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Maine Students Named to 2022 All-Maine Academic Team

AUGUSTA, ME (April 14, 2022) – Fourteen Maine community college students have been named to the 2022 All-Maine Academic Team in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, leadership, and service.

The students receiving the award and a \$500 scholarship from the MCCS Board of Trustees, are:

Miranda Kelly, Camden, Central Maine Community College in Auburn;

Kenzie Langley, Lewiston, Central Maine Community College;

Emily Schmidt, Lewiston, Central Maine Community College;

Victoria Glynn, Blue Hill, Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor;

Ryan Pelkey, Millinocket, Eastern Maine Community College;

Rebecca Peters, Lincoln, Eastern Maine Community College;

Rebecca Book, Caribou, Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle;

Deborah Jean-Francois, Bairdsville, New Brunswick, Northern Maine Community College;

Andrea Atkinson, Portland, Southern Maine Community College in South Portland/Brunswick;

Dominique Hopkins, Biddeford, Southern Maine Community College;

Elizabeth Churchill, Robbinston, Washington County Community College in Calais;

Courtney Kake, Baileyville, Washington County Community College;

Billie Jo Warren, Franklin, Washington County Community College and;

Heidi West, Eliot, York County Community College in Wells.

In addition, Andrea Atkinson (SMCC) and Rebecca Peters (EMCC) have been named Maine New Century Scholars for earning the highest scores in the state on their All-USA Academic Team applications.

Atkinson has been named the 2022 Maine New Century Transfer Pathway See Academic, page 14



Mayor Sheline Emphasizes Importance of Water Quality



LEWISTON, ME (April 22, 2022) -- Mayor Carl L. Sheline today recognized the importance of Earth Day, noting that it is more important than ever to protect our natural resources.

"Earth Day underscores the necessity and our duty to protect our drinking water," said Mayor Sheline. "We must protect Lake Auburn from changes that will impact our water quality. Lake Auburn is an essential resource for both Lewiston and Auburn residents. Today is an important reminder of how critical clean water is to our health, economy, and future."

The City of Lewiston's concerns about recent Lake Auburn watershed changes highlight the importance of this recognition.

"Lake Auburn is just not any lake. It is the water source for the water we drink, the water our children drink," Mayor Sheline continued. "We have long protected Lake Auburn. However, if we compromise our water quality, Lewiston residents will be financially responsible for a filtration system. With household budgets tight and many on fixed incomes, Lewiston families can't afford a \$40-\$60 million price tag and the annual \$1 million operating costs. The City of Auburn's recent ordinance changes will negatively impact our lake's water quality and will significantly increase our water costs."

Earth Day is observed by more than a billion people every year "as a day of action to change human behavior and create global, national and local policy changes."

City of Lewiston Seeks New LYAC Members

LEWISTON, ME (March 29, 2022) -- The City of Lewiston is seeking new members for the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council's (LYAC) July 2022 – July 2023 year of service.

The LYAC enables youth to undertake initiatives/projects that enhance the community, work towards goals to empower youth community-wide, and to serve as a liaison between youth and the City. The charter group, established by the Lewiston City Council in 2001, first met in September 2002, and LYAC has since received local, state, and national recognition. Those interested in serving for the 2022-2023 term may apply online at www. lewistonmaine.gov/lyac22-23, and the deadline for submission is May 13, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. Copies of the application can also be printed from the web link & mailed to the Lewiston City Administrator's Office, 27 Pine Street, Lewiston, ME 04240. To be considered for membership on the LYAC, an applicant must be in grade 9-12 (or will be in the fall) at either Lewiston High School or St. Dominic Academy OR a Lewiston resident at the time of application. Homeschooled students who reside in Lewiston are also welcome to apply for membership. Current members may also re-apply for another year of service.

Mayor Carl Sheline looks forward to additional youth seeking ways to become engaged within the community, "LYAC provides our city a needed perspective from those who will be most affected tomorrow by the decisions that we make today."

The youth council has been actively engaged since 2002, the latest effort being a naming contest for Lewiston's newest athletic park, Mike McGraw Park. The current group also facilitated a job fair at the Lewiston Armory and partnered with Museum LA for a community giving/cultural event during the holidays. The current group will also be participating in the April 16, 2022, "Litter Pick-Up Day" in partnership with the Lewiston Public Works Department and is currently planning for a July "Celebrating Lewiston" event to highlight various positives in Lewiston. Other examples of LYAC's work are social media videos to address isolation and mental health concerns during the COVID19 pandemic; a "Light in the Dark" photo/narrative exhibit to remind people they were not alone during the COVID See LYAC, page 14

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Newsmakers, Names & Faces HEY HANDSOME Opens this First Friday Art Walk

PORTLAND, ME (April 22, 2022) -- HEY HANDSOME! Yeah, you! Do we have an exhibition in store for you! Maine Craft Portland, a Shop Maine Craft retail gallery, proudly presents a group

show of unique leather the work of 20 craft artists jackets, belts, jewelry and accessories for the rugged, the masculine, and anyone seeking to look their handsomest this summer and beyond! This twomonth-long show includes

catapulting us into a new paradigm of wearables, locally designed and created.

A fun silver lining of the pandemic has been the opportunity to witness the shift of wardrobes from

traditional business casual to a more casual style filled to the brim with unique, personal expression. The ability to work from home allowed many people of all genders to find and experience the freedom to

experiment in the creation of their own personal style with a new flare, often through more sustainable means.

What: HEY HAND-SOME! A Show of Rugged Attire & Accessories

When: May 6 - June 26, 2022

Where: Maine Craft Portland, 521 Congress Street, Portland, ME

Opening Reception: May 6, 2022 5-8 PM with musical guest Bass Electrix

MSMT Amazing Technicolor Yard Sale Seeks to Dazzle

BRUNSWICK, ME (April 20, 2022) -- "This is a yard sale like no other you have been to!" enthuses, MSMT Artistic Director Curt Dale Clark. "It is huge and filled with all sorts of exciting things. It really offers a kaleidoscope of riches!"

