



**WCCC  
2023  
Student  
of the  
Year**

**TRIO Scholar Brandon Vinal**

Diploma in Residential and Commercial  
Electricity

Dean's List and President's List

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Resident Assistant

Student Senate, President

Dean's Award for Outstanding Contribution  
to Student Life, 2023

President's Award for Excellence, 2023

TRIO Ambassador Award, 2023

I have five years of experience in the United States Marine Corps as a Military Police Officer, and three years of experience as an Electrician's Helper. I will be taking the Maine Journeyman License Exam this summer and returning in the Fall to continue my Associate of Science degree in Electromechanical Instrumentation Technology.

*TRIO gives thanks to Brandon for being a faithful, innovative, understanding, and highly effective TRIO tutor in 2022-2023. Thank you, Brandon, for all the ways you enrich our WCCC community. We are proud to have you on the TRIO Team.*

*A quote to live by,*

"Follow your curiosity."  
*Molly McDonald*

*And a quote to ponder,*

"Good, better, best.  
Never let it rest.  
'til your good is better  
and your better is best."  
*St. Jerome*

Sincerely,



**TRIO Scholar Tip Ackerman**

Associate of Applied Science in  
Early Childhood Education  
President’s List  
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society  
Dean’s Award for Dedication and Perseverance  
in Educational Pursuit, 2023  
President’s Award for Excellence, 2023  
All Maine Academic Team, 2023

*Transfer to University of Maine Farmington for a  
Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education*

Little did I realize when I drove up Route 1 to WCCC that I was setting out on the best adventure of my life! The instructors and tutors I’ve worked with here have opened doors to new oceans, lit the path through my biggest challenges and changed my self-concept as a learner. The last two years have not only reconnected me with the fifteen-year-old student who went off the rails but given me an experience of community that’s made me believe in the power of shared ideals. The freedom to explore different perspectives in education has made me value both the voice I lost as a kid and the resilience that comes from independent adventure. I want to be part of the revolution that believes in kindergarten being a place to discover community, relationship, voice, creative expression, passionate inquiry, agency, and kinship with the natural world. As Kermit says, “Someday, we’ll find it, the rainbow connection...all of us under its spell...the sweet sound that calls the young sailors...” to something that we’re meant to be. There’s no going back.



*Congratulations, Tip, on your acceptance to the University of Maine Farmington in Early Childhood Education. We will miss your vibrant presence in TRIO. Best wishes for a long life of creative teaching and learning!*

**TRIO Alumni Scholar Bryon Barton**

Certificate in Engine Specialist  
Dean’s Award for Dedication and Perseverance to Educational Pursuit, 2022  
TRIO Award for Outstanding Participant, 2022  
Outstanding Achievement Award, 2023  
President’s Award for Excellence, 2023

*Certificates in Heavy Equipment Operations and Heavy Equipment Maintenance, 2022*

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, Bryon!*

**TRIO Scholar Matthew Beal**

Diploma in Residential and Commercial Electricity  
Dean’s List  
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society  
Instructor’s Choice Award, 2023

*Current program: Electromechanical Instrumentation Technology*

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, Matthew! We look forward to working with you next year.*

**TRIO Scholar Samuel Beaty**

Certificate in Power Sports

*Current Program: Engine Specialist*

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team! We look forward to working with you next year, Sam.*

**TRIO Scholar Rhiannon Bennett**

Associate of Applied Science in  
Early Childhood Education  
Entrepreneur, Little Bird Childcare



I have always loved working with children from a young age, and in 2020 I was given the opportunity to help my mom and dad open a daycare in Pembroke, Maine. I was a junior in high school and every day after school I would go to the daycare and help my mom with the kids. I loved seeing them daily.

When I was offered the chance to be a business partner with my parents, I decided I wanted to continue my education in Early Childhood Education. I now own a split percent of this family business, Little Bird Child Care, and I will eventually be taking it over for myself.

