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Winter 2023



Marshall Point Light House,
Photo by cPort 2022 calendar contest winner Jaz G.

cPort's Peyton Dostie Collins Inducted Into USM's Husky Hall of Fame!

We've known for some time the superstar qualities that our Human Resources Manager, Peyton Dostie Collins, shows us daily behind the scenes at cPort. So, it was no surprise to us when her alma mater inducted her into their celebrated sports hall of fame this past Fall. The Husky Hall of Fame recognizes the outstanding athletic achievements of the University of Southern Maine graduates.

Peyton was a field hockey and track star for the USM Huskies from 2012-2016. Her impressive achievements and awards are too extensive to list here, but we'll cite a few highlights.

As a three-year member of the Huskies' field hockey team, Collins became the program's all-time leader in points and assists and was second in goals. She was also a three-time All-

Little East forward, earning first-team honors as a junior and senior, and was named the LEC (Little East Conference) Offensive Player of the Year back-to-back in 2013 and 2014.

During the 2015-2016 season, Peyton became USM's first female NCAA Division III national champion in the indoor track & field pentathlon competition. During the same season, she was also named the United States Track and Field, Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) New England Region Track Athlete of the Year.

We are thrilled that Peyton has been honored with such an illustrious award! Here at cPort Credit Union, we believe everyone deserves recognition for their hard work and dedication—and there's no better example than Peyton herself!



Message From The CEO



Wishing you a fantastic start to the new year!! I hope your holiday season was filled with safety, comfort, and good health - there is much to be thankful for. 2022 reminded us that exploring innovative ways of serving our members can work wonders; we have achieved amazing things this past year together! Here's to continuing on the same path in 2023.

Adding a digital branch was one of our most notable updates this past year. While our five locations in Portland, Scarborough, and Augusta continue to grow, we added a digital team to manage our online services better. Our online banking and services branch allows members to stay connected to cPort and their financial capabilities no matter where they are. We will continue to find new opportunities while working on exciting products, services, and events for the new year. We will be revealing more about these soon.

One of our core values is to make a difference in our local communities. In 2022, we donated over \$100,000 to local organizations and non-profits. We are grateful for partnerships with organizations like Equality Community Center, Boys and Girls Club of Kennebec County, Olympia Snowe Women's Leadership Institute, and the Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center. They positively impact Maine communities and we strive to be part of that impact.

In addition, we completed our 15th year of the cPort Scholarship Program. Every spring, we head into our local elementary schools to talk to 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students to begin the discussion about future career and college aspirations. Students then write an essay about their future that cPort employees read and review. After careful consideration, recipients are chosen for the Scholarships. We were thankful this year to have all the Scholarship ceremonies in person again. Congratulations to the 2022 cPort Scholarship winners!

Another exciting accomplishment was being named one of the Best Places to Work in Maine for six consecutive years. This achievement strongly underscores our dedication to maintaining a consistent employee culture during an ever-changing environment, including operating through a historic pandemic. While some challenges remain in this post-pandemic period, our employees respond as a team to continue to provide the best financial experience to our members.

While we are optimistic for 2023, there are still financial challenges for many Maine residents. With inflation driving the cost of living up, making ends meet might be challenging for many families. If you need support by skipping a payment, refinancing a rate, or looking for solutions for an emergency expense, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We will always be here to help you navigate challenging times.

Here's to a successful 2023! Whether you are new to cPort or have banked with us for decades, thank you for your continued membership.

Sincerely,

Gene Ardito
President and CEO



Portland, Headlight - Kayla H.

Bailey Island, Maine - Bill C.



Readfield, ME - Sarah M.



Hallowell, ME - Steven J.

Thank you to all members who submitted photos for our 2023 photo calendar.

We can't wait till you see the beautiful photo submissions we received this year! The 2023 cPort calendars are available for free at any of our branch locations, while supplies last. We are now accepting photos for our 2024 calendar, too! Visit cportcu.org/calendar to enter.

Community Spotlight: Boys and Girls Club of Kennebec Valley



Left to right: cPort President and CEO, Gene Ardito; BGCKV's Heather Genest; and cPort Marketing Coordinator, Katherine Morrison stand in front of BGCKV's new toddler room.

The Boys & Girls Club of Kennebec Valley (BGCKV) opened its doors in 1996 as a Gardiner-based childcare program. The club has evolved over the last 26 years and has grown to help over 1,200 members in Kennebec County annually.

More recently, BGCKV completed an \$11 million campaign to build their new facility in Gardiner. In August 2022, the building was completed, and the doors opened to the community. cPort donated \$25,000 towards the cause with the funds for the new toddler room.

cPort is proud to partner with organizations like BGCKV, not only through a donation but also by volunteering our time through programs like the cPort Scholarship Program. "The future of our community starts with children—which is why cPort is so honored to support BGCKV," said Gene Ardito, cPort CEO.

cPort hosted our first Scholarship Program at the club in 2022 with 6 \$100 scholarship winners ranging from grades 3 to 6. cPort and BGCKV are excited to continue the Scholarship Program in 2023 in their new building in Gardiner.

"cPort has given our school age members an opportunity to aspire for more and dream big through their cPort Scholarship Program. They are truly doing whatever it takes to build great futures in and around the communities they serve," said Heather Genest, BGCKV's School Age Coordinator & CLC Site Coordinator.

Thank you to BGCKV for supporting the greater Augusta community!

To see a full list of organizations cPort Credit Union supports, visit cportcu.org/community



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BRANCH HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 5 pm

Saturday: Closed

MEMBER CARE CALL CENTER

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 5 pm

Saturday: 8 am - 12 pm

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

New Year's Day

Observed Monday, January 2, 2023

Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, January 16, 2023

Washington's Birthday

Monday, February 20, 2023

Memorial Day

Monday, May 29, 2023

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Any entrepreneur will tell you the road to a rewarding business has its share of bumps, twists, and surprises. To reach success, it takes determination, and the right set of people to help you navigate the journey.

Voyages is a video series highlighting cPort business members and their journey from inception to thriving businesses.

To see the video series, visit cportcu.org/voyages



Twelve Restaurant

Named by the New York Times as one of America's top 50 restaurants, TWELVE sets the bar high on Portland's up-and-coming waterfront. The restaurant is one of several exciting and successful ventures of the Prentice Hospitality Group. Before opening the restaurant, the historic building that houses the restaurant had to be dismantled and reassembled brick by brick to its current location.

cPort Credit Union was chosen to provide financing for the purchase of the property while also meeting the financial needs to turn the previous space into a vibrant, spectacular culinary experience. Diners at TWELVE not only enjoy delicious, locally sourced food but also experience a modern take on Maine's maritime past.



Charlie Hewitt

Maine artist Charlie Hewitt's Hopeful Project began as inspiration. Now, his iconic designed word "Hopeful" can be found lit up on buildings, traveling around town car bumpers, and hanging in galleries across the state.

Charlie became a cPort Credit Union business member in part because of the work we do in the community, particularly for immigrants new to our country.

Charlie's message of hope is spreading gradually throughout America. I even made an appearance at the 2021 Presidential Inauguration.