



The Mission's first Davis Maine Scholars are flanked by Director Christina Griffith (Left) and Journey Program Director Dakin Hewlett (Right).

Davis Maine Scholars Visit Partner Colleges

NORTHEAST HARBOR, ME — The Mission's first Davis Maine Scholar cohort just returned from a 660 mile, four-day road-trip to visit Wheaton College, Clark University, and University of New England in Massachusetts and Southern Maine. The cohort's six scholars traveled with two mentors: Davis Maine Scholarship Director Christina Griffith, and Journey Program Director Dakin Hewlett.

Scholars enjoyed campus tours and information sessions, and time with admissions counselors learning about the application process. At lunch, college students shared stories of their studies and life on campus. Our cohort learned about support resources (i.e. academic tutoring, advising) and enjoyed conversation (and

even a pizza dinner) with each college president.

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The Sunbeam at Front Street Shipyard in Belfast, ME will be hauled out of the water as shown in this earlier refit photo.

***Sunbeam* Out of Water for Annual Physical**

NORTHEAST HARBOR, ME - Each year in October the *Sunbeam* is hauled out of the water for its annual physical. Prior to the *Sunbeam*'s routine major refit in 2019, the October physicals involved rust removal, painting, and equipment updating, such as a new bow thruster (2017).

Sunbeam Director of Island Services Douglas Cornman said the boat "will head to Front Street Shipyard, Belfast on the first good weather day after our Island Services trip the last week of September. "When the *Sunbeam* is out of the water," said, Douglas, "Sharon Daley and I will use other modes of transportation to get around to the islands."

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A Downeast home built on wooden posts susceptible to moisture rot gets a solid foundation thanks to a Housing Barrier Removal Fund grant.

Donor Provides Forty \$10K Housing Grants Downeast

CHERRYFIELD, ME — July of this year marked the end of a remarkable Downeast housing program involving Downeast Community Partners, Mano en Mano, Sunrise Economic Council, The Community Caring Collaborative, and Maine Seacoast Mission. The five nonprofits were tasked with awarding \$10K grants to Downeast residents to use either as down payment on a first home or for rehabilitation on an existing home.

The opportunity for this housing assist to Downeast residents was through an equally remarkable anonymous \$500K donation to “assist with housing issues Downeast,” said Mission Housing Rehabilitation Manager Scott Shaw.

The five nonprofits agreed to turn \$400K into forty housing grants worth \$10K each, while reserving \$100K for administering the Housing Barrier Removal Fund.

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The Mission's New Choice Food Pantry

CHERRYFIELD, ME -- In July 2021 we changed the Mission Family Food Center into a place where our patrons could choose their foods. Our choice pantry offers patrons dignity and cuts down on food wasted. The pantry now has the feel and look of a grocery store complete with signs to showcase available foods.

The feedback is all positive. People tell us, "This is wonderful." "Thank you for doing this, it is amazing." "I feel better about coming to the food pantry." "I don't have to feel bad about throwing food away because now I can get only what I am going to use." "Thank you for having an organic section."

Mission Food Security and Sustainability Programs Coordinator Megan Smith said, "I look forward to coming to work each day knowing this change has made a huge difference in how our patrons view coming to the food pantry. Also, it gives me an opportunity to engage with patrons and get to know them better."

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Stephanie Moores

New Mission Family and Community Resource Coordinator

CHERRYFIELD, ME - The Downeast Campus in Cherryfield has a rich history of supporting youth and families through the EdGE, EdGE Journey, and Downeast Services Programs. When thinking about how to deepen our collaborations across the Downeast Campus, and to expand our whole family engagement supports, it was important to find a passionate, energetic, professional individual with a great sense of humor who could work alongside youth and their families.

We found that person in our new Family and Community Resource Coordinator, Stephanie Moores. Being an EdGE parent with an EdGE family, Stephanie understands how to engage youth and how to support families.

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Mission Island Health Services Assistant Margaret Snell and her favorite Maine place, Isle au Haut.

People & Places - Margaret Snell

NORTHEAST HARBOR, ME — Since 2013, I have served as the Assistant to the Mission's Island Health Services program. I help coordinate Island Health projects including the island eldercare group and annual conference.

I first learned of the Maine Seacoast Mission, and got to know the Sunbeam crew, while I lived as an Island Fellow on Isle au Haut. The Island Fellow program is through the Island Institute. Folks live in the community for 1-2 years and work on community-identified projects. I drafted the town's comprehensive plan.

Isle au Haut remains one of my favorite places in Maine. Just getting to the island is an adventure. And the natural beauty is abundant with mountains, rocky beaches, woods, and a pond. There are plenty of trails to explore. I especially enjoy scrambling along the cliffs.

I am lucky my job with the Mission allows me to stay connected with my island friends.

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