*Congratulations on becoming a successful entrepreneur and thank you, Rhiannon, for providing a much-needed professional service for families in our Washington County community. We wish you all the best in the future!*



**TRIO Scholar Ti Barnard-Bennett**

Certificate in Welding Technology  
Dean's List  
Outstanding Achievement Award, 2023

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, Ti!*

**TRIO Scholar Russell Berry**

Attend Associate of Applied Science in  
Business Management  
Dean's List, Highest Honors  
TRIO Ambassador Award, 2023

*Early transfer University of Maine Augusta for Bachelor of Science in Business Administration*

*Russell, thank you for being a strong student advocate participating in and supporting the TRIO Scholar's Program. Congratulations on your acceptance to the University of Maine Augusta. We wish you all success in the future.*

**TRIO Scholar Jennifer Brodie**

Certificate in Health Occupations

*Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting, 2012*

*Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education, 2012*

*Certificate in Medical Office Technology, 2012*

*Transfer to Eastern Maine Community College for Associate of Applied Science in Nursing*

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, Jennifer!*

**TRIO Scholar Noela Altvater**

Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies  
Brookie Award for Environmental Leadership

*Transfer in process to University of Maine System for Early Childhood Education*

My name is Noela Altvater. I am a member of the Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point tribe and a resident of Eastport. I have continued studies at WCCC since 2021 focusing on Liberal Studies.



I found a passion in Early Childhood Education and plan to further my degree in that field. I am excited for what is to come next, and I can't thank the staff and faculty enough for helping me succeed. Thank you!

*In October 2022 Noela was recognized by the University of Maine with the Brookie Award, an honor for young Mainers who demonstrate environmental leadership for her work in raising awareness of the Sipayik Water Crisis. "The water is sacred, so the water crisis threatens cultural and spiritual well-being." Congratulations, Noela! You are a credit to TRIO and WCCC. We wish you all the best in your future education and work inspiring children to preserve the beauty of Maine's social, spiritual, and natural environments.*

You can read more about Noela's water project here: [https://umaine.edu/epscor/2022/10/24/ways-spotlight-noela-  
altvater/#:~:text=Altvater%20recently%20won%20the%20Brookie,who%  
20have%20demonstrated%20environmental%20leadership.](https://umaine.edu/epscor/2022/10/24/ways-spotlight-noela-altvater/#:~:text=Altvater%20recently%20won%20the%20Brookie,who%20have%20demonstrated%20environmental%20leadership.)

**TRIO Scholar Christina Butler**

Associate of Science in Education  
President's List  
Instructor's Choice Award, 2022

*Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education, 2022*

*Transfer to University of Maine Presque Isle for Elementary Education with a concentration in Special Education*

*Christina, congratulations on your acceptance to U Maine Presque Isle. Never stop learning! You can pursue that master's degree or doctorate, and we look forward to hearing about your work in the future. We wish you success in all your future endeavors.*

**TRIO Alumni Scholar Katrina Butler**

Associate of Applied Science in Outdoor Leadership - Adventure Therapy

*Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice Conservation Law, 2021*

*Associate of Applied Science in Adventure Recreation and Tourism, 2020*

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, Katrina!*

**TRIO Alumni Scholar Colby Castner**

Certificate in Heavy Equipment Maintenance  
Dean's Award for Dedication and Perseverance in Educational Pursuit, 2022

*AAS in Mechanical Technology, 2022, with a Certificate in Heavy Equipment Operations, and a Certificate in Engine Specialist*

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, Colby!*



**TRIO Scholar Shannon Battle**

Associate of Applied Science in  
Human Services  
Certificate in Substance Use and Recovery  
Honors  
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

*Current programs:*

Associate of Science in Business Management  
Certificate in Entrepreneurship



I am 44 years old, and today before anything I live my recovery. My three adult children are all my best friends after the long, hard road of my addiction. It will be 5 years in recovery on September 2023 and still some days I struggle. I chose Human Services with the Substance Use and Recovery program

because I want to help those that are struggling to reach recovery. There are all kinds of help if you are in recovery and wish to stay in recovery, but there is little for people who don't know how to get help for themselves, and they are stigmatized the most. I want to help other folks get to their recovery path, no matter what that might look like for the individual. On graduating with my Applied Associate of Science in Human Services, I managed the first women's recovery house in Aroostook County, Inspiring Hope Haven for Women. I am a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor-Aide and a recovery coach and sponsor.

