



## Shead's PACT named XQ Super-Schools semi-finalist

Out of thousands of applicants nationwide, Shead High School has been named one of 348 semi-finalists still in the running for a five-year, ten million dollar grant from Laurene Powell Jobs, the widow of Apple founder Steve Jobs, and her XQ SuperSchools Foundation. Partnering with team members from across the country with expertise in finance, curriculum, technology, and governance, a core group of committed volunteers has done focused work in completing an implementation plan for the next round of applications, which were due May 23rd, after which 50 finalists will be named in July. The field will be further narrowed to five, with winners named in early August.

A bi-coastal high school focusing on science, technology, engineering, arts, and math, or STEAM, the Pacific-Atlantic Community Technology School of Innovation will be a partnership between Eastport and Silicon Valley, California, with emphasis on rigorous experiential learning and students being actively involved in curriculum design.

Students from both coasts will be able to access courses from both campuses, either online or by spending a semester or more on the opposite coast. For a coastal community of 1300 and a high school of just over 100, this is a tremendous opportunity for students to experience a different way of life as well as coursework in the heart of technological innovation. It is also an opportunity for students from a fast-paced urban environment to unplug, slow down, and learn about a more traditional lifestyle and its associated coastal occupations.



## ACES Day in Eastport



Shead Jobs for Maine Graduates students took the lead in organizing this year's ACES (All Children Exercising Simultaneously) Day, held on Wednesday, May 4th. The Eastport Fire Department, U.S. Coast Guard, Downeast EMS, Healthy Acadia, and other groups offered workshops and presentations on health and safety issues, and then all Eastport students in grades K-4 to 12 and their teachers walked through town to promote healthy lifestyles. ACES Day is an international event held at 10:00 am on the first Wednesday in May throughout the world.







## Students attend career fair

On Friday, April 29th, seventh-, eighth-, and ninth-graders from Eastport Elementary and Shead High Schools and their chaperones attended the “Future Promises” Career Fair at the University of Maine at Machias. The annual event, first held in 2003, is sponsored by Machias Savings Bank.

At the fair, students had a chance to visit representatives from thirty different businesses and community organizations to learn about careers from game warden to weather forecaster to dental hygienist. After the fair, students completed a survey about the careers that most interested them and what they liked best and least about the fair.

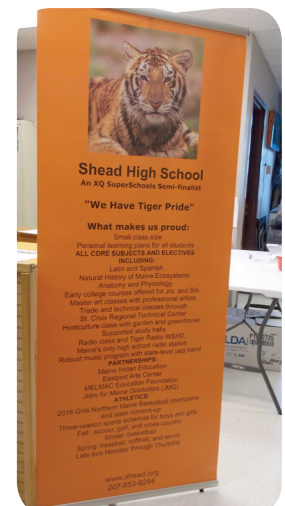
The trip was sponsored by Shead’s Partnership Grant from the MELMAC Education Foundation. A supplement to Shead’s “Connect Aspirations to a Plan” grant for post-secondary college and career planning, the Partnership grant funds activities for seventh- and eighth-graders that support conversations about their futures, including college readiness and career identification.



## Shead participates in tribal expo

On Friday, May 6th, Shead guidance counselor Leah McLean and Shead Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) specialist Tara Poole participated in *Nihkanapul-tine*, the 5th Annual Tribal and Career Expo Event at Washington County Community College (WCCC). McLean and Poole provided an exhibit about college and career readiness programs at Shead. A prominent feature of Shead’s exhibit was a new 2.5x6-foot banner listing the unique individualized and differentiated programming available at Shead to help students plan for college and career.

One of the three invited guest speakers at the Expo was Shead graduate Tiffany Martinez, a member of the Passamaquoddy tribe and now a family nurse practitioner in the Portland area.







## Shead students attend NACAC College Fair

On Sunday, May 22nd, nineteen students and their chaperones boarded a school bus for Shead's annual trip to the National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC) College Fair held at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. After spending the night at the Merry Manor in South Portland, students spent Monday morning at the college fair, which this year featured almost a thousand colleges from the U.S. and Canada and from as far away as Ireland, France, and Japan. Students spent the afternoon exploring Boston with their chaperones, then returned to Portland before heading home on Tuesday.

