

# cNotes

Summer 2023



## Maine Students Shoot For The Stars!

This spring we celebrated 16 years of our Career Aspirations Program. We partnered with six elementary schools and one after school club in Portland, Augusta, and Gardiner. We appreciate that these communities continue to support the aspirations of our local elementary students each year. The program begins with students in grades 3-6 participating in an aspirations workshop with Bob Stuart of Maine College Circle. Following the workshops, students are encouraged to write an essay focused on their interests and future career aspirations. cPort employees were thrilled to read essays about the students' aspirations that ranged from detectives to writers, soldiers, veterinarians, pilots, carpenters, and computer scientists.

This year, over 400 students submitted an essay in hopes of winning a \$100 award. cPort awarded 66 students a scholarship and they were recognized at a ceremony in front of their peers, teachers, families, and friends. We are extremely grateful that each school and organization made the time to help influence and promote the aspirations of these students at such an early age.

We thank each and every teacher, tutor, club staff member, principal, parent, guardian, and friend of the program for making this another successful year! This program continues to be the heart of cPort and we are proud to have impacted over 9,750 students in our local communities over the past sixteen years. We look forward to working with many more wonderful students in the future.



# Message From The CEO



Gene Ardito, President & CEO reads to students during Read Across America week.

Summer is finally here! As the days grow longer and the weather gets warmer, we look forward to enjoying all that this wonderful season has to offer. I hope that you are enjoying Maine's beautiful beaches and trails, taking advantage of the warm weather by having cookouts, getting out on the water and creating lasting memories with family and friends.

We have some fun events coming up this summer at cPort. Stop by one of our branches during our Member Appreciation Week in August for lunch on cPort. If you cannot make it to a branch, we have exciting giveaways online all week long starting on August 7th (check our website). Every day that week we will have lawn games, exciting giveaways, and lunch from Mainely Burgers, PB & ME or Micucci's Grocery. I look forward to sharing lunch and conversations with everyone at this summer celebration.

Although for one week each summer we recognize and acknowledge all our cPort members, our focus on our members is not limited to those five warm days. We strive to deliver the best possible financial experience to our members every day through personalized service, innovative banking technology, and giving back to the communities we serve.

I want to take a moment to congratulate all the students who recently participated in cPort's 16th Annual Career Aspirations Program. We look forward to this time of year and with so many impressive and creative essays, it can be quite a difficult task choosing the winners. Their essays give us a glimpse of the originality and talent that will lead us into the future. We are grateful to partner with local schools and organizations to continue the Career Aspirations Program. We couldn't do it without their support.

Speaking of aspirations, cPort's first Leadership Summit was a milestone event in our career development program. This dynamic and impactful gathering provided a platform for colleagues to share their unique insights and exchange opinions on how to increase our momentum and growth.

If you have any questions or thoughts, please call cPort Member Care (1-800-464-0253) and ask for me. I am thankful for any opportunity to hear feedback, and I appreciate your continued membership at cPort. I'll see you at the food truck!

Gene Ardito, President and CEO





# cPort in the community



Team photo from the American Heart Association's 2023 Heart Walk.



cPort Credit Union brought the luck of the Irish to Portland's Saint Patrick's Day parade



cPort's President & CEO, Gene Ardito, spoke at the "How To's: Immigrant Family Business Panel" for the Institute for Family-Owned Business. This event featured four speakers, Gene Ardito, Michael Molisho, Lucie Narukundo, Kerem Durdag, and Catherine Fossett.



Kelsey Marquis, EVP & CFO, shares her love for literacy with students during Read Across America week.

## cPort Credit Union Donates \$30,000 to Equality Community Center Capital Campaign

cPort Credit Union donated \$30,000 to the Equality Community Center (ECC) capital campaign. This donation will be used to fund a portion of the renovation of ECC's new home at 15 Casco Street and initial site planning of a 60-unit affordable housing building adjacent to the center.

The ECC offers a variety of programs and services to the LGBTQ+ community, including youth groups, support groups, counseling, and more. The new housing structure is intended to provide housing options for LGBTQ+ older adults and other vulnerable members of the community.



Gene Ardito, Barbara Wood, Christopher O'Connor, Katherine Morrison





Win!

# \$250 Auto Pay GIVEAWAY

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## BRANCHES

### Portland Riverside (Main Office)

50 Riverside Industrial Parkway  
Portland, Maine 04103

### Portland Forest Avenue

285 Forest Avenue  
Portland, ME 04101

### Portland Middle Street

35 Middle Street  
Portland, Maine 04101

### Augusta

399 Western Avenue  
Augusta, Maine 04330

### Scarborough

313 US Route 1  
Scarborough, Maine 04074

## BRANCH HOURS

**Monday - Friday:** 8 am - 5 pm

**Saturday:** Closed

## MEMBER CARE CALL CENTER

**1-800-464-0253**

**Monday - Friday:** 8 am - 5 pm

**Saturday:** 8 am - 12 pm

## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

### Independence Day

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

### Labor Day

Monday, September 4, 2023

### Indigenous People's Day

Monday, October 9, 2023

### Veterans Day

Saturday, November 11, 2023

### Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 23, 2023

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## Set up automatic monthly transfers to your cPort Loan account for your chance to win \$250!\*

Want to make your life easier? Set up automatic monthly money transfers to pay your cPort loans! With a schedule that works for you, you won't have to worry about missing payments or deadlines. And guess what? You might even win \$250! We're picking two winners every month.

To get started, visit [cportcu.org/autopay](http://cportcu.org/autopay) or come into any cPort Credit Union branch and talk to a Member Service Representative.

\* Terms and conditions apply



Mark Your Calendars!

# August 7-11

At cPort, we're all about celebrating YOU! Get ready to join us for Member Appreciation Week, our favorite event of the year. Join us for FREE lunch, play some fun games, and win some awesome prizes by visiting any of our cPort locations during the week. See our schedule for branch celebrations. And don't worry if you can't make it in-person - you can still enter to win a fabulous prize online! Let's get this party started!



cPort Credit Union's

# Member Appreciation Week 2023

A Maine Tradition

**Scarborough** - Monday, August 7

**Augusta** - Tuesday, August 8

**Middle St** - Wednesday, August 9

**Forest Ave** - Thursday, August 10

**Riverside** - Friday, August 11

