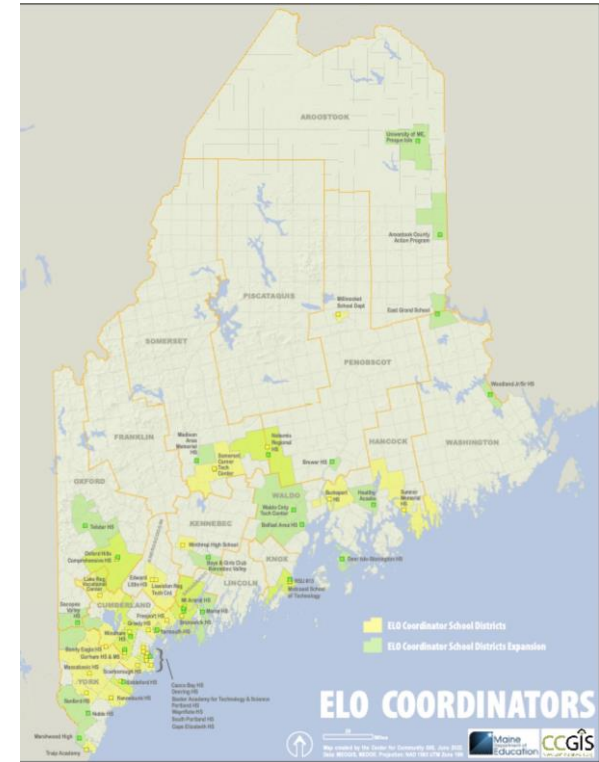


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Our Third Semester Fall 2023 Story Through Photos and Quotes

50 slides illustrating the scope of Extended Learning and our work among the ELO Expansion grant recipients.



ELO Districts Existing and New



Statewide Expansion of Extended Learning Opportunity Programming

“A Statewide Collaboration”



A copy of the RFA, as well as the Question & Answer Summary and all other related documents to this RFA, can be obtained at the following website: <https://www.maine.gov/dafs/bbm/procurementservices/vendors/grants>

The value of providing civic education in the processes and skills of fisheries management was made clear through work of the Eastern Maine Skippers Program. This proposal seeks to engage youth who are invested in the sustained viability of the fishing industry and coastal communities in a design process to identify approaches that are likely to increase the participation of young adults in fisheries management in ways that feel meaningful to those participating.



Jonesport-Beals High School

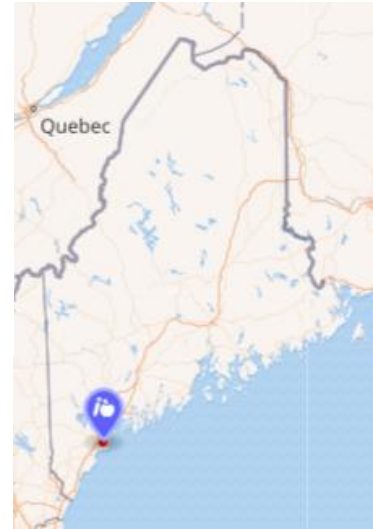
Josie Harvey got to explore her interests in fine foods and retail business management as an intern at Belfast's Eat More Cheese store. She has gotten a one-of-a-kind opportunity as she learns and participates in all aspects of running the store - from inventory selection, to store layout, to book-keeping, down to the nitty gritty of cutting and wrapping wedges of cheese for customers.



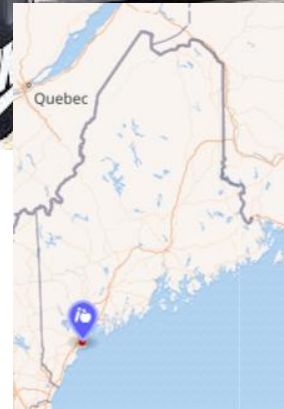
Grace Woods discovered a career this semester. When she signed up to intern at Cassida's butcher and taxidermy, she thought it would be a novelty. Instead, she discovered something she is passionate about. That spark was visible on her face whenever she talked about the internship, and her attendance at school improved dramatically over last year.