The NACAC College Fair gives students a chance to meet with college admission representatives from a wide-ranging variety of post-secondary institutions. Students have the opportunity to learn about available majors and courses, admission requirements, financial aid, life on campus, and other information helpful in making choices about which college to attend.

This annual trip is sponsored by the MELMAC Education Foundation's "Connect Aspirations to a Plan" grant. As a MELMAC grantee, Shead receives funding annually allowing students to visit college fairs, college campuses, apprenticeship sites, and career fairs. Faculty members of Shead's MELMAC team also attend MELMAC U, a convention featuring a variety of workshops on aspects of college/career planning and raising student aspirations, as well as presentations by schools who have received the "Connect Aspirations to a Plan" grant for secondary schools and the "Partnership" grant for middle schools.

Chaperones for the trip were Shead staff members Leah McLean, Allicia Mitchell, and Catherine Lee and parent Patricia Gardner-Theriault. The bus driver was Robert Patterson, an ace at getting a big yellow bus through the heaviest Boston traffic.

## Students interview volunteer Jon Calame

Heidi Parsloe's seventh- and eighth-grade students interviewed volunteer Jon Calame about the Sprockets Society.

*Where did learn to do bikes?*

I didn't. Unlike a car, anyone with any patience can fix a bike. Everything on a bike is straightforward. Bikes are one of the last devices in the world that you can still fix for yourself. You can't fix your car, your washing machine, but you can fix your bike.

*What is your favorite thing to fix on a bike?*

When a brake is not working, that is a life-threatening situation. They're very easy to fix, so all you may have to do is replace the shoe, or more often than not, you just need to adjust the tension on the cable. Probably in twenty minutes, anyone could fix the brakes. It has the biggest bang for the buck.

*How long have you been repairing bikes?*

Three years. We got a grant from Healthy Acadia that encourages people to bike and walk. We got \$2000 and we bought tools and bikes and parts. We've sold a bunch of bikes to adults for about \$20 which helps us buy more grease and parts and stay in business. If you don't have a bike, you can get a bike or you can trade in your bike for a bigger bike.

All of these bikes were brought in by people. It's all just been given to us. It's kind of amazing. This pink bike, for instance, the pedals can be used again, the seat can be used again, and the wheels can be used again. That junker bike is worth maybe \$100 for the next bike that needs those parts. Even the most junky bikes have value.

*What would you most like people to take away from the Sprockets program?*

I wish people would come and get more bikes and bring in their repairs. I really think that Eastport is one of the greatest bike areas in the country and I want to see more kids and adults riding their bikes. I want people to take advantage of this cool room to make repairs. I'm hoping you will tell your friends and brothers and sisters. We don't see a lot of K-4 kids toddle in here to get bikes. We wish we did. We need to get rid of some bikes here. It's like an orphanage for bikes and the orphans are crying out for adoption. If you ever need to come in [when the shop is closed], ask Lulu or me and we'll open the shop for you.

*What does sprocket mean?*

A sprocket is a free-spinning wheel that has teeth on it and the teeth catch the chain. The sprocket makes the bike move.



## Scholarships awarded

Over \$50,000 in scholarships was awarded to the Shead Class of 2016 at Class Day.

The scholarship committee awarded the following scholarships based on a variety of criteria: *Athletic Boosters*: Drew Greenlaw and Cierra Seeley; *Dana A. Bowen, Jr.*: Drew Greenlaw, Stephen Morrison, Cierra Seeley, and Samantha Wilder; *Cobscook Bay Fishermen's Association*: Stephen Morrison; *Larry Collins Memorial*: Austin Smith; *Charles E. Davis, Jr.*: Hannah Lank; *Eastport Health Care*: Brooke Clark and Hannah Lank; *Eastport Youth Association*: Drew Greenlaw; *Richard P. Flagg*: Michael Moores; *James and Margaret Follis*: Drew Greenlaw; *Emily G. and Pauline C. Hurley*: Heaven Auger, Taylah Kilby, Hannah Lank, Brooke Robinson, Ian Sullivan, and Samantha Wilder; *Lucy Kilby Fund*: Ian Sullivan; *Machias Savings Bank*: Drew Greenlaw; *Wallace Mabee*: Heaven Auger; *Joseph Miliano*: Taylah Kilby; *Reid Moholland*: Michael Moores; *Stephen M.F. Morrison Memorial*: Stephen Morrison; *Maxwell K. Murphy*: Ryan Eylar; *Eugene O. Newcomb, Jr.*: Stephen Morrison; *Northeast Longshoremens' Association*: Taylah Kilby and Austin Smith; *Pembroke Alumni Association*: Dynesha Lank; *Delma Sullivan-Savage*: Heaven Auger; *Sea Coast Mission*: Drew Greenlaw and Hannah Lank; *R. Lester Seeley*: Stephen Morrison and Cierra Seeley; *James E. Segien*: Brooke Clark; *Jay Michael Suddy Foundation*: Brooke Clark, Ryan Eylar, Drew Greenlaw, Kaylah Kilby, Stephen Morrison, and Cierra Seeley; *Clarence Edward Townsend*: Ryan Eylar; *Lester and Laura Turner Family*: Drew Greenlaw; *L. Brooks Varney*: Brooke Robinson; *Merlin and Muriel Wallace*: Kendra Murray; *Mary B. Walsh*: Samantha Ritchie; *George Mitchell*: Kaylah Kilby; and *MELMAC Education Foundation*: Drew Greenlaw.