As its name (a reference to MSMT's 2nd main stage show) implies, MS-MT's Amazing Technicolor Yard Sale, scheduled for Saturday April 30 (free admission) from 9 AM - 2PM, is slated to offer treasure seekers and bargain hunters an array of preowned objects for sale to benefit the theatre's Revival Fund as MSMT prepares to return to the Pickard Theater in June. The entire proceeds from the all-volunteer event – a first-time effort for MSMT – will help the theatre produce their first full season since 2019. "The idea for the sale

was born of a wish to do more financially for MSMT after two such difficult years," says David Mosley, who together with Deborah Peet have chaired the project. "While neither of us had more dollars to donate, we could give of our time. It snowballed from there." The committee, which also

included Bunny Andrews, Margy Burroughs, Sue Fitzgerald, Andy Masland, Sheila Wiken, and Edie Kilgour, representing MS-MT's Angels who will help staff the event, has spent innumerable hours for the past three months, collecting, curating, pricing, and organizing the donations for the sale.

For Mosley, the joy of all this work has not only been in benefiting the Revival Fund, but also having "the opportunity to engage with our community about MSMT." He cites as one of his favorite conversations this quote from

an MSMT patron, "We are helping you because you are helping yourselves. It is so apparent," Mosely continues," that there are so many people who wish to help an organization they care so much about."

The event will take place at MSMT's 22 Elm Street facilities where five large rooms are filled to the brim with furniture, rugs, sports equipment, electronics, home and holiday décor, china, glassware, fine art, antiques, and vintage objects. "There is something for everyone," Peet opines, "and we look forward to seeing everyone there'

A special Preview Night on April 28, 2022 from 5 PM -7:30 PM (\$20 admission), will allow customers an opportunity to purchase goods before the official sale officially opens on Saturday. And if shopping whets the appetite, Chef (and MSMT actor) John Edmonds will be serving homemade clam, seafood, and specialty chowders for purchase at the event with proceeds benefiting MSMT.

Clark hopes the sale will be just the first of a series of events and productions that "say to the

community and to the world 'MSMT is back celebrating live musical theatre in all its colorful splendor.""

For more information, or to buy tickets to MSMT's 2022 season, visit msmt. org /yard-sale or call 207-725-8769.

Details:

MSMT's Amazing Technicolor Yard Sale (free admission) Saturday April 30; 9 AM - 2 PM; 22 Elm Street, Brunswick, Maine 04011

Preview Night (\$20 admission); April 28, 2022; 5 PM -7:30 PM; 22 Elm Street, Brunswick, Maine 04011

Pottery Tour Celebrates Maine's Unique Pottery and its Artists

MAINE (April 22, 2022) -- Springtime in Maine can mean daffodils or snow, and sometimes both, but the first weekend in May has meant the Maine Pottery Tour for a decade. The 10th annual Maine Pottery Tour welcomes visitors on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1, 2022. The self-guided Tour is an opportunity to enjoy spring in Vacationland and the hospitality of local potters in their studios. Eagerly anticipated by all who enjoy handmade pottery, as well as anyone looking for a special and unique Mother's Day gift.

Nearly 60 pottery studios around the state are organized into 4 regions, allowing several studios to be visited in a single outing. It's a fun chance

tery and other handmade goods. Interactive maps of each region are available at MainePotteryTour.org.

About the Tour

The tour's goal is to make people aware of the potters in the state and to cultivate an appreciation and affection for handmade pots. Because of the tour, eating, drinking, and serving from one-of-akind plates, mugs, bowls, pitchers, platters and casseroles has become standard practice for large numbers of people. Once you drink morning coffee from a handmade mug, a production cup seems lackluster. Pots are uniquely intimate. What other art form do you raise to your lips, cradle in your hands, and trust with your food?

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sculpt, make tiles, vases, planters and other visual treats

It's amazing what a lump of clay can do, in the right hands.

Funded in part by a grant from the Maine Arts Commission, an independent state agency supported by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Portland Area: Adrian King Pottery (Portland); Bentley Pottery (Portland); Heather Abt (Portland); Peeper Pond Studio (Scarborough); Portland Pottery (Portland); Tall Pines Pottery (Westbrook).

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Franco-American Genealogy | Museum L-A to Expand

AUBURN, ME (April 19, 2022) -- Want to learn more about Franco-American History and Culture? Have you ever wondered what an archivist does?

If so, this talk is for you. Please join us at the Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society's Spring General Meeting on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at the Auburn Public Library at 10:00am. We will begin with a brief business meeting followed by refreshments and Anna Faherty's presentation from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Featured guest speaker Anna Faherty, archivist of the Franco-American Collection at the University of Southern Maine (Lewiston-Auburn College), will give a power-point presentation about her work as well as the physical and digital resources available at the Collection.

She will provide illustrations and speak about the items in the collection which vary in format from photos and scrapbooks to letters, and even clothing. Anna will also include the different themes and subjects represented in the Collection, such as snowshoeing, school, French language and newspapers,



Anna Faherty, guest speaker. religion, and more.

Anna will explain how to access both the Franco Collection's podcast "Franco-American Pathways" and the Franco-American Digital Archive which is an online database created by multiple Franco cultural heritage institutions.

Anna is a graduate of Simmons University with a dual Master's degree in History and Archives Management. Before working at the Franco-American Collection, she worked at Fort Ticonderoga, an 18th Century Military site, integral in the French and Indian Wars (also known as the Seven Years War) and the American Revolutionary War. Anna's historical background is in labor and immigration in the United States from the 19th to the early 20th century.

Save the date for this fun and interesting event.

Please go to www. auburnpubliclibrary.org for parking information.

Society Holds Spring Meeting Public Hours of Operation



LEWISTON, ME (April 21, 2022) — With the excitement of spring in the air, Museum L-A is happy to announce that we are expanding our public hours beginning this week. The Museum will now be open Wednesday through Saturday, from 10am to 4pm. The Museum will be closed on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday but will continue to be available on those days by appointment.

Executive Director Rachel Ferrante shared. "We hope that this change will make the museum more accessible to our local community and tourists and will encourage increased interaction with the history of the region."

Museum L-A's current gallery exhibit, The Industrial Heart: Enterprise, Innovation, and Creativity, is on view through the end of the year.