During the current academic year, a student from our institution embarked on an Experiential Learning Opportunity (ELO) at NXGen Gym located in Scarborough. The primary objective of this internship was to provide the student with firsthand experience in the field of personal training, with aspirations to pursue it as a career path. The ELO spanned from 7 to 9 am, twice a week, offering a comprehensive understanding of the daily operations and responsibilities involved in the role of a personal trainer.



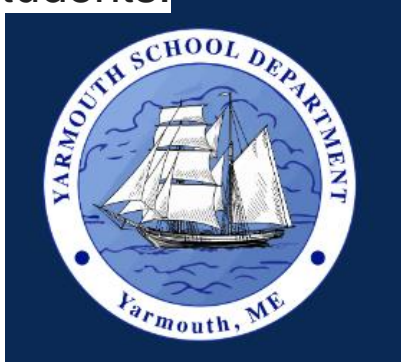
In the fall semester, a new group ELO opportunity was offered to students in collaboration with Southern Maine Community College (SMCC). The course gave students the opportunity to explore a career in depth in three different pathways: Health Sciences, Culinary & Hospitality, and Industrial Technology & Transportation. Students attended weekly visits to the SMCC campus to participate in hands-on learning activities with SMCC faculty.





Can We Project trip to Augusta where the YHS students facilitated civil dialogue for all the other participants as we use that learning to launch our own Civil Rights Team here at the high school this spring.

The photo that Maine DOE Commissioner Pender Makin shared after her visit with a group of ELO students. Commissioner Makin also produced a podcast with one of our work study students (veterinary) and one of our STEM/Entrepreneurial students.



EPISODE 002: EXPLORING YOUR PASSIONS



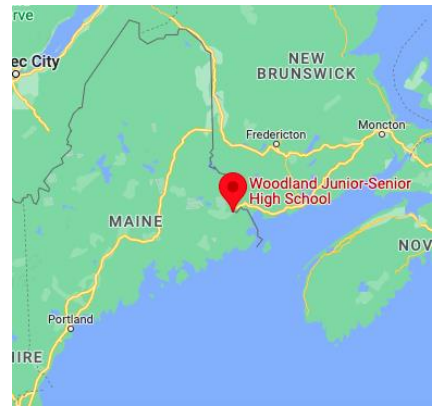
WHAT HOLDS US TOGETHER



A MAINE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION PODCAST
HOSTED BY PENDER MAKIN



One of our ELO students is preparing for a career in the oyster farming industry. It's very impressive how he has been preparing himself, many hours in the water harvesting oysters, permit and application meetings, and business channel operations. He has done a tremendous job, all the while gaining incredible business insight and academic credit.



Woodland student working for the V.L. Tammaro Oil Co. Inc. services residential and commercial heating oil and propane gas customers within a 50 miles radius of our two offices conveniently located at 117 Main Street Baileyville (Woodland) ME and 325



Learn how ELO students work with Science Department Head Andrew McCullough to see if there is a relationship between the substrate (bottom of the ocean material), the number of green crabs, and the size/sex/coloration of green crabs.

<https://www.podbean.com/ep/pb-t35uq-152cc86>



Listen and learn how a student engages with engineers from Wright-Pierce, Sitelines, Reed, and Reed, exploring various engineering careers.



