grants, championed by both Senator Angus King and Senator Susan Collins, allow for the purchase of equipment, the establishment of an online directory, and the hiring of faculty required to achieve the GWO standards of training.



July 2023 roundtable discussion at Maine Maritime Academy to announce new offshore training partnership.

"This partnership positions Maine's workforce to take full advantage of the clean energy future outlined by the State of Maine," NMCC President Timothy Crowley stated. "NMCC started educating and training wind technicians 13 years ago, and the potential energy off of Maine's coast represents immense opportunity for Mainers who seek an exciting, high-demand career."

The state of Maine is seeing increased interest in the offshore wind industry. In February, the Governor's Energy Office issued the Maine Offshore Wind Roadmap, which reflects 18 months of research and is part of an effort to "Free Maine from its over-reliance on fossil fuels, to lower energy costs and volatility, and to curb climate-altering emissions to protect our state's environment for future generations," as stated in the document's executive summary.



# Building a Bridge to New Mainers

On April 24, Victoire Liwanga started her new role as Workforce Development Coordinator for New Mainers at NMCC. One of Victoire's primary goals is to build connections to the refugee community in Maine and provide resources and support to families seeking to build a life in Northern Maine.

NMCC created the new position in response to community concerns regarding demographics and workforce shortages. In 2018, a local task force called Northern Maine Growth Initiative, comprised of community and business leaders, began working towards solutions to address need for workers to support growth in the region.

"Our community needs to attract residents and families looking to get an education, join the workforce, and build a life and a future. Aroostook is a special place, and there are New Mainers looking for a community like ours, with great schools, jobs, safe neighborhoods, and beautiful nature," said NMCC President Tim Crowley. New Mainers are immigrants or refugees currently living in Maine.

The new position is partially grant-funded through a Community Development Block Grant submitted by the City of Presque Isle and a Maine Community College System Workforce Development Innovation grant.

"Many of these families currently live in central and southern Maine, and



On April 24th Victoire Liwanga started her position at NMCC as the Workforce Development Coordinator for New Mainers. She will work to build bridges between Aroostook County and the immigrant and refugee populations looking for places to get an education, work, and raise family.

Aroostook County's geography makes it challenging for them to learn about our community," President Crowley said. "Victoire's helping to build a bridge.

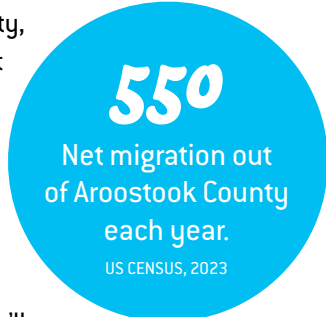
Victoire brings an extensive background in community-building and working with diverse populations in Maine and internationally. In Portland, Victoire worked with nonprofits, Catholic Charities, Maine Public, and the Portland Adult Education Program. Prior to emigrating, she worked with the World Bank Group and the African Development Bank.

"This is my opportunity to give back to the community that helped me," Liwanga said.

Galen Weibley, Director of Community & Economic Development for the City of Presque Isle stated, "The City of Presque Isle appreciates the state funds from Maine DECD to support this

program and is pleased to welcome these skilled individuals who are new to the United States that will be matched up to jobs available in our community."

"Part of Victoire's work is raising awareness in the New Mainer community, but the other part is helping our community prepare for residents and families from diverse backgrounds. She'll be working with business owners and residents to understand how to welcome New Mainers into the community, and what to expect," President Tim Crowley added.



# Embracing International Scholars



In recent years, community organizations in Central Aroostook have worked with consultants and researchers to better understand the most challenging obstacles facing our region. The conclusion is overwhelmingly clear: Aroostook County faces ongoing population decline and does not have enough workers to support current employers.

Working with community partners locally and abroad, last fall NMCC received 26 applications from international students seeking to attend college. Of those who applied, four students enrolled for the fall semester.

These students came from diverse backgrounds – Ghana, Trinidad & Tobago, and Jamaica – and relocated their lives to enroll in College in Presque Isle to pursue training and education. These students show academic potential and grit but come from countries with limited opportunities.

To be able to afford their education, these students required additional support for room and board. The Rodney and Mary Barton Smith Family Fund provided a grant to fund room and board expenses for 10 international students over the span of two academic years.

These 10 international slots allow the College to begin addressing larger issues in our community related to creating a hospitable environment for culturally-diverse newcomers. NMCC is taking steps to be a leader on this front by demonstrating how anyone willing to learn and work can be an asset to our community, our culture, our economy, and our future.