Follow the Museum on social media and visit www.museumla.org to learn more and stay up to date on events and programming at the museum. The museum is located at 35 Canal Street in Lewiston.









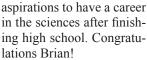
(April 15, 2022) --RSU 16 Adult Education student, Brian Surette, was recognized today as the Tri-Town Optimist Club Student of the Month for April. Brian is described as charming and personable, with a quick wit and a friendly disposition that spills over to others. He is persistent, self-motivated and a great independent scholar with

Pictured L-R: Brian Surette with Adult Education Teacher, Sue Lasselle

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Auburn Girl Scout Troop 5043 Holds Cookie Drive-Thru

AUBURN, ME (April 14, 2022) – On April 10, Michelle Gosselin Ervin of Fontaine Family sponsored a Girl Scout Cookie Drive Thru Booth

for Auburn Troop 5043. The Girl Scouts sold over 250 boxes of cookies and collected over 100 boxes of donations for Frontline Workers!



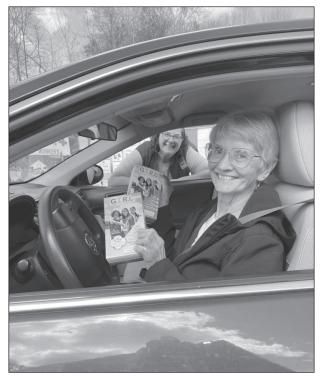
Cookie Props on Center Street; left to right: Tamra Lambert, Clara and Katie Kauffman, Jamie Ribisi-Braley, Bella Lambert, Evelyn Irish, Ellie Kaufmann. Photo by Michelle Gosselin Ervin.



Crystal Bergeron and Troop Leader Jamie Ribisi-Braley. Photo by Michelle Gosselin Ervin.



Danielle Fortin Garneau and Michelle Gosselin Ervin. Photo by Michelle Gosselin Ervin.



Mona Ervin with Troop Leader Jamie Ribisi-Braley. Photo by Michelle Gosselin Ervin.

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Tim Ervin, Marlene & Tom Jolicoeur and Wicki who was all smiles too. Photo by Michelle Gosselin Ervin.



Dea Logan and Troop Leader Jamie Ribisi-Braley. Photo by Michelle Gosselin Ervin.

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Pelletier to Receive Honorary Degree from Husson University

BANGOR, MAINE (March 25, 2022) - Husson University will hold its 2022 Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor, starting at 10:30 a.m. During the ceremony, Husson University will pay special tribute to Saundra Pelletier, the chief executive officer (CEO), president, and executive director of Evofem Biosciences (Nasdaq: EVFM) of San Diego, California.

"Saundra is a role model, who continues to exemplify Husson values in her successful career," said Robert A. Clark, PhD, CFA, president of Husson University. "Originally from Caribou, Maine and now living on the West Coast, she's an outspoken champion for reliable and sustainable healthcare access for women and girls. Saundra has set a new standard for our graduates who can look to her as a source of successful inspiration. From her humble beginnings, Saundra continues who blends substance and mother, daughter, breast to achieve success through hard work and persistence. Her record of developing and delivering innovative women's reproductive health products makes her accomplishments more than deserving of this honor "

Assisting with the hooding of the honorary degree recipient will be John Rohman, chair of the Husson University Board of Trustees. "Bestowing an honorary degree on Saundra is certainly fitting. It's the highest honor Husson University can bestow," said Rohman. "In addition to serving on the University's Board of Trustees from 2013 - 2016, she has endowed a scholarship for deserving female students from Aroostook County, where she grew up. She's also the author of Saddle Up Your Own White Horse, a motivational book designed to help women. Saundra is clearly an unforgettable force of energy

excitement with straight talk and refreshing opinions."

Pelletier attended and graduated from Caribou High School. After graduating, she attended the New England School of Communications. She later attended Husson College and earned her degree in business.

"Husson provided the nurturing and safe environment that allowed me to test different ideas and thoughts," Pelletier said. "Husson faculty offered the right mixture of mind-expanding education and perspectives with the encouragement to use those learnings to better myself and topple the boundaries I've encountered since graduating. I look forward to returning to my alma mater to meet the graduates and celebrate their achievements with them, as another class of Eagles goes out to better our world."

Pelletier is a single

cancer conqueror, CEO, and true trailblazer. As one of the most dynamic women in today's biotech industry, she leads Evofem Biosciences, a company revolutionizing women's healthcare with game-changing products meeting the unmet needs of women. Under her leadership, Evofem launched Phexxi, the first and only FDA-approved, non-hormonal, on-demand birth control, and she is spearheading the development of innovative science to prevent the most common sexually transmitted infections diagnosed in the United States.

Her leadership is responsible for the company's rapid growth and evolution, including Evofem's transition to the public market in January 2018, and multiple equity financing rounds that have raised more than \$500 million.

Previously, Pelletier founded WCG Cares, a global non-profit that created sustainable supply chains and delivered women's reproductive health products in more than 100 countries. Saundra is a director at TRACON Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and she is also a director at The Center for Community Solutions, a non-profit organization focused on ending domestic violence.

Ms. Pelletier was diagnosed with late-stage breast cancer in July 2018 and continued running Evofem while undergoing multiple surgeries and intensive chemotherapy. In addition to her roles as CEO and single mother of a 14-year-old son, she is also active in her community through such organizations as Padres Pedal the Cause.

Pelletier will receive her honorary degree as part of Husson University's 123rd Annual Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at the Cross Insurance Center. The Cross Insurance Center is located at 515 Main Street in Bangor, Maine. For more than 120 years, Husson Universitv has shown its adaptability and strength in delivering educational programs that prepare future leaders to handle the challenges of tomorrow through innovative undergraduate and graduate degrees. With a commitment to delivering affordable classroom, online and experiential learning opportunities, Husson University has come to represent a superior value in higher education. The hallmarks of a Husson education include advanced knowledge delivered through quality educational programs. According to a recent analysis of tuition and fees by U.S. News & World Report, Husson University is one of the most affordable private colleges in New England. For more information about educational opportunities that can lead to personal and professional success, visit Husson.edu.

