

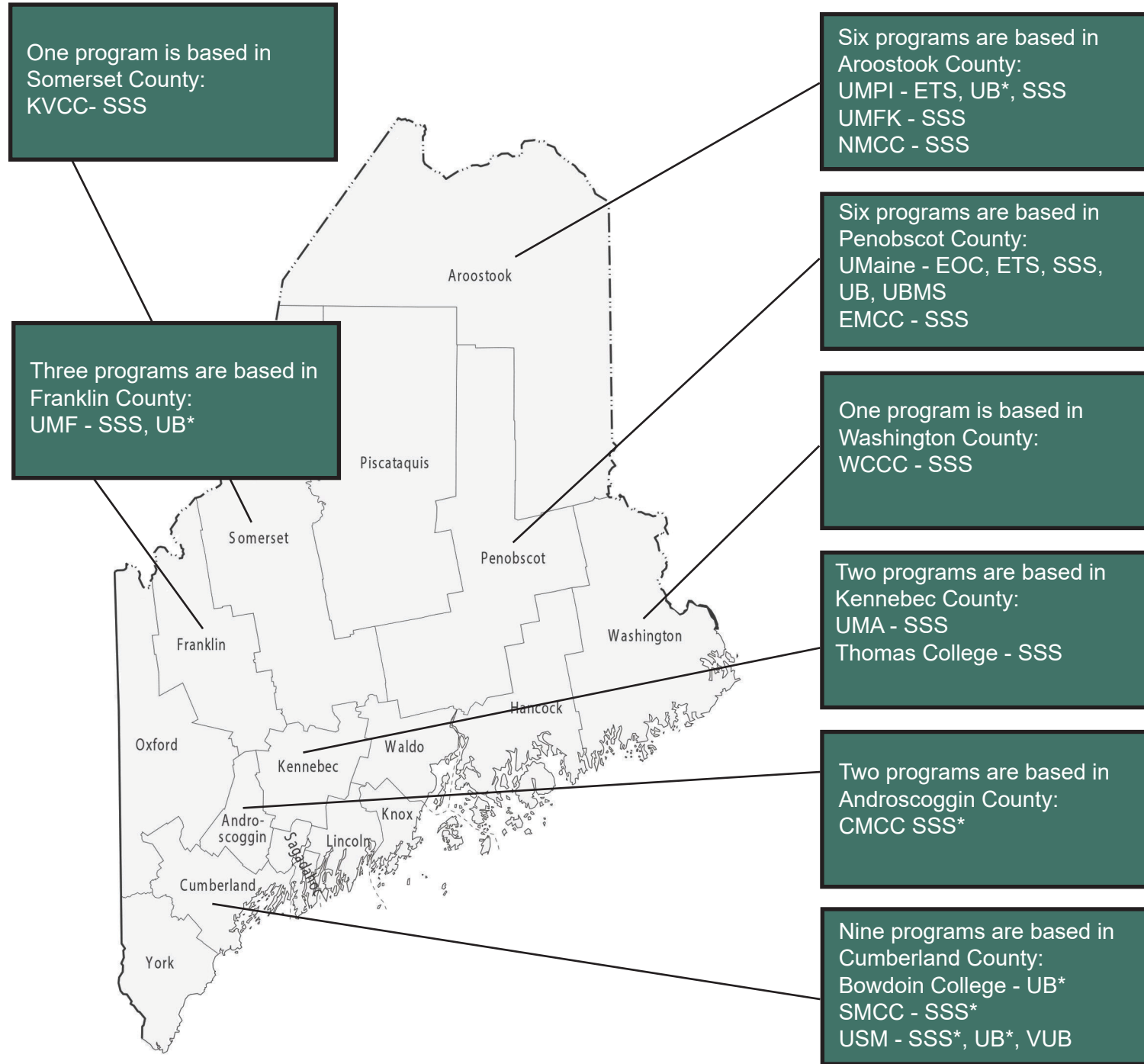
Maine Educational Opportunity Association



Factbook 2023-2024

30 TRIO Programs throughout Maine

President's Update



For nearly 60 years, TRIO programs nationwide have successfully supported low-income, first-generation college-bound students and students with disabilities in their pursuit of a college education.

In Maine, TRIO programs serve students as young as 6th grade, adults returning to education, Veterans seeking training and education for new careers, and college students who are the first in the family to go or have a disability. Collectively, these programs provide an antidote to the barriers that first-gen, low-income, and students with disabilities face as they prepare for, enter, and complete a college degree: academic skills & support, coaching, tutoring, career exploration, mentoring, social and emotional support, and a vital sense community.