# NMCC Shares "A Story Worth Telling"

## At the 2022 Annual Foundation Dinner

Last November, NMCC hosted the Annual Foundation Dinner on campus in the gymnasium. The event celebrated a 15% increase in scholarship awards over the previous year. During the same time period, the Foundation endowed three additional scholarships, secured a \$2.8 million private grant, and facilitated congressional funds into commercial driving, mechanized logging, and the expansion of the electrical program. All of these efforts involved the support of the NMCC's Foundation's 31-person board of directors, which met on campus just before the



event to approve proposed changes for the coming year.



Griffin Goins, dean of development and public affairs, as well as the executive director of the NMCC

Foundation, opened the evening with a story describing his relocation to northern Maine from sunny California and the positive

impact the decision made both on his life professionally and personally. Goins shared, "NMCC has a story to tell. Aroostook County has a story to tell. The stories are about small communities working together to learn how to adapt to the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century, learning to embrace both necessary change and valuable heritage."

NMCC Foundation Chair Ryan Bushey spoke of the extraordinary accomplishments that the foundation had made over the last twelve months. Bushey recognized the work of previous executive director, Dr. Dottie Martin and highlighted the impact of the three newly endowed scholarships that support both students and program development.

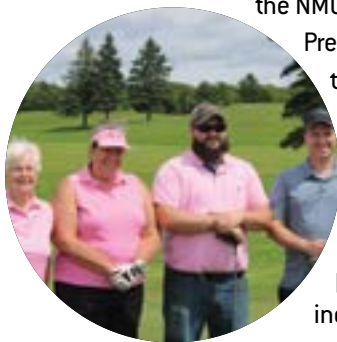




## Clouds Break for 2023 TD Golf Tournament

Over \$13,000 raised for NMCC Foundation

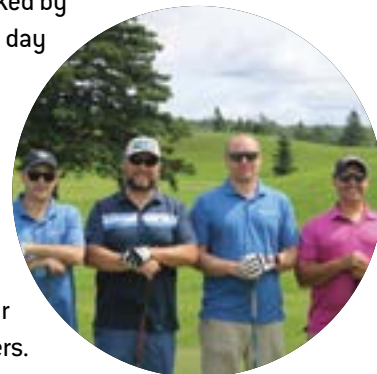
This year's TD Bank Golf Tournament raised more than \$13,000 for the NMCC Foundation. Held August 10th at the Presque Isle Country Club, this year marked the 16th anniversary of the tournament.



Twenty teams totaling 80 golfers teed off for the annual scramble, with an additional 25 joining for the barbeque. After a slow rebound from the pandemic, this year's event saw a 60% increase in golfer participation. In a

heavier-than-average rainfall, the day brought sunny skies with temperatures in the low 70's.

During his remarks to kickoff the event, TD Bank Maine State President Larry Wold described Maine's community colleges as the most effective dollar-for-dollar way to improve the lives of Mainers.



The winning team at the tournament included Mike Boone, Jack Boone, Jonah Hudson, and Cody Merrill with a gross score of 62. Rob MacKinnon, Craig Cyr, Greg Palm, and Beth Hummel, won First Net with a score of 54.

"The individuals benefitting from these funds are the backbone of our community. As always, this partnership is both a pleasure and an effective way to make a meaningful difference," stated TD Bank Vice President, Senior Relationship Manager Jeff Pangburn.

## Versant Power Brings New Life to an Old Scholarship

Versant Power worked with the NMCC Foundation to expand eligibility criteria for its scholarship fund. Established in 1988 and reserved for primarily electrical students, it is now open to those studying accounting, automotive technology, business administration, diesel hydraulics, electrical construction & maintenance, cybersecurity, office administration, trade and technical occupations and wind power.



"The scholarship criteria are now more representative of the energy industry and the variety of backgrounds that makeup the Versant Power team," said Versant Power President John Flynn. "We also saw this as the perfect opportunity to expand the scholarship and make a \$5,000 contribution in honor of highly regarded community and business leader, former President of Maine Public Service Brent Boyle."

"These changes expand support for students pursuing career paths that our community depends on; we all benefit from more skilled workers in these critical fields," said NMCC Foundation Executive Director Griffin Goins. "We're grateful for Versant's commitment to NMCC students and the future of our community."



## Not Defined by Background

Providing a second chance for students in recovery, or with a criminal record

On May 6, 2023, Presque Isle native Leeann Kaiser reached a hard-fought goal: she graduated with honors from the University of Maine at Fort Kent at the top of her Behavioral Sciences class with a 3.98 GPA. Following graduation, Kaiser received the university's prestigious Haennsler Prize, given to a graduating senior who has shown courage overcoming obstacles in achieving high academic standing.