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MAINE, STATE-WIDE (April 22, 2022)— New Ventures Maine has announced tuition-free online workshops and classes for May that are designed to help people in Maine gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to start a business, build a career, and manage money.

The full class schedule with offerings for May 2022 and beyond is accessible at bit.ly/NVMEClasses.

Classes include:

Grow Your Business Online: Self-paced; complete by May 31, 2022. Gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to create a compelling web presence & website for your small business.

Making Career Choices: Tuesday, May 3, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Ready for a career change but don't know where to start? This workshop will point you in the right direction. We will cover what to consider when making a career choice and resources to help you succeed. (Also offered May 25, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.)

Managing Your Money Classes: Tuesdays, May 3 -17, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Learn to budget, repair your credit, and create a savings plan. Join us for one, two, or all three classes. May 3: Budgeting Basics; May 10: Let's Talk About Credit; May 17: Build Your Savings.

Connecting Women to Construction Careers: Wednesday, May 4, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. This 90-minute virtual session is designed for women and underrepresented workers to explore high-wage careers within the construction trades as well as low-cost or no-cost training programs and job opportunities.

Introduction to Self-Employment: Thursday, May 5, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Is self-employment the right choice for you? The class covers the pros and cons of owning your own business, steps needed for start-up, major elements of a business plan, and resources to help you succeed. (Also offered June 1, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.)

Building Confidence: Wednesdays, May 11-25, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Whether you are navigating recent changes, looking for a job, starting a business, or simply want to be more confident, join this class to assess your confidence and learn concrete tools to help you build your confidence and keep it strong.

Business Basics: Wednesdays, May 11 - 25, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. This class covers the basics of a business plan, marketing, and cash planning. It will help you assess the feasibility, desirability, and viability of your business idea and get you started with your plan.

Мy Money Works: Wednesdays, June 1 - 29, 10:00 - 11:00a.m. Gain the skills and confidence you need to stretch your money, pay your bills, reduce debt, find money for savings, plan for retirement, and set financial goals with a

plan to achieve greater financial stability.

My Next Career Move: Self-paced; enroll by June 1, complete by August 31, 2022. Assess your skills, interests, and experiences and relate them to career options. Identify high-growth

job fields, explore education and training options. Strengthen your resume for a targeted job search.

For the full schedule of classes and to sign up, visit bit.ly/NVMEClasses or call toll-free in Maine: 800-442-2092.



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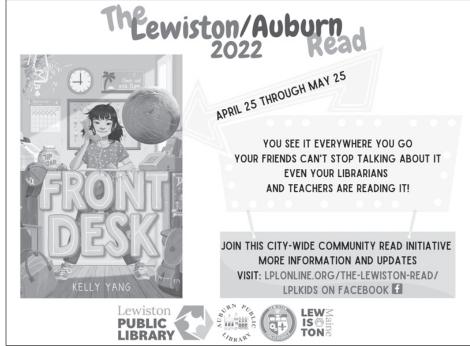
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Lewiston/Auburn Community Read: Front Desk



LEWISTON/AU-BURN, ME (April 21, 2022) -- The Lewiston and Auburn Public Libraries will be hosting programs and challenges for all ages inspired by this year's community read book for The Lewiston/Auburn Read, Front Desk by Kelly Yang. Print copies of the book are available for checkout at both libraries and at public elementary school libraries. Ebooks and audiobooks are also available on the #TheAuburnRead between

statewide CloudLibrary app for those with library cards. Participants are encouraged to post selfies reading the book on social media accounts with #TheLewistonRead and/or April 25th and May 25th. Make sure to watch the interview with author Kelly Yang by Lewiston Children's Librarian, Sara Turner on the Lewiston Public Library's YouTube page starting April 25th. We discuss moments from the book that happened to her in real life, what it was like to immigrate to America as a child, and her thoughts on book banning. She also gives advice to kids struggling with discrimination and bullying and to all of our aspiring young writers! At the Lewiston Pub-

lic Library, join us for a Jasmine Tea Party and Book Discussion on Tuesday, May 10th at 4:00PM. All ages are welcome to come and talk about their favorite moments in Front Desk while enjoying some decaf Jasmine tea.

On Saturday, May 14th at 11:00AM all participants are invited to The Art of Letter Writing. Come and write a letter to a person or an organization; like a family member, a friend, or for a cause you care about. Everyone will receive one free postage to mail their letter.

Both libraries will be hosting a virtual Front Desk Trivia Night using Kahoot! on Wednesday, May 18th at 4:30PM. The winners will receive a free signed copy of Front Desk by Kelly Yang. For the zoom link and passcode please email LPLKids@lewistonmaine. gov.

At the Auburn Public Library, join us for a Tea Party and Book Discussion on Wednesday, May 25th at 4:00PM. All ages are welcome to come and talk about their favorite moments in Front Desk.

For updates on programs in Lewiston related to the Lewiston/Auburn Read visit: lplonline.org/ the-lewiston-read/ and like the Children's Department Facebook page at LPLKids. For more information contact the Lewiston Public Library Children's Department at 513-3133 or LPLKids@lewistonmaine. gov. The Lewiston Public Library is located downtown at 200 Lisbon Street at the corner of Pine Street.

For updates on programs in Auburn related to the Lewiston/Auburn Read, visit the online monthly calendar eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/A/ AUBURNME/EKP.cfm?zeeOrg=AUBURNME and like the

Auburn Public Library Advocates Facebook Page. For more information, contact the Auburn Public Library Children's Department at 333-6640 extension 3. The Auburn Public Library is located at 49 Spring Street Auburn, Maine.

Follow Me Down to the Garden at Auburn Public Library

AUBURN, ME (April 21, 2022) -- Want a garden but have lots of questions? Join UMO Cooperative Extension Master Gardener Christine Conlogue for some simple steps for you to be creative in growing your own veggies. Topics will include soil amending, optimizing

your garden space, tailoring your crop to you and your family's favorites, pest control, when to plant, when to harvest and preserving suggestions.

This program will take place in the Androscoggin Community Room, and registration is required. To register, visit the Events

page of our website, www. auburnpubliclibrary,org, email dwallace@auburnpubliclibrary.org, or contact the Reference Desk at 207-333-6640, ext. 4.