*Shannon, congratulations on all your accomplishments. We are pleased to have you back at WCCC to complete your business degree. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.*

**TRIO Scholar Alycia Clark**

Certificate in Health Occupations

*Certificate in Medical Office Technology, 2020*

*Transfer to Eastern Maine Community College for Associate of Applied Science in Nursing*

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, Alycia!*

**TRIO Scholar Kayden Cline**

Certificate in Heavy Equipment Operations

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, Kayden!*

**TRIO Scholar Trey Coulombe**

Diploma in Residential and Commercial Electricity

*Trey, congratulations from the TRIO Team!*

**TRIO Alumni Scholar Remy Courtois**

Certificate in Welding

Instructor's Choice Award, 2022

Instructor's Choice Award, 2023

*Associate of Science in Mechanical Technology with a Certificate in Heavy Equipment Operations, and a Certificate in Powersports Equipment/Small Engines, May 2022*

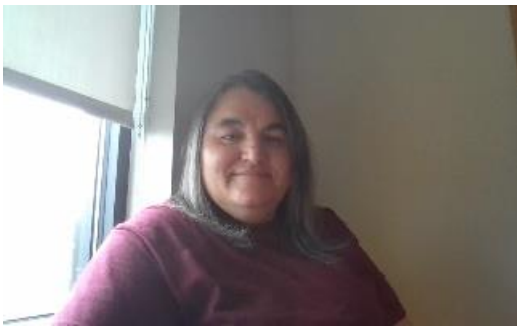
*Current program: Certificate in Engine Specialist*

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, Remy!*

### TRIO Scholar **Stacy Clayton**

Associate of Applied Science in Human Services  
Certification in Substance Use and Recovery  
Certification in Mental Health Rehabilitation  
Technician - Community (MHRT-C)  
Dean's List and President's List  
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

*Transfer to University of Maine Augusta for  
Mental Health and Human Services*



I will be attending UMA in the spring (2022) and working towards my bachelor's degree in Mental Health and Human Services.

My favorite quote is by A.A. Milne

"You're braver than you believe,  
stronger than you seem,  
and smarter than you think."

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team! Stacy, you inspire us with your drive to learn and your pursuit of academic excellence. We wish you all success in your future education and career.*

### TRIO Scholar **Zim Cunningham**

Certificate in Welding Technology  
Student Senate, Member  
Dean's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Student Life, 2023

*Zim, congratulations from the TRIO Team!*

### TRIO Scholar **Noah Crosby**

Certificate in Heavy Equipment Maintenance  
Student Senate, Treasurer

*Current program:* Associate of Science in Mechanical Technology with certificates in Heavy Equipment Maintenance and Powersports Equipment and Engine Specialist

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team! We look forward to working with you next year, Noah.*

### TRIO Scholar **Nathan Crossley**

Certificate in Plumbing Technology  
Dean's List, Honors  
Resident Assistant  
Student Senate, Treasurer  
Dean's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Student Life, 2023

*Current programs:*  
Diploma in Residential and Commercial Electricity  
Associate of Applied Science in Electromechanical Instrumentation Technology

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team! We look forward to working with you next year, Nathan.*

### TRIO Alumni Scholar **Tori Cushing**

Associate of Applied Science in Career Studies

*Certificate in Phlebotomy, 2018*

*Transfer to Eastern Maine Community College for Associate of Applied Science in Nursing*

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, Tori!*

**TRIO Scholar Ricky Higgins**

Associate of Applied Science in  
Business Management  
Dean’s List and President’s List  
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society  
Outstanding Achievement Award, 2022  
Dean’s Award for Dedication and Perseverance  
in Educational Pursuit, 2022  
TRIO Scholar Award, 2022



It is my ambition to start a nonprofit organization to address the issue of mass

incarceration in the United States through offering transitional housing for those reintegrating back into society. While completing my Applied Associate of Science in Business Management, I have earned an ACE (Accredited Nonprofit Management Certification) through the Maine Association of Nonprofits (MANP), along with a Peer Recovery Coach certification through the Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR). Being able to earn my associate degree while incarcerated is the best thing that has ever happened to me. I found solace in education. It kept me out of trouble and helped me to secure a much more promising future. If I can do it, anyone can. Sincerely, Ricky S. Higgins II

*After completing his bachelor’s degree, Ricky would like to pursue a Master of Social Work (MSW). Congratulations, Ricky! You inspire us all with your hard work and academic excellence. We wish you success in all your plans!*

**TRIO Scholar Cole Dunphy**

Certificate in Welding Technology

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, Cole!*

**TRIO Scholar Riley Faulkingham**

Certificate in Heavy Equipment Operations  
Honors  
Outstanding Achievement Award, 2023

*Current program:* Certificate in Engine Specialist

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team! We look forward to working with you next year, Riley.*