As the number of workers approaching retirement grows and Maine strives to attract new industries and businesses, the need for college-educated adults is increasingly urgent. To address the coming workforce cliff, we cannot afford to leave anyone behind in accessing post-secondary education. And yet we know that first-generation and limited-income students are 4 times less likely to achieve a degree than their peers with college-educated parents. TRIO programs know what those students need to get TO college and successfully get THROUGH and achieve their degree.

Our best practices are already making a difference in students' lives. Those students are entering college more prepared, persisting and graduating at higher rates, and entering the workforce prepared to solve the problems of the 21st century. Unfortunately, TRIO programs touch less than 10% of the eligible population in Maine. Threats to TRIO funding, even level funding, limit the ability of TRIO programs to reach more deeply into communities where opportunity lags and do what they do best- move students across the educational spectrum from poverty to prosperity, interrupt generational poverty, and all of its associated negative outcomes. The future of Maine's economy depends on TRIO programs because #TRIOWORKS.

Ginny Ward
MEEOA President, 2023-2024



Many programs serve multiple counties. More information on that can be found in the center spread of this booklet.
*Indicates multiple grants of the same type focused on serving specific sub-populations.

MEEOA's mission centers on advocating for students encountering substantial barriers to college education due to factors such as socioeconomic status, disability, and limited cultural/educational experiences.

Changing Real Lives



“The staff at MEOC [the Maine Education Opportunity Center], specifically Teri Mann and Patrick Blanchette, were instrumental figures in helping me navigate the college application and enrollment process and informing me of the numerous educational pathways offered. MEOC TRIO even waived application fees, assisted me in filing my FAFSA, and answered all my questions. With their help, I felt supported and ready to start this next chapter in my life.

After finishing my degree and applying the skills obtained in college, I climbed the ladder and became the program manager for the Houlton Fedcap [Fedcap Inc. Families Forward] office.” -Jorge Alvarado

Larissa Holland has been an invaluable member of the UB [Upward Bound] program at Bowdoin College since 2013, participating in UB summer sessions in high school, working as summer staff, and now as the guardian of her younger sibling, a current student in the program.

She now divides her time between Jonesboro and Portland, working as an aviation sustainability consultant, rural youth organizer, and development advisor for JustME for JustUS. This organization empowers and mobilizes youth around climate justice and community health. In October, she was nominated and appointed to GrowSmart Maine’s board of directors, a term which she will start in January 2024. - 2023 Rising Star Nomination*



Program Students Served 23-24 Budget

Educational Opportunity Center		
University of Maine	2,269	\$814,113
Educational Talent Search		
University of Maine	1,111	\$640,981
University of Maine at Presque Isle	500	\$288,470
2 Educational Talent Search Projects	1,611	\$928,451
Student Support Services		
Central Maine Community College (2 separate projects)	295	\$620,879
Eastern Maine Community College	150	\$272,364
Kennebec Valley Community College	180	\$352,531
Northern Maine Community College	175	\$306,511
Southern Maine Community College (2 separate projects)	240	\$544,728
Thomas College	140	\$272,364
University of Maine	400	\$694,807
University of Maine at Augusta	340	\$566,531
University of Maine at Farmington	180	\$352,530
University of Maine at Fort Kent	165	\$356,773
University of Maine at Presque Isle	180	\$373,084
University of Southern Maine (2 separate projects)	260	\$544,728
Washington County Community College	160	\$302,915
16 Student Support Services Projects	2,865	\$5,558,249
Upward Bound		
Bowdoin College (two separate projects)	167	\$859,462
University of Maine	60	\$309,505
University of Maine at Farmington (2 separate projects)	158	\$747,089
University of Maine at Presque Isle (2 separate projects)	129	\$749,621
University of Southern Maine (2 separate projects)	127	\$681,380
9 Upward Bound Projects	641	\$3,347,057
Upward Bound Math-Science		
University of Maine	67	\$367,734
Veterans Upward Bound		
University of Southern Maine	125	\$309,505
	7,578	\$11,326,109
	Participants	Total Federal Funding

*The MEEOA Rising Star Award identifies emerging professionals who are former participants of Maine’s educational opportunity programs. This award recognizes people just beginning to make an impact in their careers and communities and honors emerging leaders who strive toward the highest levels of personal and professional accomplishment.

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The Federal TRIO Programs...

...serving the needs of Maine's students!

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER (EOC)

Maine's EOC program worked with **2,269 participants** last year at an average cost of just **\$359 per participant**.

This program serves the entire state.

479 Maine EOC participants enrolled in PSE.

MEOC offered academic advising, personal counseling, career workshops, college and financial aid application assistance, default loan rehabilitation, test preparation, and financial and economic literacy education.

Based on information reported to MEEOA in February 2024 for the previous year.

UPWARD BOUND (UB)

Maine's 9 UB programs served **641 participants** at an average cost of **\$5,222 per participant**.

These programs serve Androscoggin, Aroostook, Cumberland, Franklin, Kennebec, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, Somerset, Washington, and York counties.