For more information on this or other upcoming programs offered by the Auburn Public Library, visit our website, our Facebook

page (Auburn Public Library Advocates), or contact the Reference Desk (as above) via phone or email. When: Wednesday,

May 4, 2022; 4-5 p.m. Where: Auburn Public Library, Androscoggin

Community Room Contact: Donna Wallace, 333-6640, ext. 4

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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DOD Announces STEP FORWARD Campaign

Press Release by the **US Department of Defense** (April 11, 2022) -- As part of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM), the Department of Defense (DOD) launches its STEP FORWARD campaign. This year's theme, "STEP FOR-WARD. Prevent. Report. Advocate," is a call to action for everyone in the Department to do their part to prevent sexual assault and encourage greater assistance

seeking. Commemorated every April by both civilian and military communities, DOD observes Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month to emphasize the link between military readiness and healthy unit climate. Over a decade of research demonstrates that sexual assault occurs less often in units where members support and respect each other. Data further shows that sticking up for someone who is being hazed, bullied, harassed or abused sends a strong message that helps improve climates.

"We are all very different people that come together in the service of our country. The STEP FORWARD campaign recognizes that each of us in the military community can take action to make our units safer," said Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office Acting Director Dr. Nate Galbreath. "Prevention starts with recognizing that our day to day interactions, when respectful, can snowball into making the military a great place to work and live."

Elizabeth Foster, Executive Director, Office of

Force Resiliency said, "We are laser focused on change that benefits our people and our military's effectiveness. The destructive impact of a sexual assault is felt at the individual level and beyond, and threatens the readiness of our troops. I ask every member of our DOD community to support the STEP FOR-WARD campaign. Make it your business to encourage acts that help prevent sexual assault, increase reporting, and advocate for a safer, respectful workplace. Our mission demands it."

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Press Release by SAAM

(April 1, 2022) --April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), a time to draw attention to the prevalence of sexual assault and educate individuals and communities about how to prevent it.

Sexual harassment, abuse, and assault are widespread problems. In the United States alone, nearly one in five women and one in 67 men have been raped at some time in their lives (Smith et al., 2017), and

in twenty boys is sexually abused by the age of 17 (Finkelhor et al., 2014).

Sexual harassment, assault, and abuse can happen anywhere, including in online spaces. Now more than ever, screens and technology connect us with others — but for too long, harassment, cyberbullying, and sexual abuse have been seen as unavoidable behaviors online. Each of us has the power to change that.

Together, we can make a difference to build

one in four girls and one inclusive, safe, and respectful communities that thrive online and offline.

> 2022 marks the twenty-first anniversary of SAAM, and the theme of this year's campaign is "Building Safe Online Spaces Together." We can build online communities free from sexual harassment, abuse, and assault by practicing digital consent, intervening when we see harmful behaviors, and promoting online communities that value inclusion, safety, and respect.

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month | NSVRC Shares the Importance of Safe Online Spaces

Press Release by National Sexual Violence **Resource Center**

HARRISBURG, PA (March 30, 2022) – The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) commemorates the start of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in April with their 'Building Safe Online Spaces Together' campaign to highlight the role that each of us can play in creating safe, respectful and equitable online communities. For too long, harassment, cyberbullying and exploitation have been seen as inevitable behaviors online. During this month-long campaign, NSVRC is making it clear that everyone can practice consent, intervene when we see harmful behaviors and promote safety and respect — both online and offline

NSVRC encourages individuals and communities to show their support for survivors of sexual harassment and abuse by wearing teal — the color of sexual violence prevention - on April 5th and posting a selfie to Twitter or Instagram using #SAAM2022. By wearing teal, you're signaling that you support survivors and are a safe person to talk to if they need to reach out.

"We know that we can build online communities that value safety and respect, and where everyone feels included," said Yolanda Edrington, Executive Director of NSVRC. "Practicing digital consent and intervening when we see harmful behaviors are key skills that anyone can use online or offline to build safer spaces."

The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence, educate communities on how to prevent it and bolster prevention efforts throughout the year. Free online campaign materials include resources on understanding online sexual abuse, supporting survivors, building safe online communities, practicing digital consent, keeping kids safe online and taking action to intervene. NSVRC has also developed virtual event templates to help individuals and organizations host their own online events.

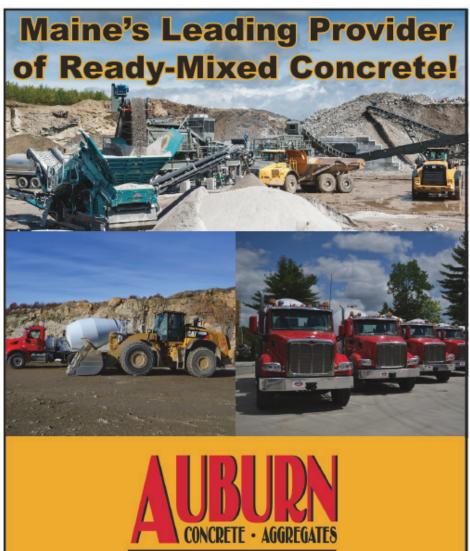
"Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an opportunity to educate about how each of us can prevent sexual harassment, assault and abuse," said Laura Palumbo, Communications Director at NSVRC. "Sexual harassment online doesn't have to be inevitable. The 'Building Safe Online Spaces Together' campaign gives clear examples of how we can connect online and offline in safe, respectful ways."

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NSVRC Recognizes Leaders in Sexual Violence Prevention

Press Release by SOURCE National Sexual Violence Resource Center

HARRISBURG, PA (April 19, 2022) PRNewswire -- The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) announced today 29 recipients of its 2022 Visionary Voice Awards. These honorees represent a wide range of disciplines from across the country and were selected for their outstanding work toward preventing sexual harassment, misconduct and abuse.

This year's recipients include Connecticut State Representative Liz Linehan, who used her position to increase the prevention of child sexual abuse; Maine Transgender Network, Maine's only transgender-led and focused community organization; Iowa Senator Janet Petersen, who has introduced critical legislation to eliminate the civil statute of limitations for sexual abuse; MayTong Chang, a leader in addressing violence within and against the Hmong community in Minnesota; and Luz Márquez-Benbow, a survivor leader who has worked for more than 20 years creating strategies to prevent violence.

