







*Cultures around the world are changing as a result of Covid-19. Following Maine CDC Guidelines allows us to open our campus to students. Thank you for wearing your mask to protect our community.*

**The Culture Corner: Maine Culture**

*“The culture of Maine is not one of bricks and mortar. Rather, it is a product of its natural landscape as well as the habits, traditions, and attitudes of a relatively small population of hearty folks who live in a cold place that juts into the North Atlantic like a balled fist (Robert Klose).”*

Mainers are independent people, and we are proud of our state. From the Wilderness of northern and western Maine, to the rocky shoreline Downeast, to the cities of southern Maine, we work hard and value our neighbors and communities. Maine is unique in its diverse lands, industry, and people.



Peak Season in Washington County, Downeast Maine (4:13 min.)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SpjB8t\\_xApo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SpjB8t_xApo)



St Croix Tissue, Baileyville, Maine (3:03 min.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OM9GydYPfRM>

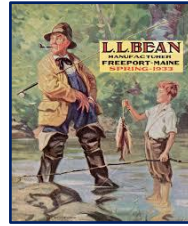
Maine’s Wild Blueberries, Washington County, Maine (9:07 min.)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cPvmAzlz-8>



A Day in the Life of a Maine Lobsterman  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hYWnXjTgaa0> (6:44 min.)



Peskotomuhkat: The Passamaquoddy People – People of the Dawn – History, Culture & Affiliations  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=USkQ\\_YoBRho](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=USkQ_YoBRho) (26:26 min.)



L.L.Bean Bean Success Story  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5CJYEMcv-0> (8:14 min.)



One Week at a Time (from Maine to New York City on inland waterways)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bEyrIRtTEZE> (11:17 min.)



Seeds They Sow: The Potato Harvest in Maine (4:23 min.)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q3r6gWV-zQI>



How Aquaculture Drives Maine’s Economy (1:58 min)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zyDGj7uw9u8>

**Cultural Change in the Era of Covid-19**

From Maine CDC recommendations for social distancing and wearing masks, to businesses reconfiguring their spaces to accommodate new needs for health and safety, to the University of Maine and Maine Community College systems plans for safe return to campus, Mainers have joined together to keep our communities safe. The U.S. has over 5,683,491 confirmed cases of Covid 19 with 176,223 deaths nationwide (cdc.gov, 8.24.20). Under the direction of our governor, Janet Mills, and the Maine CDC Maine is fortunate to have one of the lowest rates of Covid-19 in the country. We have only 3,910 confirmed cases and 131 deaths from Covid-19 statewide, and at 4.8% Washington County has the second lowest case rate in the state (maine.gov, 8.24.20). Wearing masks and extensive cleaning protocols are restrictive for everyone, but these actions save lives. We all look forward to the time when we are safe from this threat, and we thank you for taking personal responsibility to keep our Washington County family, friends, and neighbors safe from Covid-19. All cultures shift and change; those that do this successfully survive. Together we can keep our communities safe and soar past Covid-19 into a brighter future.

**TRIO Study Tip of the Month**

**Course Syllabus: A Roadmap to Success**

As a new college student, you are likely asking yourself:

- What is this course about?
- What am I supposed to be learning?
- What does the teacher expect of me?
- What are the assignments?
- Where are the instructions to do them?
- When are the assignments due?
- When do we have exams?
- What happens if I'm sick or late to class?
- How can I contact the teacher?

All these questions and more are answered on your course syllabus. The syllabus is a map telling you where to go and what you need to do to be successful in a course. It's important to read each course syllabus as soon as classes start, mark due dates on your calendar, and refer to the syllabus whenever you have questions. If you do not find the answer to your questions on the syllabus, then contact your course instructor.

**Are you Planning to Transfer?**

The Transfer Counselor provides career and transfer counseling to help you maximize your transfer credit. WCCC students have transferred to a variety of programs and schools, such as:

- University of Maine: Art, Elementary Education, Electrical Engineering Technology, Mathematics, Psychology
- University of Maine at Augusta: Business, Early and Elementary Education, Human Services, Nursing
- University of Maine at Farmington: Early Childhood Education, Alpine Operations
- University of Maine at Fort Kent: Conservation Law Enforcement, Nursing
- University of Maine at Machias: Business, Education, Psychology & Community Studies, Recreation & Tourism
- University of Maine at Presque Isle: History, Psychology
- University of Southern Maine: Tourism & Hospitality
- Fitchburg State University: Technology Education
- Husson University: Business Administration, Nursing
- Michigan University: Environmental Science
- New England College: Psychology & Human Services
- Purdue University Global: Nursing
- St. Joseph's College: Healthcare Administration
- University of Arkansas: Nursing

**Dates to Add to Your Calendar**

**TRIO Sponsors A Virtual Transfer Fair**

Tuesday, October 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Learn about colleges, programs, scholarships, and more. The Transfer Fair will be recorded and posted in the TRIO Student Support Services course on Brightspace for future reference. Look for upcoming announcements with the online address to log into. If you are planning to transfer, it is a good idea to meet with the transfer counselor early in your program to ensure that you are taking the courses that will most benefit you for transfer credit. Pamela Feeney, [pfeeney@wccc.me.edu](mailto:pfeeney@wccc.me.edu), 207.454.1079.

**FAFSA Application 21-22 Opens October 1**

If you need help filling in the FAFSA in October, please contact Financial Aid or seek assistance from your TRIO advisor.

What you need to complete the FAFSA

<https://studentaid.gov/help/info-needed>

Web Address for the FAFSA Application

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

**Maine Deadline for FAFSA completion May 1**

Maine has additional money to distribute to eligible Maine students. Maine State Grants are distributed on a first come first served basis; complete your application as soon as possible after October 1. The Maine deadline for FAFSA completion is May 1.

**FAME: Education – Finance Authority of Maine**

The Maine State Grant Program provides need-based grants to Maine undergraduate students. For the 2020–2021 academic year, the maximum grant award is \$1,500.

<https://www.famemaine.com/education/topics/filing-the-fafsa/fafsa-fags/#:~:text=To%20be%20considered%20for%20a,may%20be%20eligible%20to%20receive.>

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*TRIO WORKS! Come join us. Nicole, Linda, Pam, Liz*  
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