74% of graduating seniors enrolled in PSE.

Services students received include academic instruction in math, science, composition, literature and foreign language; tutoring and mentoring; academic, financial, and personal counseling; assistance completing college and financial aid applications; and career exploration.

Based on information reported to MEEOA in February 2024 for the previous year.

EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH (ETS)

Maine's 2 Educational Talent Search programs worked with **1,611 participants** last year at an average cost of just **\$577 per participant**.

These programs serve Androscoggin, Aroostook, Cumberland, Oxford, Penobscot, and Waldo counties.

51% of Talent Search seniors who enrolled in PSE in 2017 have since completed a college degree.

ETS program services include academic, financial, and career counseling; exposure to college campuses; tutoring services; assistance in completing the college admissions process; and assisting with financial aid applications.

Based on information reported to MEEOA in February 2024 for the previous year.

UPWARD BOUND MATH/SCIENCE (UBMS)

Maine's Upward Bound Math Science program served **67 participants** at an average cost of **\$5,489 per participant**.

This program serves Cumberland, Franklin, Piscataquis, and Somerset counties.

79% of graduating seniors enrolled in PSE.

This program includes an intensive summer program focusing on math and science training, year-round counseling and advising, computer training, exposure to university faculty who perform research in math and science, and scientific research conducted under the guidance of a faculty or graduate student mentor.*

Based on information reported to MEEOA in February 2024 for the previous year.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS)

Maine's 16 SSS programs served **2,865 students** at an average cost of just **\$1,940 per participant**.

These programs serve Androscoggin, Aroostook, Cumberland, Franklin, Kennebec, Penobscot, and Washington counties.

88% of reported students* are in good standing, and 85% are continuing in PSE.

SSS program services may include Intensive academic, financial, and personal counseling, tutoring services, and assistance completing college and financial aid applications.

*12 of the 16 SSS programs were able to provide data in time for printing.

VETERANS UPWARD BOUND (VUB)

Maine's Veterans Upward Bound program served **125 participants** at an average cost of **\$2,476 per participant**.

This program serves the entire state.

80% of the 2021 cohort completed PSE.

Services included connection to qualifying veterans benefits; academic, financial, and personal counseling; tutoring services; refresher classes for subjects required in college; assistance completing college and financial aid applications; and basic skills development for GED completion.

Based on information reported to MEEOA in February 2024 for the previous year.



Founded and co-organized by participants of UMaine's TRIO SSS program (pictured), alongside other UMaine community members in 2023, the Black Bear Mutual Aid Fund (BBMAF) is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit and community care organization led for and by students, faculty, and staff at the University of Maine.

Following research conducted regarding the community's needs and how these could be met through mutual aid, BBMAF was designed to alleviate economic hardships and build a culture of community care within the UMaine community.

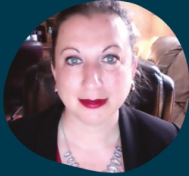
Knowing that connection and a sense of belonging are the foundation of any healthy community, the Black Bear Mutual Aid Fund is working to make the UMaine community one of solidarity and create a community support system through mutual aid. As TRIO SSS students themselves, these Board of Directors members know that the TRIO programs recognize the need for and importance of this kind of community of care.

In 10 months, BBMAF has raised nearly \$15,200, and by the end of February, expects to have redistributed over \$14,800 to over 46 undergraduate students, graduate students, and staff to alleviate financial hardships within the UMaine community.




Statewide Lunch Panel You **CAN** Get There from Here: First Gen Success Stories from **Maine**


TUESDAY NOV 7, 12-1PM



TINA NADEAU
Criminal Defense Attorney,
The Law Office of Tina Nadeau





MANA ABDI
Maine State Representative and
Intercultural Education
Coordinator, Bates College



MYLES OUELLETTE
Clinical Supervisor,
Presque Isle Comprehensive
Treatment Center

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- how they did it
- how you can too
- and why Maine needs first-gen grads!

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3-8-2023

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REENERGIZING TRIO

JANUARY 4TH - 6TH CENTRAL MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DATE OCTOBER 17TH HILTON GARDEN INN AUBURN RIVERWATCH

8 Pictured above, Black Bear Mutual Aid Fund Founder, Tamra Benson '23 (center), and co-organizers Mikayla Reynolds '23 (left), and Aubrey Martilini '24 (right), participants of UMaine's TRIO SSS program.

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Program Directory

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Central Maine Community College

Student Support Services
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Eastern Maine Community College

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Kennebec Valley Community College

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Northern Maine Community College

Student Support Services
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Southern Maine Community College

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University of Maine

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University of Maine Augusta

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University of Maine Farmington

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University of Maine Fort Kent

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University of Maine Presque Isle

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Upward Bound

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Student Support Services
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