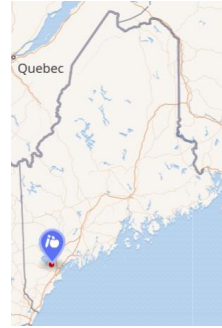
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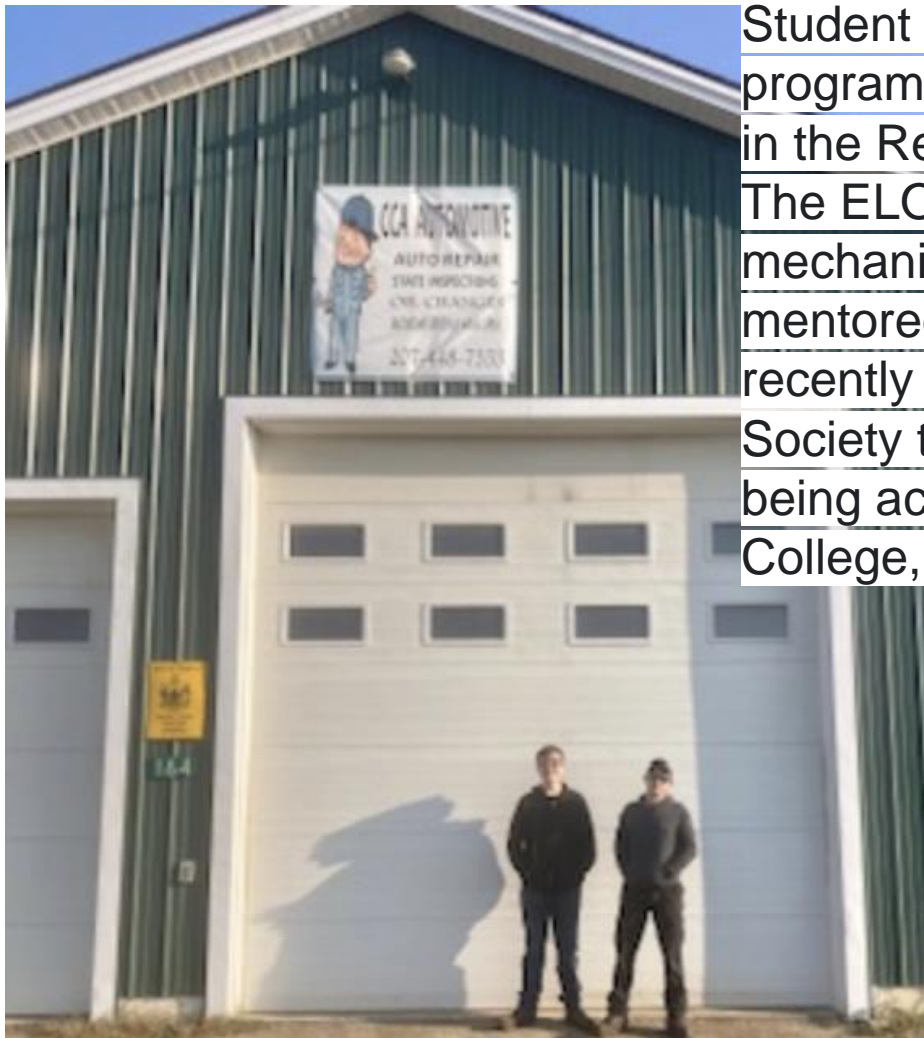


A student wanted to "explore" a career in aviation. Since he was already working for MAC Air Group (A fixed based operator at Portland Jetport), we decided to focus on the importance of ground services/ground crew for private and personal flights as it relates to the success of a pilot and the safety of the aircraft passengers.



The student who explored the career of barbering stated that he wants to be an entrepreneur after he graduates. He stated that, "one of the entrepreneurial ventures I am really interested in is barbering. I have always loved getting my haircut and I always admired barbers. The Crow's Nest Barbershop in Windham allowed him to observe the trade and have authentic hands-on experiences with his friends who offered themselves as "test" subjects.





Student began an ELO in 2022 in the maintenance program at East Grand School. Evert also enrolled in the Region II program in Houlton for automotive. The ELO program connected Evert to a local auto mechanic who partnered with the program and mentored Evert this last semester. Evert was recently inducted into the National Technical Honor Society through Region II in Houlton as well as being accepted to Northern Maine Community College, where he plans on attending next fall.

