



The Bulldog Reporter

Machias Memorial High School News

June 1, 2019 – Edition

Machias Senior Class 2019



Back row: Evan Dray, Noah Albert, Braden Pottle, Robert Swallow, Riley Tinker, Jackson Saumur, Simon Edwards, Brandon Jordan, Jonathan Cole.

Middle row: Dallas Moody, Caleb Sprague, Tyler Faulkingham, Cain Doten, Alex Wentzell, David Mitchell, Samantha Cox, Kaitlin LaPointe.

Front: Madison Conlin, Ashley Norman, Shelby Fuller, Smita Martin, Ardriana Mahar, Kellee Moores, Keely Tibbetts, Jordyn Bryant.



“The future belongs to those who believe in the
beauty of their dreams.”

– Eleanor Roosevelt

Top Honor Parts for the Class of 2019



Madison Conlin

Machias Memorial High School Principal Brian Leavitt is pleased to announce the honor parts for the graduating class of 2019. Madison Conlin has earned the distinction of class Valedictorian. Madison has been an active and vital part of her class for the last four years. She has consistently been on the honor roll, received class room awards for her academic excellence as well as being selected for Student of the Quarter, and she was recognized for the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa award in her junior year. She is a member of National Honor Society, participated in Model State, and served on Student Council. Madison is a well-rounded student, being involved in many extra-curricular activities such as cheerleading and cross country. She also received the distinction of being chosen for The QuestBridge Quest for Excellence, was recognized at the UMM Writers' Symposium as a finalist, and was accepted to Champlain Young Writer's Conference. Matti has accepted an early decision to attend Bowdoin College majoring in biology in the fall. She is the daughter of Shannon and Howard Conlin of Machias.

Keely Tibbetts has been named class Salutatorian of 2019. Keely will attend UMM in counseling.



Keely Tibbetts

She has been actively involved throughout her high school career in academics and has been on the honor roll consistently. She is a member of the National Honor Society, serves on the Student Council, and enjoys participating in Special Olympics. Keeley was selected to attend the HOBY leadership conference in her sophomore year. In addition to her high school studies, Keely has taken early college classes at UMM. Keely is the daughter of Lynda Barnes-Dolley and Thad Dolley of Machias and the late Leland Tibbetts.

The following students (in alphabetical order) are part of the top ten: Cain Doten, Evan Dray, Simon Edwards, Jakob Holland, Ardriana Mahar, Smita Martin, Robert Swallow, and Alex Wentzell.

Commencement exercises will be held at Machias Memorial High School Gymnasium at 1 p.m., on Sunday, June 2, 2019. The graduation speaker will be Mr. Chad Fitzsimmons.



(Starting from the back left continuing to the front left) Jakob Holland, Simon Edwards, Robert Swallow, Evan Dray, Madison Conlin, Smita Martin, Keely Tibbetts, Ardriana Mahar, Alex Wentzell.
Not Pictured: Cain Doten

Congratulations Seniors!



What Does Graduation Mean to Me?

Smita Martin

Ask any of us here, and you will get many different and unique responses.

Graduation is the ceremony of conferring degrees or diplomas. It also is one of the biggest accomplishments for many individuals in high school.

For some, graduation means moving on to college to start on the path to our dream jobs. To another it means heading off to boot camp to begin serving our country. Other classmates may see it as a chance to start their future with someone. Whatever graduation means to us, there are a few things we all have in common.

For the graduating class we can say we are survivors. We have survived through all the drama that entails school. We have made it through twelve years of new friendships, crushes, bullies, heartbreaks, making new friends and losing some of our oldest friends. We have done many tests, exams, end of the year projects, and received sport and academic awards. Many of us have had a grade we did not like on a paper or test. Studying long nights or forgetting to study for the next day's quiz. We have had to change teachers, classes, and schedules around. We have connected with teachers who inspired us to be better for ourselves one day at a time. Staying after school to finish up assignments whether they were late or we just needed help. Everything we have been through has only strengthened us and made us more resilient for what lies ahead, what we will be facing and the challenges for the next years in our lives.

We all have a book, and each book has a new chapter. Each unique and completely different from one another's. Graduation is a new beginning for every one of us. Some of us may move away from our childhood houses, others may be staying close to home. We all belong somewhere. It is the first time in 12 years that some of us will not be seeing each other on a weekly basis. New



Smita Martin

friends, homes, jobs, teachers, and maybe even new lifestyles are in store for all of us. New beginnings await each and every graduate before you today.

Graduation means standing on the starting line waiting patiently for the signal to move ahead. To let go, but cherish all the bittersweet memories. To move forward. To stand strong on what each of us has been waiting for, for a long time. We all have different dreams and goals, some of us may take a different path than what we thought we were going for. Some may stay with what we have been dreaming of since day one. Whatever path it is we decide to take, it is our choice, our future, and our new beginning. School has prepared us to handle what is to come in our lives. We finally get to read the next chapter.