Leeann's story is marked with a 13-year detour through addiction, legal troubles, and ultimately, recovery. Her higher education journey began in 2019 when she returned home after completing a work-release program in Windham, serving time for an arrest involving drugs. "I had accidentally become addicted to drugs, and I dealt [drugs] to make sure I had a way to get them. I did what I could to manage that situation, but was eventually caught."

Students applying to most colleges must disclose any felonies on their record, but NMCC Dean of Students Matthew Grillo insists, "Having a criminal record should not be a barrier for application. We review each application on its own merit, and a felony does not disqualify."

As a first-generation college student coming from a disadvantaged background, Leeann was eligible for support and counseling through the federal TRIO program, which she continued through her education at UMFK. According to NMCC faculty, Leeann immediately showed a passion and commitment to her education that caught instructors' attention.

"It was clear from the first day of class that Leeann was committed to reaching her educational goals," said Dr. Jennifer Graham, Kaiser's English instructor at NMCC. "As I got to know her more as a student, I realized that Leeann was also passionate about helping others and was interested in psychology."

Leeann thrived on campus, and helped offset her costs by working as a tutor in the Academic Success Center. She graduated from NMCC in 2021 with a Liberal Studies degree and began searching for the next step in her education. "I encouraged her to transfer to the Behavioral Science program at UMFK because it has an exceptional internship program," said Dr. Graham.

"Like many NMCC students, Leeann juggled multiple responsibilities during her time in school. Her ability to stay focused on her goals and accomplish them is inspiring," stated Dr. Graham.

Leeann says her drive comes from wanting to help others who struggle with alcohol, drugs, and recovery. Having completed her bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science, she is now eligible to apply to become a Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor (CDAC) and sit for other licensing exams. She's decided to continue her work as a tutor in NMCC's Academic Success Center for the time being – a position she's held for over three years – while she considers her future career options. She's interested in applying to Aroostook Mental Health Center (AMHC) and becoming a counselor to others in recovery.

"I am so proud of Leeann and what she has accomplished," Dr. Graham added.

**PRESQUE ISLE, Maine** — Today's workforce faces numerous challenges, but Northern Maine Community College's graduating class is well prepared to meet them, commencement speaker Daryl Boucher said Saturday.

Boucher was one of the speakers to honor more than 180 students who earned degrees in liberal studies, business, medical services, nursing and trades, including building and electrical construction, diesel hydraulics, automotives and plumbing and heating.

The number of aging and retiring workers is increasing, while the number of young people entering the workforce is declining. But the career preparation graduates have received at Northern Maine Community College is invaluable and can take them anywhere they want to go, he said.

**PAULA BREWER OF THE BANGOR DAILY NEWS REPORTING ON NMCC'S 58TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY, HELD MAY 13TH, 2023**

