

The Mainelinks

What to know...

2022 is a great time to be [pursuing a new career](#) in Maine! There are many exciting programs, [resources](#), and [support](#) to help [you](#) to learn about interesting careers and get the education and training needed to [achieve](#) your goals.

Work for ME

is a [workforce development](#) tool to help introduce Maine's emerging workforce to some of our key industries. [Work for ME](#) features information and stories about [jobs](#) and careers in Maine, including: [financial services](#), construction, [health care](#), hospitality, [manufacturing](#), and technology.

Maine's Community Colleges

are now offering up to [two years of tuition-free community college](#) to [all](#) high school graduates from 2020-23 under a new Free College initiative. This one-time, \$20 million allocation will fund a last-dollar scholarship for [these students](#), covering 100 percent of their tuition and mandatory fees. [Interest is very high](#), and early reports indicate a great deal of enthusiasm for this offer. Current community college students also qualify for the program, as do [home schooled students](#) and adults who earned a [HiSET](#) or GED in 2020-23. More information about the program is available on the [MCCS webpage](#), or at [www.FreeCommunityCollegeMaine.com](#).

- **Community colleges** are adding new night and weekend nursing programs, expanding the number of seats available, and hiring more instructors in an [ambitious plan](#) to double the number of nursing graduates.
- YCCC now [offers housing](#) to full-time students in the Hampton Inn & Suites in Wells. More than 49 beds will be available in fully furnished rooms, with additional amenities on-site for residential students such as weekly housekeeping as well as pool, and fitness center access. Residents will get [support](#) and build community with students and staff through engaging programs and events.
- SMCC has opened its new [Intercultural Student Center](#) to provide guidance and a welcoming environment in support of [New Mainers](#) and others. The space will provide immigrant and other minority [students a place to feel at home](#), connect with each other, and access [resources](#) to help them through their college journeys.

For younger students, it is not too early to [explore careers](#) too! The [Maine Department of Labor](#) and [Department of Education](#) have launched a new [student career discovery dashboard](#) that presents data on [in-demand jobs](#) and wages in a manner that is accessible to students in grades 6-12. [Students can find information](#) about the role of each career cluster in Maine's economy with a specific data point, like how many jobs there are today, what Maine workers earn in the career, and [how many job openings are projected](#) in the next ten years.



June is:

[Caribbean American Heritage Month](#) - On June 5, 2006, [George W. Bush](#) issued a [presidential proclamation](#) declaring that June be annually recognized as National Caribbean American Heritage Month. During this [National Caribbean-American Heritage Month](#), we honor the generations of Caribbean-Americans who have [built our Nation](#), [shaped our progress](#), and [strengthened our national character](#).

Notable Quote:

"[Juneteenth](#) has never been a celebration of victory, or an acceptance of the way things are. It's a [celebration](#) of [progress](#). It's an [affirmation](#) that [despite the most painful parts of our history](#), [change](#) is possible—and there is [still so much work to do](#)." – [Barack Obama](#)

Training Talk!

[Online Grant Writing Program](#) offered in July through the [UMaine Hutchinson Center](#): a 5-week [professional development](#) program, Grant Writing Essentials. The fee for this online, instructor-led program is \$895. [Need-based scholarships](#) are available in Knox and Waldo counties. Sessions are 9 a.m.–noon on [Fridays](#), Jul. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Aug. 5, 2022. For info, contact [um.fhc.pd@maine.edu](#) 207.338.8000.

Hiring Events: (Click on the "Hiring Events" link for full list)

June 23 – [Southern Midcoast Spring Outside Event](#) in Brunswick
July 6 – [Oxford Outside Hiring Event](#) in Oxford

Workshops: (click on the "Workshops" link for more)

Pre-register online for these virtual opportunities:

June 22 – [Maine JobLink: Creating and Navigating Your Job-Seeker Account](#)
June 23 – [Recovery in the Workplace](#)
June 28 – [Creating a Winning Resume](#)

and MORE!

*As the [summer begins](#), Maine's summer camp industry is in high gear caring for children from in and out of state. To explore Maine summer camps, click here: [Find-a-Camp Tool - Maine Summer Camps \(mainecamps.org\)](#)

*[Attention Women Veterans!](#) The [Lewiston Vet Center](#) and [VAST](#) invite you to a Women Veterans Appreciation Day Event on June 24, 9:00 am-2:00 pm, at [Pineland Farms](#) in New Gloucester. [Lunch included, plus many activities](#). More info: 783-0068

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