




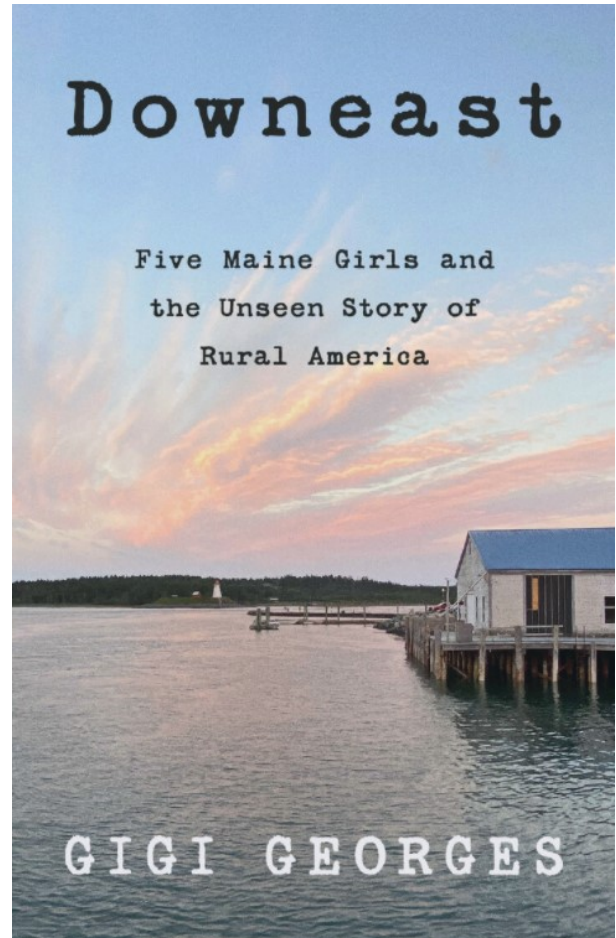
## **Erica Hutchinson joins Mission as Director of Development**

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, the Maine Seacoast Mission will welcome Erica Hutchinson as its new Director of Development. She comes to the Mission with experience in fundraising and relationship management gained at respected Maine institutions. Erica's primary responsibility will be to continue uninterrupted financial support locally, regionally, and nationally for the Mission's vital programs and services.

In January, the Mission's Search Advisory Committee began a ten-week search process and recommended Erica from a diverse pool of highly qualified candidates. She brings a wealth of knowledge gained from the nonprofit sector...



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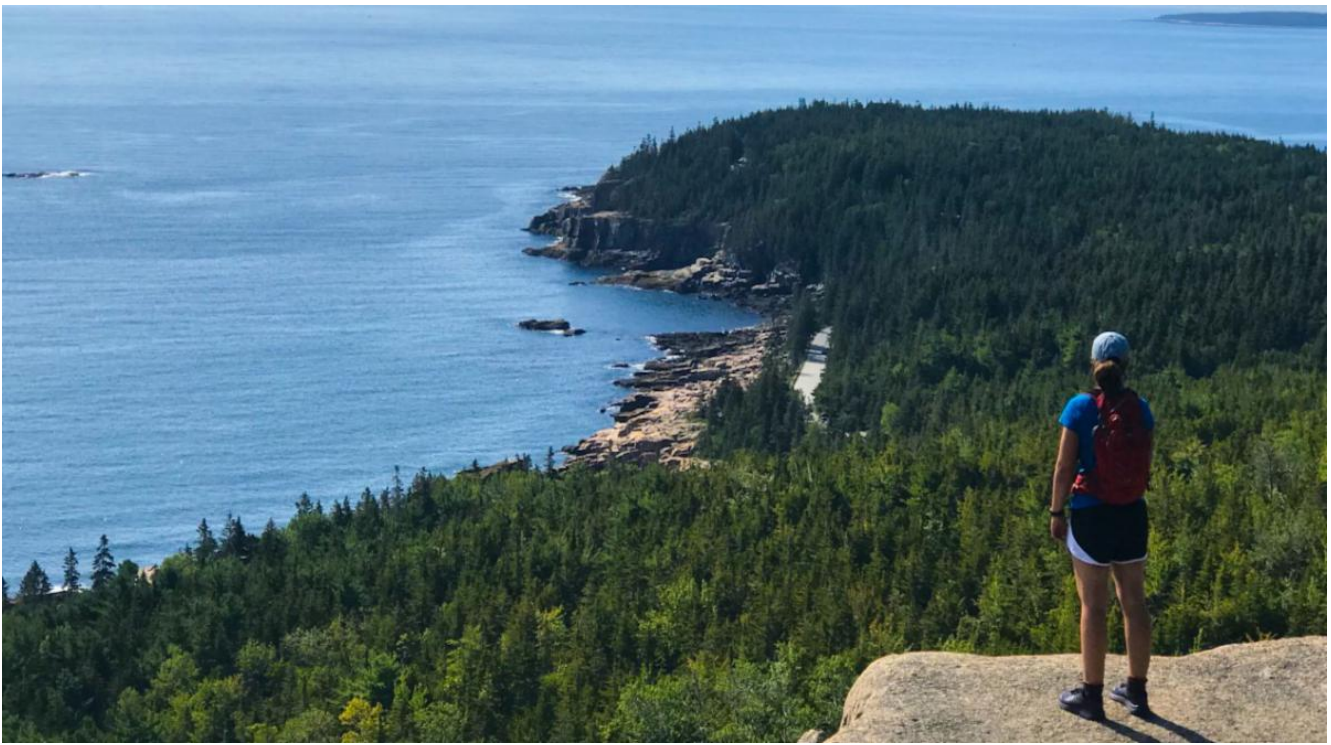


## Downeast Exploration Fund

Nationally-acclaimed author Gigi Georges has created the Downeast Exploration Fund to support rural, Downeast youth. In 2021, Ms. Georges published the non-fiction book, *Downeast: Five Maine Girls and the Unseen Story of Rural America* with publisher Harper Collins.