**2023 NMCC GRADS FILL CRITICAL ROLES  
IN OUR WORKFORCE, INCLUDING:**

**26** Registered Nurses

**5** Paramedics

**9** Diesel Hydraulics Technicians

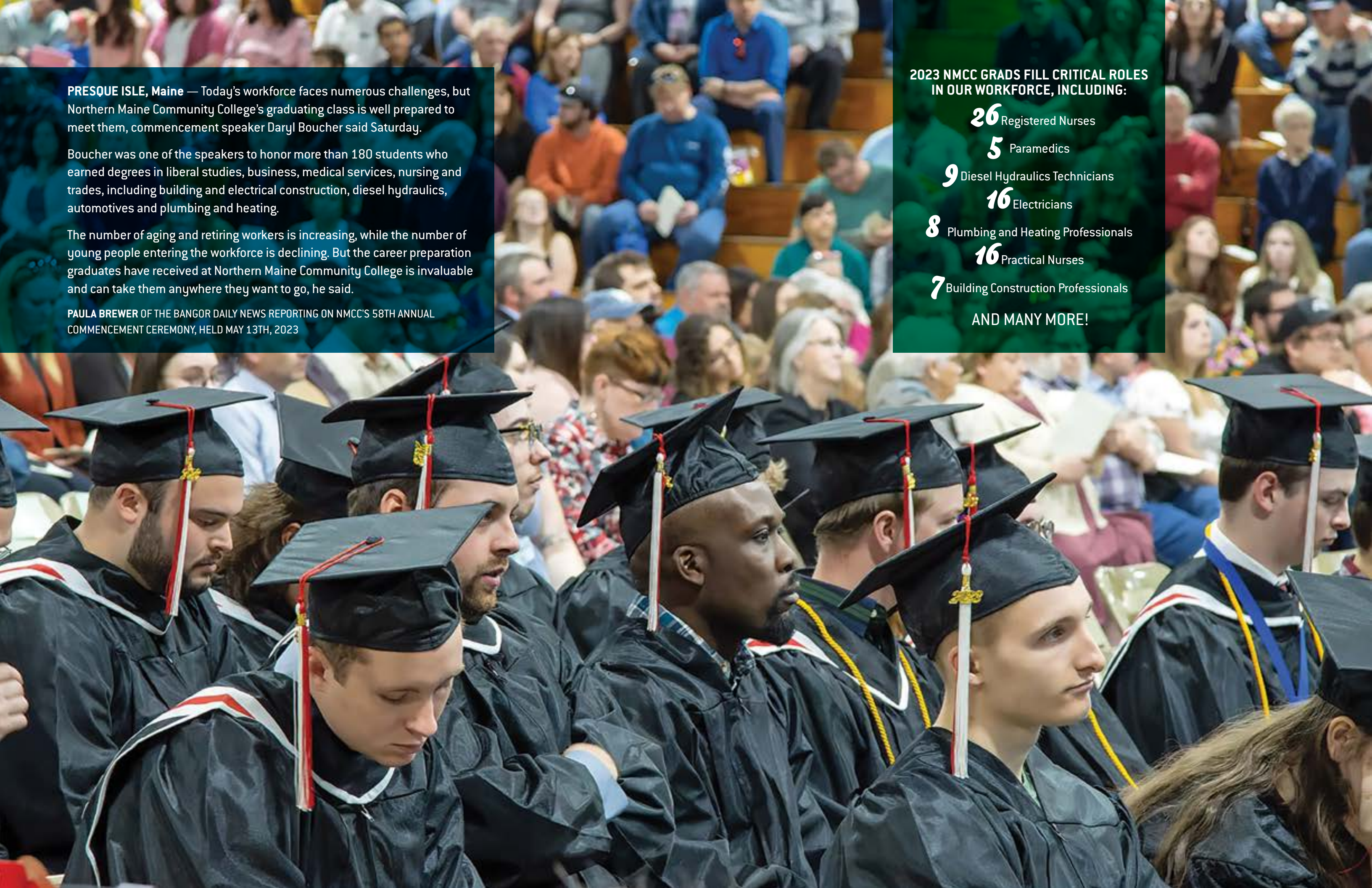
**16** Electricians

**8** Plumbing and Heating Professionals

**16** Practical Nurses

**7** Building Construction Professionals

**AND MANY MORE!**



## LD 1988 How NMCC's Childcare Center Reached the Floor of the Maine State Legislature

When NMCC first broached the idea of building a childcare center on campus in 2020, the financial landscape looked significantly different. By the time designers provided an estimate, costs had nearly doubled based on tighter supply chains and inflation costs.

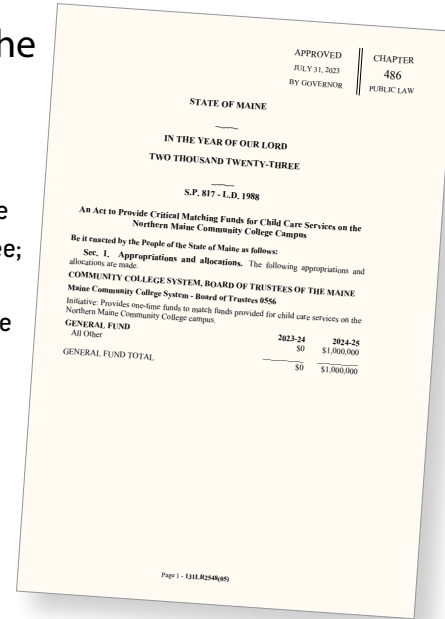
When the NMCC Foundation's Chair of the Board **Ryan Bushey** discovered that Phase 1 of the project remained \$1 million short of the amount required by estimates, he turned to the Maine State Legislature for help. He started by contacting State Senator **Trey Stewart**, Minority Leader in the Senate representing Presque Isle and the surrounding area.

Working with the cooperation of House Speaker **Troy Jackson** of Allagash, and other members of the Aroostook delegation, Senator Stewart introduced LD 1988, a bill to provide \$1 million to NMCC toward the building of a childcare center on campus. Committee meetings ensued, and work sessions in the House and Senate brought amendments to

the bill. NMCC President **Tim Crowley** traveled to Augusta to testify before the Education Committee; the committee voted unanimously to advance the bill.