**TRIO Scholar Aidan Foley**

Certificate in Heavy Equipment Operations  
Certificate in Heavy Equipment Maintenance

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, Aiden!*

**TRIO Scholar Matthew Gilman**

Certificate in Heavy Equipment  
Maintenance

*Current program:*

Associate of Applied Science in  
Mechanical Technology with a  
concentration in Heavy Equipment  
Maintenance and Powersports  
Equipment/Small Engine Technician

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team! We look forward to working with you next year, Matthew.*

**TRIO Scholar Stormi Hilderbrand**

Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies  
 Dean's List and President's List  
 President's Award for Excellence, 2023

*Transfer to University of Maine Machias for Integrative Biology*

A big shout-out to our instructors here at WCCC! Every day you inspire and help the students to do their best, and to see our futures for what they could be, and for that, I am forever grateful!

I've had many great instructors who have worked with me even during off hours on Zoom just so I could understand what it was I needed to do, to fully understand concepts and the



workload ahead. Because of the enthusiasm and knowing I have great people cheering on the sidelines, I have succeeded! I was enrolled in the Liberal Studies program here at WCCC, simply because I had no idea what it was that I was interested in. I wanted to be captivated by a subject that left me wanting to know more, something that struck me to my core! I did find it thanks to this program. I had an array of classes in many different fields, and then I had my moment. I found the one thing that I completely fell in love with! I have not decided what I want to pursue with this degree, I just know Science is where I need to be. So, thank you WCCC for helping me find my passion!

*Stormi, it has been a pleasure working with you and seeing your academic interests evolve. I am fascinated by your descriptions of Glaciology. Wherever you end up in science, you will be a credit to the field. We wish you all the best!*

**TRIO Scholar Magen Harnois**

Associate of Applied Science in Business Management  
 Dean's List, Honors  
 Outstanding Achievement Award, 2022

*Magen, congratulations from the TRIO Team!*

**TRIO Scholar Tannis Hartery**

Certificate in Heavy Equipment Operations  
 Dean's List  
 Dean's Award for Dedication and Perseverance in Educational Pursuit, 2023

*Current program:*  
 Certificate in Heavy Equipment Maintenance

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team! We look forward to working with you next year, Tannis.*

**WCCC Graduate Logan Holubek**

Associate of Science in Education  
 Dean's List, Highest Honors  
 Outstanding Achievement Award, 2023

*Transfer to University of Maine Machias*

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, Logan!*

**TRIO Scholar Ethan Jordan**

Certificate in Powersports Equipment  
 Instructors Choice Award, 2023

*Current program:*  
 Certificate in Engine Specialist

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team! We look forward to working with you next year, Ethan.*



**TRIO Scholar Brent Hopkins**

Certificate in Powersports Equipment/  
Small Engine Technician  
Dean's Award for Dedication and  
Perseverance in Educational Pursuit, 2023  
Dean's Award for Outstanding  
Contribution to Student Life, 2023  
TRIO Grit Award, 2023

*Current Program:*

Certificate in Heavy Equipment Operations



*Congratulations Brent, from the TRIO Team!  
We look forward to working with you next year.*

**TRIO Scholar Russell Kirshman**

Diploma in Residential and Commercial  
Electricity

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, Russell!*

**TRIO Scholar Stacey LaCoote**

Associate of Applied Science in  
Early Childhood Education  
Dean's List  
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

*Stacey, congratulations from the TRIO Team!*

**TRIO Scholar Michael LaCoote, Jr.**

Associate of Applied Science in  
Criminal Justice  
Dean's List  
Outstanding Achievement Award, 2022  
President's Award for Excellence, 2023

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, Michael!*

**TRIO Scholar Charles LaRusse**

Associate of Science in Education  
Dean's List  
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society  
Instructor's Choice Award, 2022

*Transfer to University of Maine Presque  
Isle for Secondary Education*

*Charles, congratulations from the TRIO Team!*

**TRIO Scholar David Leach**

Certificate in Welding Technology

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, David!*

**TRIO Scholar Sheniah Light**

Certificate in Medical Office Technology  
Instructor's Choice Award, 2023

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, Sheniah!*

**TRIO Scholar Ryan Marston**

Diploma in Residential and Commercial  
Electricity

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, Ryan!*

**TRIO SCHOLAR Wanda Kirshman**

Certificate in Early Childhood Education  
 President's List  
 Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society  
 Outstanding Achievement Award, 2023