"We're so honored to recognize these remarkable individuals and groups who are committed to creating a safer world for everyone," said NSVRC Executive Director Yolanda Edrington. "Each of this year's honorees personifies what it means to be a visionary voice through their service to survivors and their communities."

The Visionary Voice Awards are presented annually by NSVRC, the leading nonprofit in providing information and tools to prevent and respond to sexual violence, in conjunction with Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). SAAM is a national campaign held each April to raise awareness about preventing sexual violence. This year's SAAM theme, "Building Safe Online Spaces Together," highlights how each of us can create online spaces that value respect, inclusion and safety.

ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Since 2001, NSVRC has coordinated the national Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign every April. This year's theme is "Building Safe Online Spaces Together." Join the campaign by accessing free resources at nsvrc.org/ saam. Resources are available in Spanish at nsvrc. org/es/saam.

ABOUT NSVRC

NSVRC is the leading nonprofit in providing information and tools to prevent and respond to sexual violence. NSVRC translates research and trends into best practices that help individuals, communities and service providers achieve real and lasting change. The center also works with the media to promote informed reporting. Every April, NS-VRC leads Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), a campaign to educate and engage the public in addressing this widespread issue. NSVRC is also one of the three founding organizations of RALIANCE, a national, collaborative initiative dedicated to ending sexual violence in one generation.





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Data Reveals High Awareness on What Constitutes Sexual Assault

Press Release by National Sexual Violence Resource Center

ENOLA, PA (April 3, 2017) — As Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) kicks off. new research conducted by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center in partnership with YouGov reveals a strong level of awareness about what acts constitute sexual violence or assault among U.S. adults. Despite higher levels of awareness, men and young adults show lower levels of awareness across all categories of assault, underscoring the need for broader education and awareness around sexual violence.

Among the listed categories of sexual assault, a majority recognize acts such as sexual intercourse without a partner's consent (84%); unwanted touching, groping or fondling (83%); sex trafficking (77%); internet activities such as child pornography (77%); incest (78%) and masturbation (74%) as sexual assault.

Despite high aware-

ness for most categories, adults are less likely to view voyeurism and verbal harassment as assault (64%) say "watching someone in a private act without their knowledge or permission" is assault, while 54% say "unwanted verbal remarks that are provocative or unsolicited" is assault). Awareness of verbal harassment is particularly low among men and younger adults; less than half view it as assault (48% of men and 46% of 18-34-year-olds).

These gender and age-group differences emerge across all types of sexual assault. Within each category, 18-34-year-olds are less likely than older adults, and men are less likely than women, to view an action as sexual assault. The gap in awareness between men and women is largest for voyeurism, sexual coercion and verbal harassment: 56% of men vs. 72% of women say "watching someone in a private act without their knowledge or permission" is assault; 67% of men vs. 79% of women say "sexual

intercourse where one of the partners is pressured to give their consent" is assault; And 48% of men vs. 60% of women say "unwanted verbal remarks that are provocative or unsolicited" is assault.

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center's (NSVRC) annual SAAM campaign will demonstrate how all individuals and communities have a role to play in preventing sexual assault. This year's theme, "Engaging New Voices," is aimed at increasing engagement from faith leaders, parents, members of Greek life, coaches, men and the general public to combat this widespread public health issue. Nearly one in five women in the United States have experienced rape or attempted rape in their lives, and one in 71 men have experienced rape or attempted rape.

"Sexual Assault Awareness Month is an opportunity to broaden the national conversation on sexual violence through engaging new voices, and we are heartened our survey reveals high levels of awareness around the serious and widespread problem of sexual assault," said Delilah Rumburg, CEO, NSVRC. "However, the survey also pinpoints where our efforts must expand, namely among young adults and men, to foster an inclusive and productive conversation on sexual violence that will lead to better education, prevention efforts and outcomes."

"Broadening the national conversation on sexual violence helps to build a culture of respect, foster healthy relationships, support survivors and prevent sexual violence in every community," said Laura Palumbo, Communications Director, NSVRC. "Adults of all ages should be able to identify sexual assault in its many forms, whether verbal assault, intercourse where one partner does not give consent, or unwanted touching, such as groping or fondling. The greater the awareness, the more likely individuals will be empowered to engage as

bystanders and intervene to prevent sexual assault before or during an act."

SAAM will be observed in communities around the country through the Day of Action on Tuesday, April 4. This nationally recognized day provides an opportunity for advocates to engage with their communities and kick off SAAM events that are planned throughout April. *ABOUT THE RE-*

SEARCH NSVRC conducted the research on sexual as-

sault awareness in partnership with YouGov through its online omnibus survey. The survey was fielded to 1,221 U.S. adults between March 14 and March 15, 2017. Figures have been weighted and are representative of all US adults (18+)

ABOUT THE CAM-PAIGN

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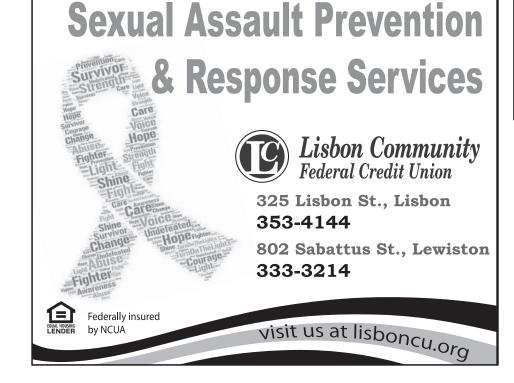




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AUBURN, ME (March 21, 2022) -- In partnership with Salt and

Light Ministries, the Court Street Baptist Church, 129 Court Street, Auburn, will

present Christian recording artist, composer, author, and speaker Noah Cleveland in concert at 6:pm Sunday, May 1st.