Following the first edition printing, Ms. Georges expressed interest in establishing a scholarship with Maine Seacoast Mission to honor the continued strength and resilience residing in the young populations of the Downeast region of the state. Beginning in spring 2022, the Fund will provide financial support to eligible applicants who wish to explore their own passions and pursue experiences not otherwise available to them...

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## Announcing the 2022 Mission Scholars!

We are pleased to announce 23 Mission Scholars for the 2022-2023 school year. These new scholarship award recipients hail from Hancock and Washington Counties and will pursue college degree programs from a diverse number of schools. These Mission Scholars join an existing 59 Scholars who renewed their applications for the coming academic year. For the 2022-2023 school year, \$222,000 will be awarded to 82 college students. Since 1918, Maine Seacoast Mission has awarded almost \$3 million in scholarships to support the college and career aspirations of youth in Washington and Hancock counties and select outer islands.

Representing 11 high schools in the Mission's service area, the 2022 Mission Scholars are...

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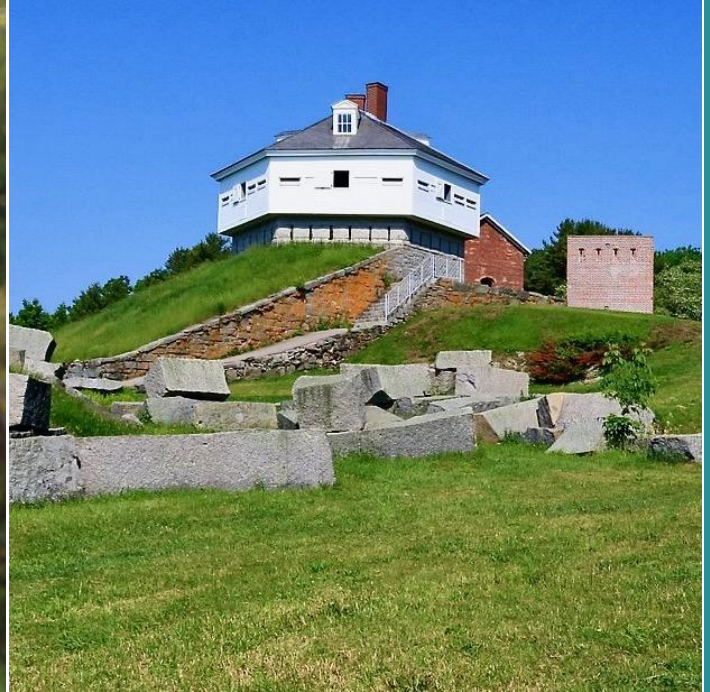
## EdGE Summer Camps at 3 Downeast Locations

Seated at his desk in the Ed and Connie Greaves Education Center, EdGE Director Isaac Marnik builds registration forms for this year's summer camp schedules. "We expect to return to pre-pandemic attendance, so we're opening in full force," he explains. On April 19, Maine Seacoast Mission will open registration for enrollees.

Come summer, EdGE will offer five weeks of camp to students in kindergarten up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Camps will run from June 27 and July 29. "This year, the program is trying something different," Isaac says, "We're excited to offer three locations for EdGE families and students. The intent is to make camps more convenient to get to."

Two existing afterschool partners will host camps, including D.W. Merritt Elementary in Addison and Milbridge Elementary. Maine Seacoast Mission welcomes a new partner through the University of Maine at Machias...

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*Dannie (left) and Fort McClary State Park (right)*

## People & Places - Dannie Daly

MACHIAS, ME - Danielle "Dannie" Daley is a Mission EdGE Site Coordinator. Dannie said, "I was hired by the Mission as a part time staff person for Rose M. Gaffney School in 2013. I had always wanted to work with children. Plus, I earned all my volunteer hours for my high school with a program similar to the Mission. I love bringing new and different activities for the students. It is fulfilling to see students trying different things and learning how much they enjoy new activities."

"My favorite place in Maine is [Fort McClary State Park](#) at Kittery Point. I grew up there. Other than the Fort history, it's a great place for recreation opportunities. It is where I learned bouldering."

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## In the News

The Mission has grabbed over 15 headlines this year. Here are some highlights:

- **April 12** - Downeast Director Dr. Melvin Adams spoke on *Maine Calling* about hunger and food security in Washington County - [LISTEN NOW](#)
- **April 7** - *The Ellsworth American* salutes the nurse volunteers who aided the Mission's Covid-19 vaccination effort - [READ NOW](#)
- **March 27** - *The Mount Desert Islander* promoted the *Downeast* Exploration Fund - [READ NOW](#)
- **March 16** - The Downeast weekly *Coastal Chronicle* took a deep dive into the EdGE program - [READ NOW](#)
- **March 15** - Radio station Star 97.7 FM featured our Housing Rehabilitation program with an interview of Downeast Campus Facilities & Housing Rehabilitation Manager Scott Shaw - [LISTEN NOW](#)

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