*Certificate in Medical Office Technology, 1996;  
 Associate of Applied Science in Office Information  
 Systems, 1997*

*Current programs:*

Associate of Applied Science in  
 Early Childhood Education  
 Associate of Science in Education



I work at Indian Township Daycare. I graduated from WCCC back in 1996 and 1997. After I started working at daycare, I decided it was time to go back to school to get my Early Childhood Education

degree. It was tough returning to college after so long, but I was determined. I earned my certificate in Early Childhood Education in May of this year. I will return to WCCC in the fall to get my Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education and my Associate of Science in Education. I am doing a double major because I need to take two classes to earn my early childhood degree. To earn my Associate of Science in Education I only needed to take seven more classes. I figured I was going back anyway so what's seven more classes? My daughter Mariah (Associate of Science in Education, Dean's List and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society) and son Russell (Diploma in Residential and Commercial Electricity) are graduating with me.

My advice is don't give up on your dream of getting an education. I waited 25 years before returning to college. It was a scary decision, but I am glad I did. My favorite quote is:

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart." Helen Keller

*Wanda, congratulations to you and your family on your joint graduation this May! We have enjoyed your vibrant presence in TRIO, and we look forward to working with you again next year.*

**TRIO Scholar Joshua Liddic**

Associate of Science in Liberal Studies  
 President's List  
 Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society  
 Student Senate, 2022  
 Student Advocacy Resource Center Volunteer  
 President's Award for Excellence, 2022  
 Dean's Award for Dedication and Perseverance in Educational Pursuit, 2023

*Transfer to the University of Maine System*

*Josh, congratulations from the TRIO Team!*

**TRIO Scholar Dawn McClure**

*Attend Early Childhood Education*

*Early transfer to University of Maine Machias for Elementary Education with a Concentration in Special Education*

*Dawn it was a pleasure meeting and working with you. Congratulations from the TRIO Team!*

**TRIO Scholar Nicole Lemay**

Certificate in Substance Use and Recovery  
 Dean’s List and President’s List  
 Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society  
 TRIO Lifelong Learner Award, 2022  
 President’s Award for Excellence, 2023  
 All Maine Academic Team, 2023

*Current program:*

Associate of Applied Science in Human Services

*Transfer plan:* University of Southern Maine

My journey has not always been an easy one. I am a system impacted student who found hope, growth, and inspiration through education. Washington County Community College has been a huge part of my success. I hope to help the



communities around me by advocating for education and opportunity within the prison system. Currently, I am part of programs through Columbia University and Opportunity Scholars which is

facilitated by the University of Southern Maine. My inspiration comes from my experiences in the justice system and my road to recovery. Without community inclusive programs, educational opportunities, and community support, I would not have found the success I have today. I was once told to “know the power of your story” and I am happy to share mine with all of you.

*Nicole, you have accomplished so much in your time at WCCC, from participating in a Harvard forum to producing videos advocating for the Second Chance PELL program. Congratulations from the TRIO Team! You make us proud.*

**TRIO Scholar Laurel McGaw**

Certificate in Early Childhood Education

*Laurel, congratulations from the TRIO Team!*

**TRIO Scholar David McPhail**

Certificate in Heavy Equipment Maintenance  
 Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society  
 Dean’s Award for Dedication and Perseverance in Educational Pursuit, 2023  
 President’s Award for Excellence, 2023

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, David!*

**TRIO Scholar Mary Mitchell**

Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education

*Transfer to the University of Maine System*

*Mary, congratulations from the TRIO Team!*

**TRIO Scholar Jacob Mumme**

Certificate in Engine Specialist  
 Dean’s List and President’s List  
 Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society  
 Outstanding Achievement Award, 2022  
 Outstanding Achievement Award, 2023

*Associate of Applied Science in Mechanical Technology with certificates in Automotive Technology and Powersports Equipment/Small Engine Repair, 2022*

*Jacob, congratulations from the TRIO Team!*

### TRIO Scholar **Graca Muzela**

Associate of Applied Science in  
Electromechanical Engineering Technology  
Dean's List  
Resident Assistant, 2022  
Instructor's Choice Award, 2022  
Dean's Award for Outstanding Contribution to  
Student Life, 2022  
TRIO Grit Award, 2022  
WCCC Student of the Year, 2022

*Diploma in Residential and Commercial  
Electricity, 2022.*

*Transfer to University of Maine for a  
Bachelor's Degree in  
Electrical Engineering Technology*

Graca has completed his second year at WCCC. He came to the U.S.A. in 2019 from Angola. Graca's teachers recognized his love of learning and dedication to serving his community. Impressed with his work ethic, Graca won several scholarships to



attend WCCC, which was recommended by his mentor for our diploma program in Residential and Commercial Electricity. Graca has been active in the WCCC community as a Resident Assistant, and he is engaged in charitable work in his home community where he uses his electrician skills to help improve housing for those in need. Graca will pursue a bachelor's degree and enter the field of electrical engineering technology.