The bill passed with a majority vote, and Governor Mills signed it into law on July 26th, 2023.

The creation and support of this bill highlights the focus and adaptability of Aroostook's local legislators. Votes for LD 1988 came from across the political spectrum, driven forward by the College's local delegation.



## Marvin Tarbox Memorial Ride with the Low XII Riders Central Maine Chapter, the Widows Sons



## The Foundation Reaches Fundraising Goal for New Childcare Center

In November 2021, NMCC President Tim Crowley unveiled the College's initiative in response to the critical need for childcare in the community. President Crowley unveiled the College's plan to build a childcare facility on NMCC campus, while simultaneously doubling the student capacity of NMCC's Early Childhood Education program.

"The goal is to eliminate one significant barrier interfering with our students' chance of success. There is not enough childcare available for parents in our community. At the same time, providers cannot find trained professionals to run the current childcare centers," said NMCC President Timothy Crowley.

This initiative began with a \$2.8M grant from The Rodney & Mary Barton Smith Family Foundation. Over the past two years the College and Foundation have pursued other funding sources in an effort to secure the full estimated cost of the project before going to bid for construction.

This fall semester, the College reached its fundraising goal and went to bid.

Other sources of funding include the State of Maine, Peter and Bette Briggs, The NMCC Foundation, and the Maine Community College System.

The campus-based childcare center will be designed to serve 47 children, ages birth to eight years of age. NMCC students and staff will have priority enrollment for their children. Remaining slots will be available to UMPI students and staff. The facility will be operated by a licensed local provider.

### FUNDRAISING BREAKDOWN (2021 through 2023)

Rodney & Mary Barton Smith Family Foundation: **\$2,880,000**  
 Maine State Legislature LD 1988: **\$1,000,000**  
 Peter & Bette Briggs: **\$764,000**  
 Northern Maine Community College: **\$500,000**

**NMCC Foundation:**  
 Sunshine Forever Fund: **\$50,000**  
 Area of Greatest Need Fund: **\$50,000**

**TOTAL FUNRAISED**  
**\$5,244,000**

## The Final Ride

The Mike & Heidi Community Fund organized their 10th Anniversary Ride, concluding at the Oakfield Community Center

The 10th annual "Mike and Heidi Memorial Ride" in memory of Mike Kitchen and Heidi Pratt, took place on Saturday, July 15. Organizers started the day with concerns about weather, but those concerns were quickly alleviated as perfect riding weather arrived just in time. Thirty motorcycles joined in the ride.

Ken Bustard, president of the Board of Directors and event organizer, commented, "The final ride was, by all means, a success and everything we hoped for. The lobster feed was a big hit, and our auction was the most successful in all 10 years, raising approximately \$10,000."

During the lobster feed, Joe McLaughlin – a former faculty member at NMCC – presented the NMCC Foundation with a \$1,500 check to benefit the Mike & Heidi Community Fund Scholarship. The Scholarship supports students from Southern Aroostook pursuing either automotive technology or early childhood education.

### JUNE 17TH

In October 2011, NMCC alumni Marvin Tarbox volunteered to ride a go-cart in the Damariscotta Pumpkin Fest Parade, representing the local Shriners and trying to entertain the local kids. In a tragic accident, Tarbox lost control of his cart and died that day.

Since 2013, Marvin's community has honored their fallen friend with an annual charity motorcycle ride, which now generates scholarship funds to support NMCC electrical students with financial needs. The Low XII Riders Central Maine Chapter, the Widows Sons, are pictured here making their annual ride in Belfast.

Marvin grew up in Perham and worked as a volunteer firefighter for 20 years, in addition to his career as an electrical technician. It's an honor to celebrate his memory each year with those who recognize his commitment to community service.

## THE FIRST OF ITS KIND

In honoring her brother, Katharine Whelan established the first scholarship specifically for Water Treatment Technology students

In December of 2022, Katharine Whelan contacted her late brother's alma mater, Southern Maine Community College, to explore how she could honor Edward's life and work. With a \$4,500 commitment, she established the Edward M. Whelan Memorial Scholarship to benefit students of NMCC's Water Treatment Technology program, which has a satellite lab on SMCC campus.



Edward Whelan graduated from SMCC's Water Treatment program in 1982 and enjoyed a long career supporting New York's utility infrastructure. Due to the program now being housed at NMCC, the scholarship has been transferred to NMCC to ensure Financial Aid has access to student records and can determine eligibility.

