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Mission Stories of Outer Islands & Coastal Downeast Maine Towns

Mission, Shelby Cullom Davis Charitable Fund, Partner Colleges, Launch Four-Year Davis Maine Scholarship



Class of 2022 Mission college readiness students during their summer retreat at College of the Atlantic. During their junior year, college readiness students will have opportunity to apply for the Davis Maine Scholarship.

BAR HARBOR, ME -- The Maine Seacoast Mission, the Shelby Cullom Davis Charitable Fund, and three inaugural Partner Colleges — Clark University (MA), University of New England (ME), and Wheaton College (MA) — announce the launch of the Davis Maine Scholarship: a full, four-year scholarship for rural, first-generation college students from Washington and eastern Hancock Counties.

In announcing this new program, Andrew Davis of the Shelby Cullom Davis Charitable Fund said, "This is a remarkable opportunity for deserving Downeast high school scholars. We are creating this scholarship for students who excel in their studies, persist

through hardship and will be among the first members of their families to go to college. I very much look forward to supporting our college and high school partners on behalf these exceptional young people. It is extremely exciting to play a role in showing the world what Downeast students can achieve.”

Christina Griffith, Davis Maine Scholarship Director at The Maine Seacoast Mission added "Coupled with the family and community strengths from which our Downeast students come, the Davis Maine Scholarship will provide Davis Scholars what they need to prepare for, persist through and successfully complete their undergraduate studies.” The first Davis Maine Scholarship cohort will be selected as high school juniors in Fall, 2020.

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EdGE Marian Kane Leadership Helps Narraguagus Students Sharpen Skills



Narraguagus Jr./Sr. High School students contemplate the EdGE Marian Kane Leadership ropes course.

CHERRYFIELD, ME — Eighth grade students from [Narraguagus Jr/Sr High School](#), Harrington, ME, converged on the Mission’s Downeast Campus in late September to take part in the EdGE Marian Kane Leadership Program. Through hands-on activities students develop leadership skills, nurture their innate strengths, and become engaged with their school and community.

Above all, the Narraguagus students learned about the importance of teamwork.

Students helped each other up and over a 10-foot wall, climb a 40-foot vertical playpen, and walk in unison using the challenging rope-and-wood "elephant legs." Separate from the day's physical activities, Narraguagus students learned cooking skills essential for eating healthy meals.

EdGE Marian Kane activities also help seventh and eighth graders think critically about topics such as bullying, peer pressure, decision-making, trust, stereotypes, and substance abuse.

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Downeast Tiny House Project Update - We Have Windows!



CHERRYFIELD, ME — The Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School students are back from summer break, hard at work on our Downeast Tiny House Project.

This video update shows Connecticut based [A.W. Hastings & Co.](#), a project sponsor, delivering the windows for our military veteran's future home. We are excited to see the house progress, and grateful for our sponsors and partners for making this project possible!

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Captain Mike Johnson's *Sunbeam V* Update



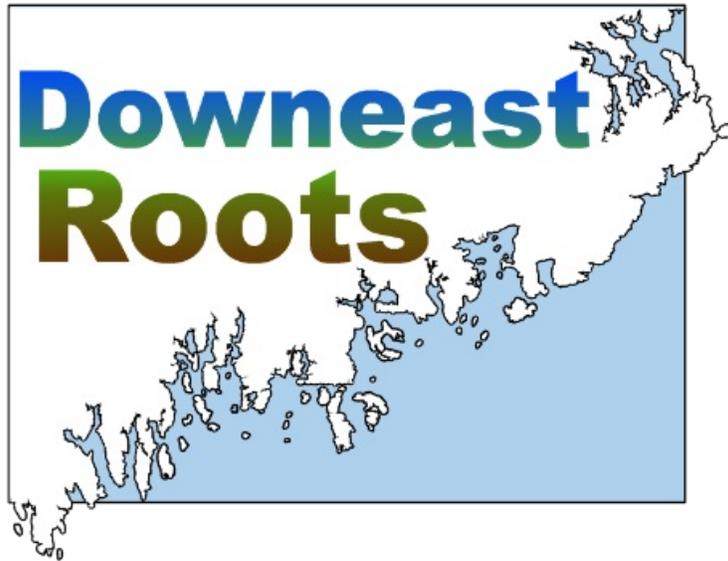
BELFAST, ME -- Just prior to the *Sunbeam V* being hauled out of the water for a routine major refit, boat Captain Mike Johnson made a short video in which he took viewers on a *Sunbeam* tour, explaining along the way, where he was in the boat, and what type of work was needed in that area.

This week, Captain Johnson used the same video technique to produce this *Sunbeam V* update.

During the [Sunbeam V](#)'s refit, Mission crew carry on their work among Maine's unbridged islands via the interim vessel [Moonbeam](#) and a variety of alternative transportation methods.

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Mission Teams with Downeast Roots Group to Share Resources, Work Together



CHERRYFIELD, ME — Director of Service Programs Wendy Harrington recently announced Mission collaboration with a new group called Downeast Roots; “local organizations who promote each other’s work, share resources, and work together on projects for the benefit of our community,” according to the group web site.

Other member groups are the [Women’s Health Resource Library](#), [Maine Outdoor School](#), [TREE](#), [Mano en Mano](#), and the [Milbridge Public Library](#).

The purpose of Downeast Roots is to promote collaboration among Downeast area organizations in order to strengthen our overall impact. We are committed to fostering a strong sense of belonging while ensuring that our community is a place where people, their cultural identities, and the environment thrive. We draw on the strengths of our relationships within our communities to strive towards a deeper understanding of adversity and practices that build resilient and dynamic solutions to complex, modern challenges.

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Christmas Program Wish List Available Online



CHERRYFIELD, ME -- Each year at Christmas time, the Mission distributes holiday gifts to children, families, elderly, and nursing home residents. The tradition of Mission Christmas presents began more than 100 years ago when the Mission brought gifts to island residents and lighthouse keepers.

Now, generous donors bring new items to the Mission throughout the year to be distributed on the islands and in Hancock and Washington counties at Christmas time.

Last year we helped with gifts for over 1,500 children and elderly in need. Our Christmas Program Wish List 2019 with shipping instructions is [available for downloading here](#) and on the Mission web site. For the first time, we are also providing a wish list on Amazon which can be accessed by [this link](#).

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