*Graca, we are proud of you and the progress you have made at WCCC while on your educational journey. You are a credit to us all. We wish you success and happiness in your future career. Your brilliant smile will be sorely missed in TRIO!*

### TRIO Scholar **Jacob Pooler**

*Attend Coastal Fisheries and Marine Technologies  
Dean's List  
Instructor's Choice Award, 2023  
Outstanding Achievement Award, 2023  
President's Award for Excellence, 2023*

*Early transfer Central Maine Community College*

*Congratulations from the TRIO team, Jacob. We wish you all the best with your career plans.*

### TRIO Scholar **Leighann Preston**

Associate of Applied Science in  
Business Management  
Dean's List and President's List  
Outstanding Achievement Award, 2022  
Dean's Award for Dedication and Perseverance in  
Educational Pursuit, 2023  
President's Award for Excellence, 2023

*Certificate in Medical Office Technology, 2021*

*Leighann, congratulations from the TRIO Team!*

### WCCC Graduate **Katherine Ramsdell**

Associate of Science in Education

*Associate of Applied Science in General  
Technology, 2014; Associate of Applied Science in  
Human Services, 2015*

*Transfer to University of Maine Machias for  
Education and Special Education*

*Katherine plans to pursue a master's degree in  
special education. Congratulations from the TRIO  
team! We wish you all the best in your education  
and career plan, Katherine.*



**TRIO Scholar Ashli Ramsdell**

Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting  
 President’s List  
 Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society  
 Outstanding Achievement Award, 2022  
 Dean’s Award for Dedication and Perseverance in  
 Educational Pursuit, 2023  
 President’s Award for Excellence, 2023  
 All Maine Academic Team

Ashli Ramsdell is a proud member of the 2023  
 graduating class at Washington County  
 Community College where she earned her



associate degree in  
 medical assisting. This  
 is just one milestone  
 accomplished along  
 the way of her journey  
 and dream to one day  
 become a Registered  
 Nurse. Ashli has been  
 working in health care  
 for more than 10 years,  
 all while raising two  
 children with whom  
 she has grown and

learned so much. She is passionate about caring  
 for others, shining a light on both our physical and  
 mental wellbeing. Ashli has battled depression for  
 most of her life and understands that talking about  
 our struggles is just a first step in breaking down  
 the barriers that stand between us and our  
 dreams. She is so grateful for her family and  
 knows that this journey was accomplished only  
 with the support of her fiancé and loved  
 ones. With her determination and resilience, she  
 knows that anything is possible. She will leave  
 this place better than she found it.

*Ashli, you are on a rich and rewarding life journey  
 and your experience will make you a  
 compassionate nurse, which is such an important  
 aspect of healing. You are a stellar student, and we  
 are proud of your accomplishments. We wish you  
 the best in your pursuit of a nursing degree, and in  
 all your future endeavors. Congratulations from  
 the TRIO team!*

**TRIO Scholar Tanner Rapoza**

Diploma in Residential and Commercial  
 Electricity  
 Student Senate, Secretary  
 Dean’s Award for Outstanding Contribution to  
 Student Life, 2023

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, Tanner!*

**TRIO Scholar Nipon Sabattus**

Certificate in Phlebotomy  
 Dean’s List  
 Instructor’s Choice Award, 2022  
 Instructor’s Choice Award, 2023  
 Outstanding Achievement Award, 2023

*Nipon, congratulations from the TRIO Team!*

**TRIO Scholar Harley Sanford**

Associate of Applied Science in  
 Business Management  
 Certificate in Entrepreneurship

*Transfer to University of Maine for  
 Business and Entrepreneurial Studies*

*Harley, congratulations from the TRIO Team!*

**TRIO Scholar Jonathan Reynolds**

Associate of Applied Science in Human Services  
Dean's List

*Transfer to University of Maine Augusta for  
Mental Health and Human Services*

Hello. My name is Jon Reynolds. I am a person in recovery. After completing my associate degree in human services here at WCCC I plan to transfer to the University of Maine Augusta for my bachelor's degree, and from there go for my master's in social work.