Awards will be disbursed for three consecutive years in the amount of \$1,500 to students enrolled in Water Treatment Technology. NMCC introduced the WTT program in 2018 in response to unmet industry demand for skilled workers. The program at SMCC discontinued years ago, and water plants and wastewater facilities struggle to find new workers as current operators approach retirement.

"This is still one of the state's newer programs," stated NMCC Foundation Executive Director Griffin Goins. "Water impacts every aspect of our life in Maine – we're a state famous for our natural resources – but this isn't the first career path that comes to mind. The Edward M. Whelan Memorial Scholarship will help us support students who pursue this career opportunity."

## The David. L. Curran Memorial Scholarship

After David Curran's death in 2022, Heather Curran and her current partner Aaron Conroy, wanted to commemorate the person they had loved and lost. They reached out to the NMCC Foundation because David's journey at NMCC played an important role in his success in business and computer programming. David's time at NMCC represented an era he spoke fondly of during the years Heather knew David, first as her husband, and later as a close friend to both her and Aaron.



"David loved computers and coding. He found an identity in his work that he previously lacked," said Heather Curran. "He loved to reminisce about his time at NMCC. He also believed in helping others and genuinely had a big heart. He would be delighted that we were paying things forward like this in his honor and hopefully encouraging others with similar interests to pursue them. Personally, I believe local colleges and universities are extremely important to Aroostook County for our generations to come, and scholarships are a way to make education affordable."

David graduated from NMCC in 2001 and 2002 with two associate's degrees in Computer Information Systems and Information Technology. David had a passion and talent for computers from the time he was a child. He later went on to excel at programming and software development, working at several local companies. Later in life he found a lucrative job doing cybersecurity with a company based in Newcastle, England.

The David L. Curran Memorial Scholarship was established in 2023 by Heather Curran. The award will be disbursed each year, with priority given to non-traditional students pursuing Networking Administration & Cybersecurity.

## Colleagues Honor Nurse Paula Michaud with Memorial Scholarship

Revered operating room nurse Paula Michaud passed away unexpectedly on September 11th, 2022, leaving behind colleagues and friends searching for a way to honor her dedication to healthcare in Aroostook County.



Michaud served the community for more than 30 years, working at both Cary Medical Center and Northern Light A.R. Gould, where she held rank as lead nurse in the operating room. After a full career, Paula planned to retire in 2024.

After the funeral, Paula's colleagues sought a way to

ensure her memory lived on in the community. According to Amy Durland Faulkner, a fellow nurse who considered Paula a mentor and "second mom," Paula's expertise and level of care for patients in Aroostook County is unmatched, and her loss offers an opportunity to honor the impact of her life and work. "Paula was a mentor to many others, and she truly cared for her patients and fellow employees," Faulkner said.

Faulkner and her colleagues approached NMCC — Paula's alma mater, where she regularly returned to train students — to create a memorial scholarship in Paula's name, the Paula Michaud Memorial Scholarship. Since establishing the Memorandum of Understanding, donations have arrived by mail and through the website from friends, colleagues, and family members eager to build this scholarship toward endowment level, which would allow the fund to be self-sustaining and ensure its long-term viability. The scholarship reached endowment in October, 2023, when the fund first exceeded \$10,000, the minimum requirement for an endowed scholarship.

"Paula Michaud graduated from the nursing program at NMCC in the mid-90s but never forgot her nursing roots," said NMCC Nursing Department Chair Eileen McDougal. "She was committed to sharing her passion for the profession of nursing with nursing students, returning almost every year as a featured presenter in the perioperative seminar."



According to Amy Durland Faulkner, a fellow nurse who considered Paula a mentor and "second mom," Paula's expertise and level of care for patients in Aroostook County is unmatched, and her loss offers an opportunity to honor the impact of her life and work.



# Supporting the Community that Supported Them

## Peter & Bette Briggs Send Support from Kennebunk

**A**FTER A TWO-YEAR fundraising drive, the College came up short of the estimated amount needed to build the new NMCC Childcare Center on campus. Without the full amount secured, the College could not go out to bid. Campus leaders knew the window to break ground this year grew smaller as winter approached.

Recognizing an opportunity to make a critical impact in the community, Peter and Bette Briggs donated \$764,301 in Katahdin Trust stocks to the NMCC Foundation. Katahdin leadership provided prompt service, purchasing back the stocks and allowing the funds to transfer back to the Foundation. That same week, the College went to bid to build the childcare center, closing the chapter on one of the most ambitious fundraising goals in campus history.

