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# the C<sup>2</sup>CC Update

The Creek to College and Career Program at Long Creek Youth Development Center



## College Classes this Fall in the Creek to College Program

Eleven students are enrolled in at least one of our offerings, which include English Composition, Academic Success Seminar, Introduction to Sociology, and Introduction to Art. The students taking college classes this semester are extremely motivated, focused, and well behaved. They are all doing excellent work! This week is mid-term, and the **average GPA is 3.5!**

## Academic Success Seminar

The Academic Success Seminar (ACSS) this semester is a huge hit! In addition to the college students in the class, there are also three high school students taking it as a dual-enrollment class (they receive both high school and college credit). Topics covered thus far include examining what benefits come with a college degree, the differences between college and high school, study skills, time management, memory and memorization, annotation, listening skills, note-taking, time management, conquering procrastination, staying organized, and looking at our core values and creating SMART goals.

## Vocational Classes

This semester, our vocational offerings include Introduction to Culinary Arts, Advanced Culinary, Introduction to Engine Repair, Advanced Engine Repair (students who have taken the introductory-level class get to repair broken, donated equipment), and Driver Safety.

In Culinary Arts, Chef Ogden's students have prepared banquet-style luncheons for the Rotary Club, as well as in-house catering for the administration and a delicious lunch for the Fall Festival, using ingredients straight out of the LCYDC garden! They made two different salads, pasta dishes, pesto, sour dough bread, and roasted peppers. The pumpkin whoopie pies were a smash hit!

## Visitors to the Creek to College and Career Program

- In September a **representative from Good Shepherd Food Bank** came in to teach residents how to shop in the grocery store and prepare nutritious food on a budget. All students were awarded with a \$10 Hannaford gift card for participating.
- All students 18 years or older by November 6 participated in a voting class with volunteer Nini McNamany. Topics included the voting process, ranked choice voting, ballot initiatives, and how an absentee ballot works. **Residents registered to vote!**
- A representative from FAME Maine visited on October 24<sup>th</sup> and delivered a presentation on **filling out the FAFSA and post-secondary education financing.**

## College Success Beyond LCYDC

A resident who recently **transitioned into the community is successfully continuing his college classes on the outside** at the RISE House, with the help of Ms. Chaison. She meets with him twice each week to deliver assignments, administer tests, and offer academic support. This type of transitional educational arrangement is a “first” and has been extraordinary. It has provided stability and continuity in the resident’s quest to continue higher education. After taking a tour of SMCC last week with Halorie, he decided to apply as a full-time student there next semester.

## OSHA-10 Certification

In September, **eight students completed the OSHA-10 Certification class** (6 boys, 2 girls). Congratulations to these determined students! Sitting in a class for six hours a day takes real grit.

## Serve-Safe Certification

Seven students are currently enrolled in the **Serve-Safe Manager Certification** class with Chef Ogden this semester! This certification will give them a leg up on the competition in the food industry, as every restaurant needs to have a Serve-Safe certified manager on site at all times.



## Literary Magazine

*Long Creek Ink*, C<sup>2</sup>CC’s literary magazine, will be coming out any day now, and it is phenomenal! The students wrote and produced the 44 page 4-color glossy magazine and used InDesign to lay it out. Keep your eyes open for it.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the growth and success of the Creek to College & Career (C<sup>2</sup>CC) Program!

Sincerely,  
Nicole Chaison, Lisa-Marie Johnson, Stephen Ogden,  
Jon Renell, Halorie Thorne



## Welding at SMCC

A motivated resident was **awarded a vocational scholarship** from *The Friends of Long Creek* to enroll in a welding program at SMCC this fall. He is doing extremely well thus far and loves the classes. A big thank you to *The Friends!*

## Bowdoin Tutor/Mentors

The **Bowdoin Peer Tutor/Mentor Program** is thriving. Ten Bowdoin College students come in to LCYDC every week on Fridays. They take part in our Academic Success Seminar and are also matched to individual residents as one-on-one mentor/tutors. The Bowdoin students have been fantastic role models. Sharing their college and life experiences is highly educational for our residents. It’s really fun to see how much the two groups enjoy being together.

Our college students have been **invited to attend an art show at Bowdoin College** in November. They have also been invited to submit work—paintings, drawings, music, stories, essays, and poetry—to be included in the show.