**EAST
GRAND
SCHOOL**

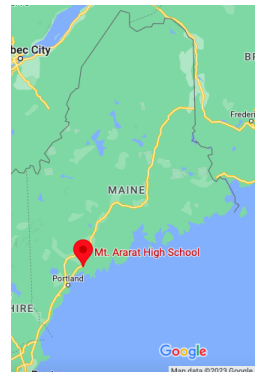




EAST GRAND SCHOOL



The local grocery store partnered with the ELO program to provide Aidan with a learning environment where he could further his skills in working with the public and learning about management at the store. Aidan has truly excelled in his role at Knight's Thriftway. Aidan also participated in the Driver's Education Program that the ELO program offered and was the first student to earn his driver's permit.



See Merry Meeting Food Council's Partner Perspectives publication:
<https://www.merrymeetingfoodcouncil.org/partner-perspectives>



Coastal Enterprises, Inc. has partnered with MTA Community Pathways to provide programming for a small cohort of students to learn about explore entrepreneurship and small business startup. Experts from various departments within CEI are teaching and presenting to our students in the areas of idea generation, product/service creation, design thinking, product/service validation, business structures, marketing, finance, and writing a business plan.

Molly Staples works with students who have vastly different aspirations and some of whom do not yet know their aspirations. Molly feels strongly that part of the role is centering her work around individual students and what their needs are and providing them with learning opportunities that help them identify and narrow in on those aspirations. One student who was initially interested in owning his own business was paired with a mentor who owns a car-detailing business. The mentorship was a positive placement for the student who took pride in the work. From there, Molly worked with the student on business planning, insurance planning, taxes, PPE, and other aspects of the job.





Being in Molly Staple's Internship class has been very beneficial to me. I have learned so much, and gained valuable skills that will help me in the future. Molly helped me figure out what I want to do with my future, or at least helped me have a better idea for college. She was there for me every step of the way and supported the choices I made. I was able to shadow different things, and realized the activities I enjoyed, and the ones that I didn't like. I had many different internship/shadow experiences, which pushed me out of my comfort zone.





One student is doing an internship at Billings Diesel & Marine for welding. He has chosen to also do his final senior project on welding. He has gotten to experience the many different parts of what Billings Diesel & Marine has to offer. He has helped repair boats with his welding, helped put engines, he has seen metal cutting, he has seen boats being wired up, and much, much more. He is in the process of building a back rack for his truck. He has also had the chance to build a wood stove as well.

Deer Isle-Stonington High School

CREATING RESOURCEFUL, KNOWLEDGEABLE AND COMPASSIONATE CITIZENS OF TOMORROW.



Student interned at Ghost Rose Tattoo Shop in Ellsworth. The student has been diligently going every Wednesday on our internship day and adding extra time on Saturday. She has been learning so much from her placement and it looks to be a good fit for her to start an official apprenticeship after graduation. She gets to shadow multiple tattoo artists at the shop along with a piercer. Most of her days at her placement involve drawing to understand portions and dimension and placement.



Deer Isle-Stonington High School

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Brooke has always been a kid who kept to herself. Through working in the summer garden experience, and expanding to the fall by working at Kennebec Valley Farm, she has opened up and came out of her shell. She stated that this experience has led to her becoming much more social.



Madison Area Memorial High School

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Waldo County Technical Center's Culinary Arts program visited Belfast Farmer's Market to interview local farmers and vendors. They created a menu based on available food items and purchased these provisions. They then headed back to WCTC to cook a meal using their purchases. Before the job shadow, students studied the Belfast Farmer's Market website to see what vendors would be at the market and what food items would be available.



Waldo County Technical Center

Students from Waldo County Technical Center's Employability Skills Program (ESP) visited Duratherm Window Company in Vassalboro this fall. The class toured the factory where they were able to witness employees making high end windows and doors for businesses and private clients from all over the world. They walked through the process of manufacturing this type of product and were able to see first hand the machinery and skill involved.