Cleveland, who hails from Atlanta, Georgia, is best known musically for "My Savior Lives" and "Church With No Walls," the latter having become the theme song of the local Christian outreach organization Salt and Light Ministries, founded by Darlene Conant of Auburn. Cleveland's book, Church With No Walls: A 21-Day Challenge, has become a re-See Singer, page 16

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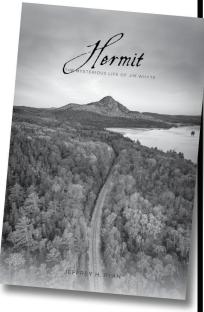
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Free College Launches at Maine's **Community Colleges**

AUGUSTA, ME

(April 21, 2022) – Maine's community colleges are now offering up to two years of tuition-free college to all high school graduates from 2020-23 under the new Free College initiative funded in the supplemental budget signed Wednesday by Governor Janet Mills.

"This is a historic moment for Maine," said Maine Community College System (MCCS) President David Daigler. "There is nothing more important that giving a high school diploma or someone the tools and education they need to pursue their dreams and build a better life. Free College will help those people most in need, and boost our communities and state economy with more skilled workers earning good paychecks."

The supplemental budget includes a one-time \$20 million allocation for free college. To qualify for the Free College Scholarship, students must have equivalent from 2020-23, enroll full-time in an associate degree program or one-year credential, live in Maine while enrolled, and accept all federal and state grants, scholarships and other funding sources.

Free college is "extremely beneficial for Maine students," said student Makenzie Cowles, a human services major at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland. "It allows

people to have more opportunities to grow into a field of work that helps our society. It gives students like myself, who struggle financially, the access to achieve our goals and build successful lives. It also gives us the chance to fully establish ourselves in Maine as participating community members."

Current community college students can qualify for the program as well. Home schooled students and adult learners who earned a GED or Hi-SET also qualify.

"These funds will translate immediately into more young people getting a debt-free, strong start on an education that will benefit them for the rest of their lives," Daigler said.

The Free College Scholarship is offered in addition to multiple other tuition waiver or free college opportunities at Maine's community colleges, such as free early college classes for Maine high school students;

free short-term workforce training programs; and tuition waivers for adult education students, service members or veterans; students from foster care; Native Americans from regional tribes; low-income parents; senior citizens; and children or spouses of Maine public servants killed in the line of duty.

Thursday, April 28, 2022

The average annual cost of tuition and fees at Maine's community colleges is \$3,700.

Website Launched to Help Maine People Claim \$850 Relief Checks

AUGUSTA, ME (April 22, 2022) – On the heels of the Governor signing into law the supplemental budget sending relief to website to assist those who Maine people, the Mills Administration announced today it has launched a

want to claim their \$850 relief payment.

The website – Maine.

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"We want to make sure that every eligible person is able to receive this assistance, and we are hopeful that this website can help accomplish that by answering some of the most common questions Maine people may have," said Governor Janet Mills.

"We have begun the work of getting \$850 checks into the mailbox of every Maine adult who qualifies," said Kirsten Figueroa, Commissioner for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, of which Maine Revenue Services is a division

In the limited instances where someone has not already filed their 2021 Maine individual income tax return, on which eligibility for the \$850 relief check is based, either because they are late in doing so or because their unique financial situation has not typically required them to do so, Maine people have until October 31, 2022 to file this return and claim the

In addition to filing their 2021 Maine individual income tax return by October 31, 2022, those eligible for the \$850 relief payment must file as a fulltime Maine resident, not be claimed as a dependent on another's return, and must have a Federal adjusted gross income (FAGI) of less than:

\$100,000 if filing single or if married and filing separately;

\$150,000 if filing as head of household; or \$200,000 for couples

filing jointly. The relief program,

proposed by the Governor and approved nearly unanimously by the Legislature, is expected to return half of Maine's budget surplus - \$729.3 million - to an estimated 858,000 Maine people grappling with the increased costs as a result of pandemic-driven inflation.

In order to get these funds into Mainers' hands as quickly as possible and allow them to combat rising costs, Maine Revenue Services expects to deliver the first round of relief this spring – and on a rolling basis through the end of the year as tax returns are received

The Mills Administration is additionally encouraging Maine people to carefully examine their eligibility for up to \$1,400 in additional tax relief available per person this filing season, as the result of laws already enacted by Governor Mills and the Legislature specifically aimed at supporting lowand middle-income Maine families through the Homestead Exemption Program, State Property Tax Fairness Credit, Maine Earned Income Tax Credit, and Sales Tax Fairness Credit. Mainers who view Maine.gov/reliefchecks and have additional questions may call Maine Revenue Services at (207) 624-9924.

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LEWISTON -- 1st & 3rd Thursdays from April-June, 4-6pm at the Lewiston Public Library: TEEN TA-BLETOP RPGS. Calling all adventurers and explorers! LPL Teen will be hosting a series of one-shot tabletop roleplaying games, in person in the teen lounge on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month from 4-6pm, from April-June. Supplies will be provided – just bring yourself and your creative mind! Each drop in session will feature a different oneshot tabletop RPG, run by game master Hallie. No previous RPG experience is required. This program is intended for teens ages 13-19. For more information, contact the Adult & Teen Services department at 207-513-3135 or lplreference@lewistonmaine. gov, or go to lplonline.org/ events/teen-tabletop-rpgs/

Ap. 30

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Calendar

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May 10

GORHAM -- 6:30pm Town Council FY 2022-23 Budget Workshop with School Department Council Chambers

May 13

GORHAM -- Gorham, Windham, Westbrook TRIAD'S next meeting will be May 13 at 9 a.m. at the Gorham Police Dept. All are welcome. The guest speaker will be Lynda Adams. She is a Certified Integrative Nutrition Health Coach who helps people become aware and make changes in all areas of their lives (physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually) to improve their overall health. Lynda will guide us to review these areas of our lives and help us come up with ways to make some simple changes that will have long term, lasting positive results.