*Shead High School*

*Congratulations, Graduates!*



*Eastport Elementary School*



## Honor parts named at Shead

Shead High School principal Paul L. Theriault named the graduation honor parts for the Class of 2016 at an assembly attended by students, parents, staff, and friends. The honor parts are awarded to the six seniors with the highest grade point averages based on their four years of high school.



*Greenlaw*



*Eylar*

Valedictorian is Drew Wesley Greenlaw, son of Gerald and Christina Greenlaw of Eastport. A multi-sport athlete playing soccer, golf, basketball, baseball, and tennis, he is well-known through Drew Greenlaw Racing to motorsports fans around New England and the Maritimes. He is a member of the National Honor Society and treasurer of his class, and volunteers at the Eastport Youth Center's Bingo Night, the WQDY/Healthy Acadia Turkey-a-thon, the Red Cross blood drive at Shead, and the Perry Harvest Fair. Drew will attend the University of Maine, Orono, to study survey engineering technology.

Salutatorian is Ryan Eylar, grandson of John Howland of Eastport. A member of the National Honor Society, he is a three-season athlete competing in soccer, basketball, and baseball. His community service activities include Shead's Red Cross blood drive, the WQDY/Healthy Acadia Turkey-a-thon, and the Perry Harvest Fair. Ryan will attend the University of Maine, Orono, and major in civil engineering.

First Honor Part is Hannah Lank, daughter of Frank and Natalie Lank of Perry. Hannah has played soccer and basketball and managed the soccer and softball teams. She is a member of the National Honor Society and her community service activities include the Turkey-a-thon, Red Cross blood drive, Eastport schools Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, and Secret Santa's elves. She helped paint the upstairs hall murals at Shead, one a landscape and one a seascape. Hannah will attend Husson University in Bangor to study occupational therapy.



*Lank*



*Seeley*

Second Honor Part is Cierra Nicole Seeley, daughter of Elizabeth Seeley of Edmunds and Craig Seeley of Pembroke. A member of the National Honor Society, Cierra has been a standout athlete in soccer, basketball, and softball and was named to the 2016 Class D North All-Tourney Basketball Team, winning the Owen O. Osbourne Most Valuable Player Award. Cierra will study conservation law at the University of Maine at Machias.

Third Honor Part is Stephen Morrison, son of Randy and Trudy Newcomb of Perry and Sandy and Paula Morrison of Stetson. A multi-sport athlete in soccer, golf, basketball, baseball, and tennis, he is a member of the National Honor Society. His community service activities include the Perry Harvest Fair, the Turkey-a-thon, and the Red Cross blood drive. Stephen will attend the University of Maine at Machias to study environmental recreation and tourism and conservation law.

Fourth Honor Part is Ian Sullivan, son of Chris and Moka Sullivan of Perry. A soccer and basketball player, he is a member of the National Honor Society and has volunteered with the Red Cross blood drive and the Turkey-a-thon. Ian will attend the University of Maine to study mechanical engineering.