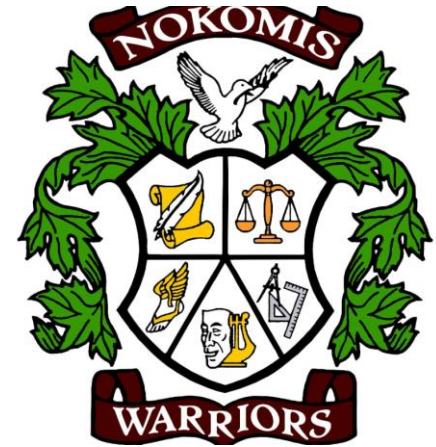


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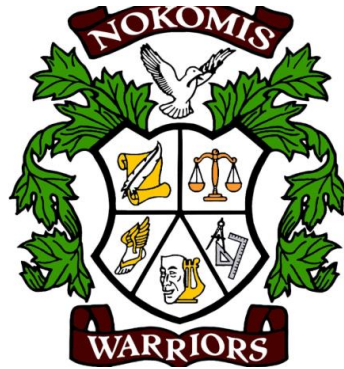
Alex Pearl has been attending Cianbro every other day to attend their Welding Program. He has been thriving and learned many new skills. He most recently successfully completed his Constructional 1 Certification (Stick welding) and Constructional 2 Certification (Flux-core) which Cianbro took him to Eastern Maine Community College to do so!



Nokomis Regional High

Corinna ▪ Dixmont ▪ Etna ▪ Hartland ▪ Newport ▪ Palmyra ▪ Plymouth ▪ St. Albans

Brady has been earning hours towards his Maine Career Exploration Badge in tourism and hospitality. On February 15th, Brady and another student went to Ktaadn Resorts, also known as the New England Outdoor Center, and spent the day exploring various careers in the field. One of those jobs was working at one of their restaurants which makes brick oven pizzas. The students even stretched their own dough!



Nokomis Regional High

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Lindsay Strout, left, and Angelena Dunham pull racks of fruit pies from the freezer at Valley View Orchard Pies in Oxford Hills. The two seniors at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School in Paris are interning at the business through their school's extended learning opportunity program.



Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School

Dare to Accept the Challenge



For the 2023-2024 school year, a new ELO opportunity was created with Maine Health, Stephens Memorial Hospital, and the Bob and Sandy Bahre Health Center centered on Physical Therapy. Senior student wanted to explore an ELO with the Physical Therapy Department at this healthcare center. This is the first ever P/T ELO ever coordinated with Maine Health. She has indicated that because of this ELO opportunity, Julia is positively convinced that P/T is the the academic and career direction that she wants to pursue for a college and her professional career.



Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School

Dare to Accept the Challenge

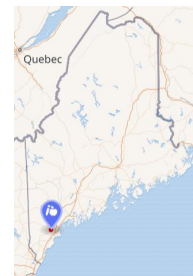


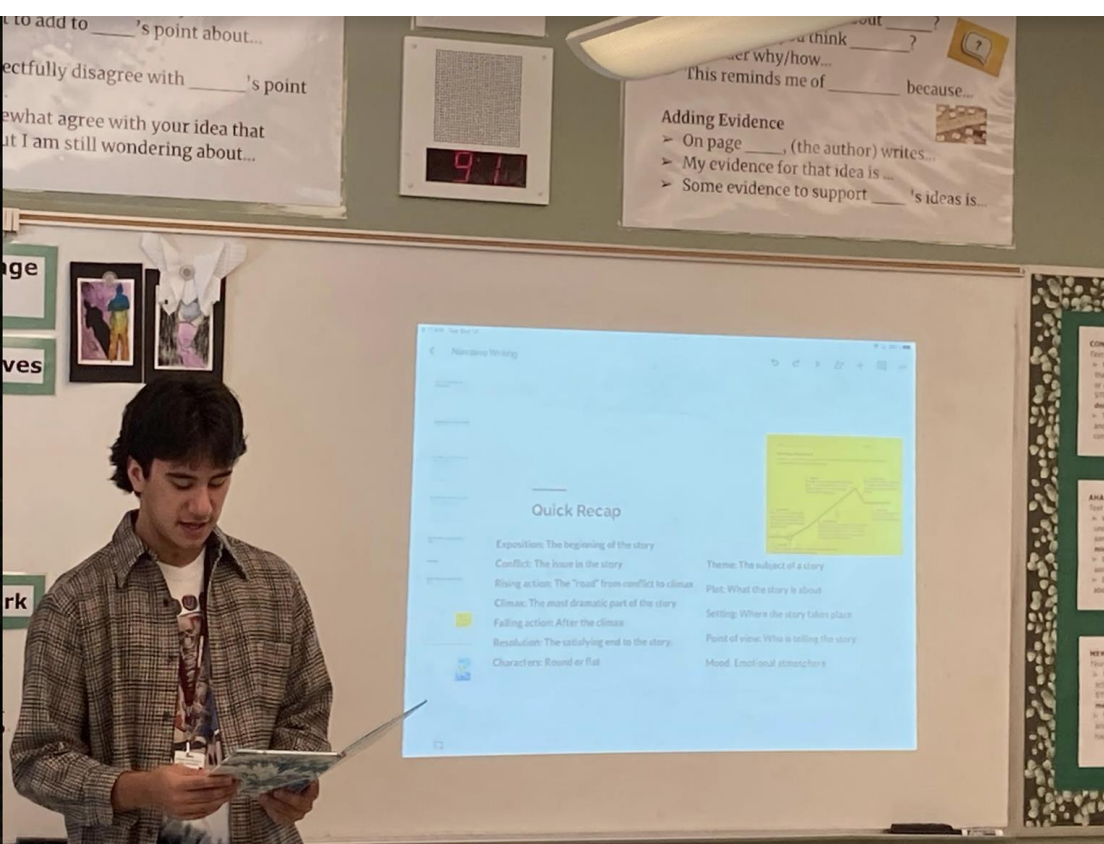
Senior student wanted to pursue a potential career in the veterinarian and equestrian domains. After searching for a local host and conducting a site visit, she has begun a weekly placement working at a Veterinarian Horse Stable here in North Berwick, ME. Each week she travels to the barn, will work with staff, doctors, and clients learning the ropes of the veterinarian and equestrian world.



NOBLE
NORTH BERWICK | BERWICK | LEBANON

Senior Elle Thurston has spent her time this semester at local Gorham restaurant MK Kitchen where she has both a job and an internship with co-owners Lisa & Mitchell Kaldrovich. Because of this wonderful connection, Elle was able to land a job dishwashing for MK kitchen when she first clocks in to her shift. Once her shift is over, Elle begins her internship in the kitchen learning prep and cooking techniques with Chef Mitchell.





Senior student Owen is in his second year of the ELO Program at Gorham High School. He has spent his time in middle school classrooms following his interests in education. At the beginning of the experience, Owen wasn't sure if he would pursue teaching long term. Now, he is confident he has found his career path and has committed to studying education in college next year.



Gorham
High School





Gavin Mitchell opted to complete a 5th year of high school in order to earn both his diploma and CDL credentials. Through our ELO program, Gavin has completed a driver's education program in order to qualify for a CDL course at Region 9, in which he is currently enrolled, and has taken on a Paid Meaningful Work job at the Bethel Inn working with their maintenance director. He was named the THS Student of the Month for the senior class this fall due to his efforts in the classroom, completed volunteer hours and his ability to balance his hybrid schedule.



Telstar High School

Engaging Students and Elevating Learning



Kyra Rose-Espinoza is a 12th grader bound for culinary training after high school. In order to support those goals both academically and financially, Kyra obtained employment with a locally-owned bakery, The Gemini Cafe and Bakery here in Bethel. In her role there, she has become a trusted baker of the many products served daily. Her employer reports that she regularly exceeds expectations in the areas of communication, attitude, character, productivity, and organizational skills, the employability skills our students are rated on each month.



Telstar High School
Engaging Students and Elevating Learning



Freshman Education student Joey Doll was able to count his field experience for his EDU 152 class as an aELO, and was able to visit Hurricane Island to complete this requirement. While on the island, he interacted with and mentored students from Presque Isle high school, who were also visiting the island. Here's what Joey said about the experience: "This trip stood out to me the most because it solidified my career aspirations, and I am more determined to achieve my dream."