May 15

BUXTON -- AGE FRIENDLY BUXTON SPRING CLEAN UP DAY MAY 15, 2022, 9-11 AM, RAIN OR SHINE. Help our community and be part of our first annual Buxton Clean-up Day! Our project will begin at 9am at the Buxton Transfer Station. If possible, bring your own trash bag; some will be available. We will then disperse to clean our own neighborhoods, leaving the bags at curbside for the regular pickup day. Sponsored by the newly formed AARP Aging in Buxton

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AUBURN -- The Maine Iris Society announces its upcoming Iris & Spring Flower Show being held on Saturday, June 4th from 130pm to 4pm at the Auburn Middle School, 38 Falcon Dr, Auburn. Admission is free and will feature a sale of Potted Perennials and Potted Iris as well as Bare-Root Iris Rhizomes for \$1 each.

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Scholar and will receive a \$2,250 scholarship.

Peters is the 2022 Maine New Century Workforce Pathway Scholar and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship.

Miranda Kelly was one of only 50 students nationwide name a Coca-Cola Academic Team Gold Scholar and will receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

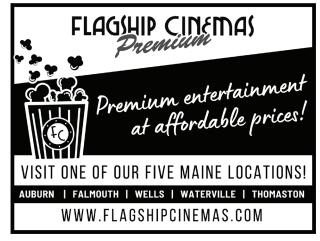
The New Century Pathway Scholarship program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation, The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, the American Association of Community Colleges, and Phi Theta Kappa. Only one New Century Transfer and Workforce Scholar is selected from each state.

The All-Maine Academic Team is a program of Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year colleges. Students are nominated and selected for the team by their college.

LYAC

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public state of emergency; addressing food insecurity with the St. Mary's Nutrition Center; facilitating a Bullyproof Lewiston campaign; developing a U



Booze U Looze underage drinking/driving awareness campaign & filming the video "SMASHED;" posting 1,400 uplifting messages on Lewiston High School lockers; participating in the City's All-America competition/designation; advocating for the posting of numbers on homes/businesses to aid emergency responders; siting an 1891 E. Howard timepiece as a multi-level presence at City Hall, as well as focusing on topics such as Lewiston's image; Lewiston as a food/dining destination; diversity; park revitalization; recycling; homelessness; college going; arts & culture; noise pollution; and much more.

When applications for the 2022-2023 year are received, a Selection Committee, which will include Mayor Sheline, will review all submitted LYAC applications, conduct interviews, and appoint up to fifteen (15) youth.

Going into the new LYAC year, there will be multiple openings, as 10 seniors will be graduating from high school in June, which will conclude their tenure on LYAC.

The committee will make its selection by the last Friday in June, and selected youth will be subsequently notified & then officially appointed during a July 2022 Lewiston City Council meeting.

Orientation will occur in August of 2022. Community Relations Coordinator Dottie Perham-Whittier serves as the group's Advisor, and City Councilor Linda Scott is the current City Council Liaison.

The youth council is annually sponsored by the Lewiston Firefighters Association. For more information on the Lewiston Youth Advisory Council, interested individuals may visit www.lewistonmaine.gov/ lyac Inquiries/questions: 207-513-3018 or dottie@ lewistonmaine.gov

Free Music Concert – May 1, 2022

AUBURN, ME (April 10, 2022) -- Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Auburn will present a free concert of music celebrating the Easter Season and in honor of the Virgin Mary on May 1st at Sacred Heart Church in Auburn. May is traditionally celebrated as the month of Mary, and May 1st is the Third Sunday of Easter. The concert will feature choral meditations, organ solos on the Casavant Opus 2277 Pipe Organ and sing-along devotional hymns.

The Concert is planned at 1:00pm at 24 Sacred Heart Pl, Auburn, ME. Admission is free and open to the Public. FMI contact the parish office at 782-8096





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NASHVILLE SHOW TRIP - JUNE 11-19, 2022 Trip includes 9 days and 8 nights - 14 meals - Grand Ole **Opry Show - Nashville** Nightlife Dinner Theater - Guided tours of Nashville and Belle Meade Historic Site & Winery. Admission to the Grand Ole Opry behind the Scenes Tour. Price is \$1,025. per person double occupancy with a \$75.00 deposit due

upon signing.

MACKINAC IS-LAND-SEPTEMBER 10 - 18, 2022 Trip includes 9 days and 8 nights - 14 meals - Guided tour of Mackinaw City - Visit to Mackinaw City. Visit to Mackinac Island including a guided Carriage Tour. Boat ride through the Soo Locks and free time and sightseeing in Sault Sainte Marie. Admission to Colonial Michillmackinac. Price is \$899.00 per person double occupancy with a \$75.00 deposit due upon signing.

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this time.

For questions and detailed information on these trips, please call:Claire - 207-784-0302 or Cindy- 207- 345-9569.

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LRTC Student of the Year



Kristen Little - Culinary Arts

(April 15, 2022) --LRTC is proud to honor

Singer

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source for pastors, churches, and ministries throughout the United States, to help them get outside the walls of their building and be the Church.

Since starting Be Loud Ministries in 2009, Cleveland has shared stages with Toby Mac, David Crowder. Sadie Robertson, Britt Nicole, Zach Williams, Sidewalk Prophets, For King and Country, Passion, Newsong, and numerous other artists. Cleveland, his wife, Ivy, and their two young children travel fulltime, ministering all over the country, and have seen more than 11,000 people make decisions for Jesus Christ.

A free will offering will be received, and there will be a reception in the church's vestry following the concert.

Kristen Little as its Student of the Year. Kristen personifies the very best of CTE and has distinguished herself amongst her most talented and committed peers.

Her Culinary Instructors said "Kristen is an exceptional student - motivated, professional and always brings a can-do attitude. It's her commitment to the community that makes her exceptional. She volunteers for any community service project, leads by example and does the work of three. We are blessed to have a student like Kristen." During the pandemic lockdown, Kristen volunteered to prepare meals for hundreds of local seniors, veterans and homeless on a daily basis. She devoted hundreds of hours to make sure her neighbors had healthy and delicious meals. Kristen volunteered in her church music ministry and on a mission to Honduras. She is active in Maine Youth Court and Project 7 club at Lewiston High. Kristen maintains regular employment in local restaurants.

Kristen is a SkillsU-SA Local and State Gold medalist in Wedding Cake decorating and a Bronze medalist in local Commercial Baking.

Kristen is a member of Bridge Academy, NTHS and NHS and earned her

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