



*Davis Maine Scholarship recipient Rachel Colby of Gouldsboro.*

## **Congratulations to Inaugural Davis Maine Scholarship Recipients**

NORTHEAST HARBOR, ME – Six hardworking Downeast high school juniors learned recently they were selected as Maine’s first Davis Maine Scholars. The students – all first-generation college bound– will each receive a full four-year cost of attendance scholarship at one of three Davis Maine Scholarship partner colleges: Clark University (MA), University of New England (ME), and Wheaton College (MA).

It is through the generosity and vision of Andrew Davis, Director of the Shelby Cullom Davis Charitable Fund that these Downeast students now have a clear path toward a bachelor’s degree from one of New England’s leading private liberal arts colleges. In collaboration with Maine Seacoast Mission and the Davis Maine Scholarship partner colleges, this scholarship program was created to ensure that more first generation college students from rural Washington County and eastern Hancock County have the opportunity to complete undergraduate degrees, untethered by financial burden.

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## President's Scholarship Celebration a Success

NORTHEAST HARBOR, ME -- The Mission's President's Scholarship Celebration was an inspiring virtual event recognizing and honoring students in the Mission's educational programs, as well as those who inspire those students.

We presented scholarships and Mission lanyards to our 23 new 2021 Mission Scholars and recognized a student Trailblazer, Brittney Church, and a Mission Guide, Lucille Null, who has demonstrated advocacy and support for educational opportunity. The event, held July 14th, celebrated the accomplishments and potential of our young adults.

We asked students in the Mission's educational programs to send a photo and complete the phrase: "Dare to...." This video, shown during the Celebration, is a compilation of those photos/phrases.

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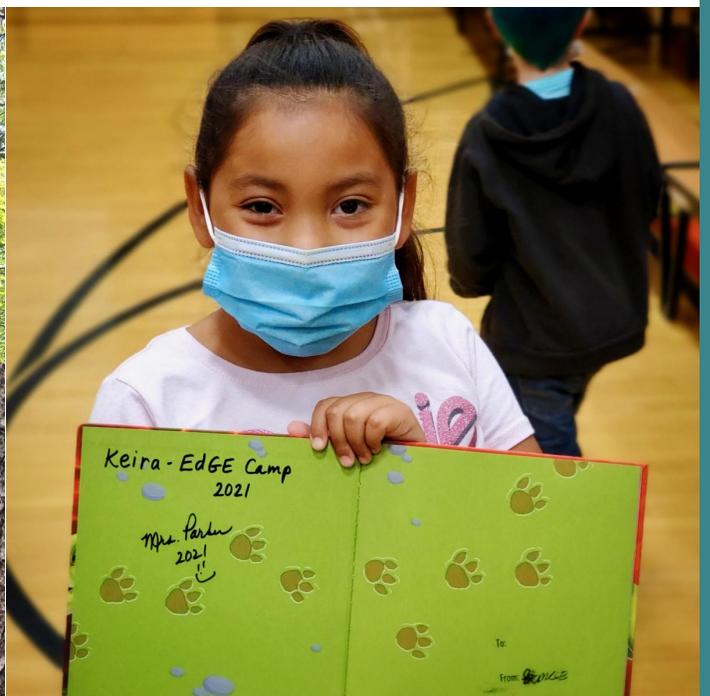
## Processing the Pandemic Through Art

ISLE AU HAUT, ME - Tuesday, July 13, Director of Island Outreach and Chaplain Douglas Cornman traveled aboard the *Sunbeam* to Isle au Haut with North Haven author/illustrator Stephen Costanza and Director of School Programs for Island Readers & Writers Alison Johnson.

Stephen led a workshop entitled “Processing the Pandemic Through Art,” with Douglas and Alison’s help.

Islanders had the opportunity to talk about their pandemic experiences and create a booklet capturing, in their own words and artwork, their most profound memories and thoughts. One islander said the workshop was a “good way to capture and summarize my COVID experience.” Another said, “This is fun.”

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*EdGE summer campers having fun outdoors and indoors*

## EdGE Summer Camp in Full Swing

CHERRYFIELD, ME - During the summer, EdGE offers week-long day camps to students from kindergarten to 8th grade from the towns served by the after-school program. Each camp offers activities ranging from outdoor exploration and sports to technology, reading, cooking, arts and crafts, and field trips. Children choose their activities, building their sense of personal autonomy and responsibility. High school students participate as volunteers or assistant staff.

As one staff member put it, the kids benefit from "EdGE summer camp's simple joy of friendships old and new."

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*Scott Shaw during a wind therapy session on a backroad in Maine.*

## People & Places - Scott Shaw

CHERRYFIELD, ME -- I am the Downeast Campus Facilities Manager and the Housing Rehabilitation Manager, and I joined the Mission in 2003.

The older housing stock in Washington County has always been challenging for families to maintain. With the help of hundreds of amazing volunteers every normal, non-Covid year, we assist with needed repairs so families can rest assured their homes are safe. I have been lucky enough to be a part of this work, and to see the tremendous difference it makes to our community.

My favorite place – besides enjoying my family – would be out on my bike exploring areas of the State I've never seen. Maine is a large, beautiful State and there are so many endless backroads and vistas to enjoy. I call the ride "wind therapy" – and it truly is. Maine will always hold a very special place in my heart.

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