The project initially caught the Briggs' attention because it provided not only more childcare spaces, but also doubled enrollment capacity in the College's Early Childhood Education program. The new training environment will allow the program to pursue national accreditation, becoming the first fully-accredited program of its kind in the State of Maine.

Neither Peter nor Bette grew up in Aroostook County, but they are grateful to the community, and – according to them both – owe their success to the hardworking spirit of Aroostook citizens.

Peter grew up in Lincoln; Bette grew up across the border in New Brunswick, Canada. Fate brought them together in Presque Isle, where Peter ran Aroostook Beverage and Bette managed the Swamp Fox. A shared entrepreneurial spirit and talent for management allowed Peter and Bette to build a network of successful businesses, including two dry cleaners and a charter flight school on the airbase in Presque Isle. Peter expanded his air enterprise to include a fuel depot, commercial flights, and air ambulance services. Bette brought a level of hospitality unique to Aroostook. In



Canada, she helped manage the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel, a luxury destination in Fredericton visited by the rich and famous, including John DeLorean and Queen Elizabeth.

During their years in Presque Isle, the Briggs relied on the “good, hard-working people” of the community.

“They’d do any job I asked, and I taught them to do lots of jobs. This is partly why I feel so strongly about community college.”

The Briggs' businesses operated 13 diesel trucks, and depended on Class A drivers and diesel technicians. Their facilities required electricians, plumbers, welders, and construction contractors. They used local accountants, and depended on quality healthcare from the local hospital, then TAMC, where Bette briefly served on the board of directors.

“Our businesses needed people with skills that came from NMCC,” Peter said.

The Briggs believe high school shop class and trades education have been stigmatized, and they want to help reverse that perception. “Four-year liberal arts degrees are not for everyone. Graduating with debt and no job in their field is not a good position to start your life,” Peter says. “Community colleges, and NMCC in particular, are wonderful institutions for learning.”

## SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDS

### ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

**These funds reach endowment level at \$10,000 and are carefully invested to provide scholarship disbursements each year.**

- Advantage Payroll / Gauvin Scholarship
- Alpha Beta Gamma Scholarship
- Robert Blackmore Scholarship
- Brian Allen Buck, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
- Building Trades Scholarship Fund
- Bustard/Carlson Family Scholarship
- Caribou Rotary Club Scholarship
- Caron's Lawn & Property Maintenance, Inc. Scholarship
- Carson/Clark Nursing Scholarship
- Central Aroostook EMS Scholarship
- Wilson H. Clark Memorial Fund Scholarship
- Tom & Betty K. Conant Scholarship
- Medley Cotton Scholarship
- Larry Cowett Memorial Scholarship
- David L. Curran Memorial Scholarship
- Mitch Cyr Memorial Scholarship
- Dickinson-McBreairty Memorial Scholarship
- Roberta J. Dingwall Memorial Scholarship
- Dirigo FFA / Nutrite Scholarship
- Francis E. Dorsey Scholarship
- Lloyd Duncan Scholarship
- Mary Maxine & Charles D. Eber Scholarship
- E. Perrin Edmunds Scholarship
- Fields Realty Memorial Scholarship
- Emelia Flannigan Memorial Scholarship
- General Endowed Scholarship
- B. Jean & Floyd L. Harding Scholarship
- Hebert Scholarship
- G. Melvin & Phyllis J. Hovey Scholarship
- Durward & Lillian Huffman Scholarship
- Peter G. Hunt, Sr. Memorial Scholarship
- Brian C. James Memorial Scholarship
- Michael Kelley, Sr. Scholarship
- Frank Labbe Scholarship
- Harold G. Laine Scholarship
- Larry A. Langille Scholarship
- Elena Jasmir Lozada Memorial Fund
- Machias Savings Bank Scholarship
- Maine Potato Board Scholarship
- Maine Potato Growers Scholarship
- John L. Martin Scholarship
- Dana E. McGlauffin Scholarship
- Joseph & Rebecca McLaughlin Scholarship