*Morrison*



*Sullivan*





## Lank named DAR Good Citizen

The Hannah Weston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently honored one senior from each of seven Washington County high schools with the DAR Good Citizen Award. From Shead High, Hannah Lank of Perry was chosen for the award. To be eligible, students must exhibit qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

The Hannah Weston Chapter held a reception at the Whiting Community Building for all honorees. Carole Sprague, the DAR Good Citizen chair, presented the students and their accomplishments. Parents then presented their students with their DAR Good Citizen pins. The chapter provided a cash award to each student, along with a certificate from the national DAR organization.

## Eylar receives Principal's Award

Shead Principal Paul Theriault has named Ryan Eylar of Eastport the recipient of the 2016 Principal's Award. The award, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association, honors one student from each of 178 Maine high schools. Eylar and Theriault recently attended an honors luncheon in Bangor for all recipients.

In describing the reasons for Eylar's selection, Theriault was quoted in a recent *Quoddy Tides* as saying, "Ryan is a natural-born leader. He brings a quiet, even-handed approach to the table which is looked up to by his peers, staff, and administration."

Eylar will attend the University of Maine at Orono to study civil engineering.

## Graduates plan for the future

The Class of 2016 has completed post-secondary planning. Through the MELMAC "Connect Aspirations to a Plan" grant, Shead has provided trips to college and career fairs, campus visits, on-site admissions by UMM and WCCC, financial aid workshops, and visits by college admissions counselors to help each student make an appropriate plan. The process culminated in the recent Senior Celebration.

Graduates have made the following plans: Heaven Auger, pre-dental at EMCC; Halle Brown, web design at EMCC; Brooke Clark, physical therapy assisting at UMPI; Ashley Clement, workforce; Ryan Eylar, civil engineering at UMO; Philip Farrell, conservation law at UMM; Drew Greenlaw, survey engineering at UMO; Sierra Hodgdon, cosmetology at Empire Beauty School; Kaylah Kilby, engineering at USM; Taylah Kilby, sports management at USM; Dynesha Lank, biology at UMM; Hannah Lank, occupational therapy at Husson University; Dustin Leighton, workforce; Michael Moores, conservation law at UMM; Stephen Morrison, conservation law at UMM; Kendra Murray, liberal studies at UMM; Sydney Neptune, liberal studies at UMM; Peyton Palmer, workforce; Rebekah Pendleton, liberal studies at EMCC; Dylan Pulk, workforce; Michael Ramsdell human services at WCCC; Samantha Ritchie, psychology at UMM; Brooke Robinson, nursing at EMCC; Cierra Seeley, conservation law at UMM; Austin Smith, power sport and small engine repair at WCCC; Ian Sullivan, mechanical engineering at UMO; Keijoh Wade, business management at WCCC; Bradley Ward, workforce; Joseph Ward, workforce; Samantha Wilder, psychology at UMM; and Scott Young, workforce.





## Shead hosts area eighth-graders

Building a cradle out of straws that would allow a raw egg to survive a shoulder-high drop and estimating then figuring out the probabilities of the colors of M&M's were two of the activities that eighth-graders participated in on step-up day at Shead High School. Thirty-five eighth-graders from Eastport, Perry, Pembroke, Edmunds, and Charlotte Elementary Schools and Beatrice Rafferty School visited Shead on Thursday, April 28th, to experience a day of high school by attending classes in the core subjects they will take as freshmen. The visitors were treated to a lunchtime pizza party and given student-designed Shead t-shirts. They were also entered in drawings for movie passes with snacks at Calais Cinema.

In addition, students attended a presentation by Shead alumni Dara Turner and Joseph Newell about preparing for college. Turner is a sophomore at the University of Maine at Machias, where she is majoring in education and competing on the women's soccer team. Newell is a freshman at the University of Maine at Presque Isle, a criminal justice major and member of the baseball team. Newell also told the eighth-graders about attending Upward Bound at Bowdoin College in Brunswick. Upward Bound is a program funded through the U.S. Department of Education and designed to assist high school students who will be the first generation within their families to attend college.

In the evening, eighth-graders and their parents attended a barbecue and ice cream social. After dinner, Principal Paul Theriault and Guidance Counselor Leah McLean spoke about graduation requirements and programs such as one-to-one iPads for all students, personal learning plans and supported study halls, and Shead's partnerships with Maine Indian Education, the St. Croix Regional Technical Center, the MELMAC Education Foundation and the Eastport Arts Center. Teachers also made presentations about their classes and extracurricular activities, including WSHD 93.3, the only FCC-licensed high school radio station in the state.



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