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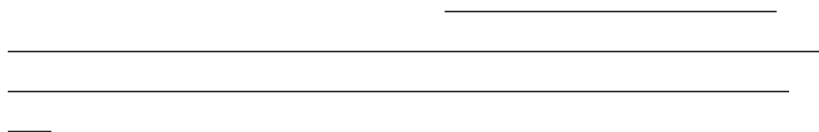


COVER STORY: A MILESTONE FOR GONYEA

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Longtime men's basketball coach Dave Gonyea notched his 500th career win with the Mustangs 91-77 victory over Essex Community College in Concord, NH.

Coach Gonyea was honored for this remarkable



SCHOLARSHIP HELPS TWO STUDENTS AT CMCC

Sarah Pierce and Bailey Pullen are two of 14 Maine community college students to receive a scholarship from MEREDA, the Maine Real Estate & Development Association. The association's goal is to support Maine students as they prepare for careers in areas of study that promote MEREDA's mission of responsible development and ownership of real estate throughout the state.

"MEREDA is a strong supporter of trades and professions associated with real estate and the real estate development industry in Maine, and recognizes how important these professions, that provide good jobs and careers, have been to our state, the economy and the real estate industry," said Gary Vogel of Drummond Woodsum and MEREDA president. "An educated workforce is vital to support economic development. We are pleased to help these deserving students achieve their goals and our members look forward to the contributions they will make to our industry, our state and our economy."

A resident of Greene, Pierce has earned highest

honors at CMCC, where she has worked as a peer tutor in the Math & Science Center. After she earns her business degree in December, Pierce plans to complete the network security/computer forensics program at the college. She hopes to pursue a career as a computer forensics investigator.

Pullen completed the criminal justice program with high honors in May 2017 and has now earned president's honors in the business program. A resident of Canton, she is employed as an accounting assistant at H.E. Callahan Construction. After CMCC, she may pursue a bachelor's degree in accounting and then become a CPA.

For more information on MEREDA go to: <http://mereda.org>. For more information on Maine's Community Colleges go to www.mccs.me.edu.

Photo caption: The two MEREDA scholarship recipients at CMCC, Sarah Pierce, left, and Bailey Pullen, right, are pictured here with Shelly Clark, MEREDA vice president of operations.

PLATZ HOST ARCHITECTURE & CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS AT BATES MILL

Students in the Architectural and Civil Engineering program were recently given a tour of a Bates Mill building by Platz Associates architects Thomas Platz and Gabrielle Russell. Platz has a project underway to renovate a portion of the mill to accommodate the GrandRounds expansion.

Left to Right: Thea Quick, Julien Clement, Archie Ray, Thomas Platz, AIA Architect with Platz Associates, Gabrielle Russell, AIA Architect with Platz Associates, Samuel Owen, Keagon Leighton, Dave Hendrickson, Emelia Laramie, Joel Masikini, Megan Cormier

A gift of nearly \$6,000 from North East Regional Association of Housing Maintenance Supervisors (NERAHMS) to The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges will provide scholarships for CMCC students in building construction technology.

Jonathan Clark, NERAHMS chair and maintenance facilities director for the Westbrook Housing Authority, made the presentation during the closing dinner at the group's annual conference held in September. "We are pleased to support the trades with these scholarship funds," Clark noted.

This is the second gift from NERAHMS to the Foundation. The funds were raised during the organization's annual golf tournament, which is part of the group's annual trade show and conference. For more information: nerahms.org/

The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges is dedicated to ensuring that the state's seven community colleges have the resources they need to provide a high quality and affordable education for Maine people. More information about the Foundation is available at: <https://www.maineccfoundation.org/>.

Photo caption: Jonathan Clark, left, chair of NERAHMS, presents a check to Roger Philippon, dean of planning and public affairs at CMCC.

Students in the Medical Assistant program observed Medical Assisting Week October 21-25 with several events including guest speakers, social media postings, and a pizza-

FAFSA IS A 'PIECE OF CAKE' WITH TRIO

Staff from TRIO and Financial Aid teamed up for the "FAFSA is a Piece of Cake" event on October 2-3, when they assisted students in filing their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for 2020-2021. The federal website opened on October 1, and CM students were among the first to submit their applications for next year. "Applying is very simple for most students, because they are able to renew their application using the IRS data retrieval tool. For most you might say, it was a piece of cake," quipped TRIO Director Terry Charlton, Financial Aid Director John Bowie noted that the numbers of students applying early is really growing. Students who apply early are considered for all types of available aid.

Caption: Donna Alexander, TRIO retention advisor, gets ready to serve up the cake.

MUSTANG PUCKSTERS VOLUNTEER

Several Mustang hockey players helped out recently at a charity hockey game put on by Patriots Hockey. All proceeds from the game went to the Farmington firefighters who were injured in the major explosion last month and to the family of the firefighter who died in the tragedy. A total of \$3881 was raised and the Mustangs sold \$690.00 worth of raffle tickets by themselves.

The Patriots Hockey Association, run by active and former fire, police, EMS and military personnel and their supporters, is a nonprofit organization that organizes events to benefit local charities. Visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Patriots-Hockey-Association-218340122314355/>.

Photo: Left to right are Shawn Sullivan, Ben Feldmen, Jeff Clark, president of Patriots Hockey, Jacob Strout, Trevor Roche and Christine Lee, Patriots Hockey director of communication. Christine also works at CM as a learning and advising specialist.

NURSING HEALTH FAIR

The annual Nursing Health Fair at CMCC was a great event this year, educating students on a wide range of health-related topics, from sleep issues, to smoking and alcohol, to stress related management, and more.

Caption: Second year Nursing student Ben Creznic hands our material and plays a trivia game with interested participants during the fair.

MAKING PROGRAM HISTORY

The Mustang women's soccer team reached the Yankee Small College Conference (YSCC) championship game for the first time ever. A preliminary round 6-1 victory over Vermont Technical College on Oct 20, the first ever home playoff game for the team, put them in the YSCC semifinal game against #1 seed NHTI, who have been unbeaten by a conference opponent since 2015. A 1-0 victory over NHTI in that semifinal matchup - another first in program history - led to a spot in the YSCC championship game against #2 seed SMCC. The 1-0 loss to

Our Associate Dean of Student Services Grimes Williams is becoming quite the campus Facebook sensation with his 'Fridays with Grimes' videos. Shot and edited by Director of Communications