- Mike & Heidi Community Fund Scholarship
- Rick & Marilyn Nadeau / A&L Construction, Inc. Scholarship
- Northern Light AR Gould / Marge Haines Memorial Scholarship
- Belinda Sewall Page Memorial Scholarship
- Philip Parker Memorial Scholarship
- Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship
- Dale P. & Christopher P. Powers Scholarship
- Presque Isle Rotary Club Scholarship
- Harold & Dorothy Quass Memorial Scholarship
- Carl & Lillian Rasmussen Scholarship
- Linwood & Dolores Raymond Memorial Scholarship
- S.W. Collins Company Scholarship
- Sandstrom Scholarship
- George W. Scott / Maine Mutual Scholarship
- Smith's Farm Scholarship
- Paris J. Snow Scholarship
- Melanie Jane Stewart Memorial Scholarship
- Sturdivant Island Tuna Tournament Scholarship
- Sunshine Health Scholarship
- Ian R. Sutherland Memorial Scholarship
- Thelma C. Swain Scholarship
- TD Bank Scholarship
- Larry & Audrey Thibodeau Scholarship
- Matthew Turnbull's Livin' The Dream Scholarship
- Versant Power Scholarship
- Richard Wayne West Memorial Scholarship

### PASS-THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS

**The donor makes an annual contribution to cover the disbursement of each award.**

- Awards of Excellence
- Cub & Dee Condon Scholarship
- Medley Cotton Scholarship
- Francis E. Dorsey Scholarship
- Gene Haas Scholarship
- U. Joseph Hedrich II Memorial Scholarship
- Houlton Center Scholarship
- Katahdin Trust Company Scholarship
- Governor James B. Longley Scholarship
- Northern Light Foundation - Irene Shannon Fund Scholarship
- Terry A. Sprague Memorial Fund Scholarship
- Marvin Tarbox, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

### SPECIAL FUNDS

**Provides funding to meet special needs such as on-campus student work opportunities, student mental health support, faculty professional development, and the purchase of cutting-edge lab equipment.**

- William G. Egeler Work Ethic Fund
- Engels Family Fund
- Gauvin Faculty Advancement Fund
- Investing in Innovation Fund
- Elena Jasmir Lozada Memorial Fund
- Sunshine Forever Fund
- Sunshine Help Scholarship

## Financial Note

This Report Only Highlights Financial Data from July 1st 2022 through June 30th, 2023

Scholarships, funds, and donors listed in this annual report only reflect activity between July 1st 2022, through June 30th, 2023. This is the NMCC Foundation's fiscal calendar, and the time period highlighted in this annual report. However, this report does feature more current stories, such as the most recent golf tournament, or the Briggs' donation, as these are timely news events. The fiscal impacts of donations made after June 30th and before the time of this publication will be reflected in next year's annual report. If you have any questions, please contact the Foundation staff.



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JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

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(\$500 - \$999)

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Jeff Clark & Elizabeth McHatten  
Dr. Dottie Martin  
Katheen & Dave Woodside

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

As of June 30, 2023 and 2022

Assets	2023	2022
Cash	\$59,813	\$48,172
Contributions/Accounts Receivable		\$1,952
Investments	\$4,172,463	\$4,157,741
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$4,234,228</b>	<b>\$4,209,667</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Deferred Revenue/Accounts Payable		\$10,424
Contributions Payable	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$10,424</b>	<b>\$43,992</b>

### Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions	\$265,726	\$210,372
With Donor Restrictions	\$3,958,078	\$3,955,303
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$4,223,804</b>	<b>\$4,165,675</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$4,234,228</b>	<b>\$4,209,667</b>

## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Revenue	2023	2022
Donations	\$314,559	\$466,649
Fundraising & Other Revenue	\$14,606	\$17,873
NMCC Contribution to Expenses		\$35,942
Investment Income	\$402,831	-\$474,789
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$767,938</b>	<b>\$44,178</b>

### Expenditures

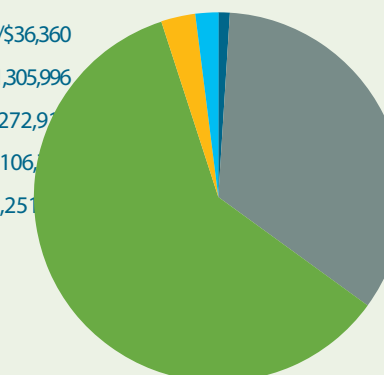
Scholarships	\$135,098	\$144,446
Grants & Awards	\$495,029	\$1,216,546
Fundraising Expenses	\$370	\$51
Administrative Expenses	\$79,312	\$68,030
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$709,809</b>	<b>\$1,429,073</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$58,129</b>	<b>-\$1,384,895</b>

## PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

Endowed Assets Only

- Cash&MoneyMarketFunds:0.96%/\$36,360
- FixedIncomeInvestments:34.34%/\$1,305,996
- Equity Investments: 59.76%/\$2,272,971
- Exchange Traded Funds: 2.81%/\$106,111
- Other Assets (REIT): 2.14%/\$81,251

Total: \$3,803,270/100.00%



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HENRY DAVID THOREAU

