



Mission Downeast Project Update

This past summer, Mission staff on the Downeast campus could be seen shuffling boxes and stacking furniture in storage pods. “We’re preparing for the big build,” said Downeast Director Jenny Jones. “Food pantry patrons and community members who frequent our campus are ready for the improved and expanded facilities.”

The first phase of a larger set of planned improvements for the Mission Downeast campus will bring needed capital improvements and new features to the 63-acre property in the heart of Washington County. At the head of campus, a revamped administrative building will feature...

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Frenchboro welcomes teachers, parents, and students from Maine's outer islands

In 2008, a group of teachers from Islesford, Isle au Haut, Matinicus, and Monhegan gathered for a retreat on the Sunbeam. During this time, they discussed the ways in which teaching in one- and two-room schoolhouses could be challenging and isolating, both for teachers and students. So, they decided to start a group, which would later become the Outer Islands Teaching and Learning Collaborative (TLC), where they could meet regularly to offer each other support and get their students together...

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Mission awards \$211,500 in 2023-2024 Scholarships

The Mission is pleased to announce 17 new scholarship award recipients from Hancock and Washington Counties. Representing 10 high schools in the Mission's service area, the 2023 Mission Scholars are:

- Simeon Alley, Washington Academy, Washington County
- Ellie Anderson, Ellsworth High School, Hancock County
- Lydia DeSchiffart, Narraguagus High School, Washington County
- Emmalee Ripley, Narraguagus High School, Washington County
- Makayla Dorr, Narraguagus High School, Washington County
- Emily Fletcher, Machias High School, Washington County
- Matthew Haire, Narraguagus High School, Washington County
- Ayda Holyoke, Bucksport High School, Hancock County
- Anna Li, Calais High School, Washington County
- Caroline Mazgaj, Ellsworth High School, Hancock County
- Daniela Myers, Washington Academy, Washington County
- Madison Napoli, East Grand High School, Washington County
- Addison Nelson, Ellsworth High School, Hancock County
- Mercedes Owen, Calais High School, Washington County
- Braden Richard, Woodland High School, Washington County
- Madison Warnock, Jonesport-Beals High School, Washington County
- Taylor Wiberg, Deer Isle-Stonington High School, Hancock County

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Telehealth and the Changing Face of the Industry

Earlier this month, the Mission and Sharon Daley, retired Director of Island Health, were recognized by the Northeast Telehealth Resource Center (NETRC) for being a pioneer in the telehealth field. In 2001, the Mission became the first organization in Maine to implement this emerging technology to provide care to island residents. Prior to this many residents had to travel long distances and sometimes spend days away from home to receive basic medical care.

While relatively commonplace today, telehealth was only just beginning more than 20 years ago. In 2001, only half of Americans had internet at their home and video conferencing was still in its infancy...

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Davis Maine Scholars take a college road trip

According to research from the Center for First-Generation Student Success, just over half of all college students nationally are first-generation students. But these students often face unique challenges and are less likely to complete their degree than their counterparts. For a select group of first-generation students, the Mission's Davis Maine Scholarship helps take away the biggest barrier to post-secondary education. This year, four students—Brisa from Milbridge, Cadence from Calais, MacKenzie from East Machias, and Riley from Prospect Harbor—will attend one of the Mission's three partner colleges Clark University, the University of New England (UNE), or Wheaton College, on a full, four-year scholarship...

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A new look at the Mission's history

Since its founding in 1905, the Mission has faithfully served the residents of Maine's coast and outer islands. When founded as Maine Sea Coast Missionary Society, its goal was "to sail a sloop...from Kittery Point to Quoddy Head, in all kinds of weather [and]...call on families on isolated islands, visit the lightkeepers and the lifesaving stations."

Over the past eighteen months, the Mission has begun digitizing its historical records and photography...

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Rooted in a history of compassionate service and mutual trust, the Mission seeks to strengthen coastal and island communities by educating youth, supporting families, and promoting good health.

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