My ultimate plan and goal are to someday open my own practice that provides case management services for troubled youth. I'm a man of God and a man of love. I'm blessed to be having a child in September with my wonderful partner and can't wait to see what the future holds for me.

*Jon, congratulations on your graduation and the upcoming addition to your family! It has been a pleasure working with you. We wish you all success in reaching your goals and establishing such an important business to serve others in your community. Best wishes from the TRIO team.*

**TRIO Alumni Scholar Jacob Sinford**

Certificate in Powersports Equipment/  
Small Engine Technician  
Dean's List, Honors  
Dean's Award for Dedication and Perseverance  
in Educational Pursuit, 2022  
President's Award for Excellence, 2022  
President's Award for Excellence, 2023

*Certificate in Automotive Technology, 2021;  
Associate of Applied Science in Mechanical  
Technology with Passenger Vehicle Specialization,  
2022 and a Certificate in Engine Specialist, 2022*

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, Jacob!*

**TRIO Scholar Tommie Smith**

Certificate in Heating Technology  
Certificate in Plumbing Technology

*Tommie, congratulations from the TRIO Team!*

**TRIO Scholar Abigail Walker**

Associate of Science in Education  
Outstanding Achievement Award, 2023

*Abigail, congratulations from the TRIO Team!*

**TRIO Scholar Jerry Wallace**

Certificate in Heating Technology  
Certificate in Plumbing Technology  
Dean's List

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team, Jerry!*

**TRIO Scholar Wyatt Searle**

Diploma in Residential and  
Commercial Electricity

TRIO Tutor

Dean's Award for Outstanding  
Contribution to Student Life, 2023  
TRIO Ambassador Award, 2023

*Current program:*

Associate of Science in Electromechanical  
Instrumentation Technology



*Wyatt has been an exemplary tutor in TRIO this year. We are impressed with his knowledge, his dedication to student success, and his natural teaching skill. Thank you for all your work helping our students succeed in their technology programs, Wyatt, and congratulations from the TRIO team! We look forward to working with you next year.*

**TRIO Scholar Brian Williams**

Certificate in Welding Technology

*Current programs:*

Certificate in Automotive Technology  
Certificate in Powersports Equipment/  
Small Engine Technician

*Congratulations from the TRIO Team! We look forward to working with you next year, Brian.*

**TRIO Scholar Guy Woodruff**

Attend Criminal Justice

*Early transfer to the University of Maine Presque  
Isle for Criminal Justice*

*Congratulations on your acceptance to U Maine  
Presque Isle, Guy, from the TRIO Team!*



**TRIO Student Support Services**

**would like to congratulate all**

**WCCC 2023 graduates**

**We wish you all the best in the future,**

**and great success with your**

**career and life plans.**



***Rob, Pam, Linda, and Amy***

## 2023 TRIO Award Winners



### TRIO Ally Award, **Wes Ranalli**

Residential and Commercial Electricity, 2023  
Electromechanical Instrumentation Technology

### TRIO Ambassador, **Brandon Vinal**

Residential and Commercial Electricity, 2023  
Electromechanical Instrumentation Technology

### TRIO Ambassador, **Wyatt Searle**

Residential and Commercial Electricity, 2023  
Electromechanical Instrumentation Technology

### TRIO Grit Award, **Amishia Smith**

Human Services

### TRIO Excellence Award, **Elissa Sieber**

Business Management

### TRIO Excellence Award, **Kelli Austin**

Substance Use and Recovery

### TRIO Grit Award, **Brent Hopkins**

Certificate in Powersports Equipment/  
Small Engine Technician, 2023  
Heavy Equipment Operations

*(Not pictured above)*

### TRIO Ambassador, **Russell Berry**

Business Management

### TRIO Grit Award, **Stephanie Wakefield**

Business Management  
Outdoor Leadership, Adventure Recreation

## Special Thanks to our TRIO Tutors!

*Thank you for all you do supporting TRIO.*



**Dave Marsanskis**



**Wes Ranalli**



**Brandon Vinal**



**Wyatt Searle**