University of Maine at
PRESQUE ISLE
North of Ordinary





Senior, Claire Ouellette, has been participating in an instrumental music pedagogy ELO at Caribou Community School. Working alongside Caribou's local band director, she provides instrumental lessons to students. Her work was recently highlighted at the Winter Band Concert where students performed pieces, they had worked on for the first several months of the school year. Her ELO experience has widened her scope of possible and given her an outlet to pass on her passion for music to the community youth.



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The Boys & Girls Club implemented a Youth of the Year program. Students who signed up were instructed on how to write a speech as well as a course in public speaking. Each participant who participated received a gift of \$100 (on top of the experience of speaking in front of an audience). All members who participated said they would take the course again!



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF KENNEBEC VALLEY



The Boys & Girls Clubs of Kennebec Valley put on a show called Dancing with the Staff. The program reached out to Gardiner Area High School students to pay them for experiences that correlated to their career interests and current school work. Internships were paid for: Choreography, Youth Development, Videography, Music/Theater, and Business/Sales (to name a few).





A significant milestone unfolded during our visit to the job fair at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, where one of our students received a job offer with a \$5000 sign-on bonus. Despite their passion for art, this student recognized the need for employment to sustain their artistic pursuits while they work towards establishing a career in the field.





Another notable milestone occurred shortly after the conclusion of our ELO semester when one of our students received acceptance into Central Maine Community College (CMCC). Throughout the semester, this dedicated student diligently researched various college options, potential career paths, and alternative avenues for post-graduation endeavors.



Biddeford Schools

High School & Alternative Pathways Center



Marshwood wants to be able to provide some experience for students unable to get into the Building Trades Program at Sanford Regional Tech Center. We have developed a wonderful partnership with Great Northern Construction Company. They have agreed to provide job shadows, site visits/field trips, outside experts, guest speakers and mentors. Additionally, we are working with them to develop curriculum focused on soft skills needed for today's workforce, remodeling fundamentals and some hard skills necessary for carpenters.



**MARSHWOOD
HAWKS**



Student interested in conservation and marine biology. ELO experience consisted of volunteerism and project based learning with the Center for Wildlife, Seacoast Science Center, UNH Extension-Sea Grant. Student wanted to gain as much scientific inquiry based experience as possible and participated in a series of job shadows at the Center For Wildlife experiencing all aspects of the Center: vet sciences, animal care, data collection and youth programming.



A Sacopee Valley High School senior (2024) is currently job shadowing at Portland Gastroenterology. She is able to view the procedures, such as colonoscopies and endoscopies, after the doctor obtains patient permission for her to be present. She observes through the endoscope and gastroscope viewers to understand how the tools work. This student already earned her CNA certification through Lake Region Vocational Center, and is planning to attend nursing school in the fall.



Portland Gastroenterology CENTER

Innovation & Caring for Digestive Health



Spectrum
Healthcare Partners



A Sacoe Valley High School junior (2025) is currently job shadowing at the Sacoe Veterinary Clinic twice a week. She learns how to prep animals for surgery, observes surgeries including both spays and neuters, and how to care for the animals after surgery. When diagnostic tests are done she is able to look through the microscope and see all of the different microorganisms. She watches and learns during dentals, dental imaging and tooth extractions.



We have a young lady who has a very tough home life. Her dream is to become a tattoo artist. We have been able to create a relationship with a local tattoo artist who is a very solid member of the community. He was an artist long before he became a tattoo artist, so he is a wonderful mentor to this student. He has been instrumental with keeping her in school during some rough patches in her personal life. This relationship is a perfect example of how the right connections can support both the student and the mentor.



TATTOO



Brewer High School

An Innovative Learning Community

We have a young man who wants to explore a career in public safety, specifically as a firefighter. By developing a program through which he is able to be released from his school schedule every day to go to the fire department, he is able to reinforce his choice of careers and it has been reported that the grades in his current classes have improved as his attention to his school work is dramatically better.



Brewer Fire Department

BREWER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brewer High School

An Innovative Learning Community