We are excited and emotional, but we are ready, and the pages are turning. We are the graduating class of Machias Memorial High School 2019, and it is our pleasure to have everyone who has been a part of this journey to support us.

Senior Bar Harbor Trip

Samantha Cox

The seniors went on their senior trip on Thursday, May 23, which was also step up day at MMHS. Bar Harbor was the destination. Unfortunately, there was an accident along the way that resulted in a detour that reduced the time to an hour for shopping and eating lunch.

Bar Harbor has many shops and places to eat. As soon as the seniors arrived they had a briefing on how long they had as well as what time to meet back up to leave. After that they were "set loose" to explore. A few of the girls walked around together stopping in shops and looking for bargains. The guys just looked for a place to eat. There were many gift shops and the girls decided to eat at the Chinese Restaurant.

The food was great, and the time flew by quickly. Everyone met up by the park to get back on the bus and return to Machias. It was a nice day off for seniors and advisors.

Class of 2019
Where are we going?
Smita Martin

Madison Conlin - Bowdoin College, Biology
Keely Tibbetts – UMM - Counseling
Simon Edwards – UMM - Entrepreneurship
Smita Martin - UMM - Elementary Education
Jakob Holland - WCCC - Plumbing and Heating
Robert Swallow - EMCC - Culinary
Alex Wentzell Undecided
Ardrianna Mahar - U.S. Marines
Cain Doten - Undecided
Evan Dray – WCCC - Electric & Welding
Tyler Faulkingham - SMCC - Graphic Designing
Samantha Cox – UMPI - Criminal Justice
Ashley Norman – UMM - Undecided
Riley Tinker - Diving Certification
Kaitlin LaPointe – UMM - Psychology
Kellee Moores – WCCC - Early Childhood Education
Caleb Sprague – EMCC - Fine Woodworking
Noah Albert - Lobster Fisherman
Dallas Moody - Undecided
Jordyn Bryant - Moving to Portland.
Braden Pottle - Lobster Fisherman
Nick Libby - Undecided
Jackson Saumur - U.S. Air Force
Jonathan Cole - Undecided
David Mitchell - Undecided
Shelby Fuller- UMM - Psychology



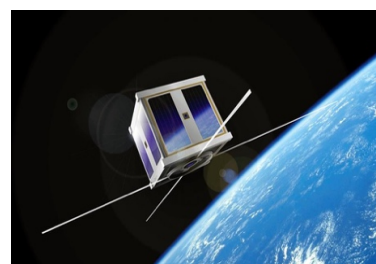
CubeSat Challenge
Rebecca Burgess

A group of elementary school students from Machias and Jonesboro have chosen to take part in a long-term mission led by our very own Mr. Lenke that could launch a Washington County-built satellite into

space. CubeSat is short for cube satellite, a 10 by 10-centimeter unit that weighs about three pounds and can be built with low-cost parts. One cube unit can be combined with others to create a larger satellite or launched individually. Each satellite is designed for a specific purpose and to win a slot to launch their satellite into space. The Machias team's purpose will have to be a strong one. Mr. Lenke told the students to consider some of NASA's objectives before deciding on an idea of their own.

Mr. Lenke attended a Maine CubeSat Challenge Workshop in April where 19 schools were represented. Those schools are competing for three slots NASA could have available for the entire state of Maine. The application deadline is June 1 which means the Machias team needs to come up with a proposal soon. If the team is selected then they start building the satellite and testing it. "Whenever that rocket gets ready to go, they're going to shove it (the satellite) in a rocket and launch it into space," Mr. Lenke told the students. After it is launched, the students will collect data and see how their satellite works.

The students broke into two groups and began sketching out ideas for the purpose of their satellite. The satellite will only be in orbit for about 90 days before burning up, during those 90 days it will pass over Maine roughly four times a day so whatever purpose the students chose will need to be accomplished within that time. The CubeSat will be 3D printed, and will need to have a solar panel and some type of communication device, it could also have a camera if wanted. During the week of May 12, the students had five ideas to share with the class and started to drill down on their options. The team plans to meet weekly between now and the June 1st deadline. Then they will have to wait for their results.



Windstorm Challenge Joseph Horvath

The Kleinschmidt Windstorm Challenge, hosted at the Alfond W2 Ocean Engineering Laboratory on the University of Maine campus, asks teams of up to four students to design and



construct a floating platform for a scale model wind turbine. In addition give a presentation to a panel of expert judges. Around 400 students attended, introducing a wide range of ideas and designs. Machias Memorial High School's Team Orange participated in this year's competition on May 17, 2019, placing fourth out of 29 schools from around the state. Machias 2019 Team Orange participants were Joseph Horvath and Jason Weaver.

Team Orange's design features a freely rotating platform, vertical and horizontal fins, and a buoyancy plate; each serving a unique role within their model. The goal of each platform is to have the slowest movement in every direction when subjected to waves equivalent to 40 ft and wind of 55 mph. Dr. Habib Dagher, Dean of the Engineering College highlighted the goals of the competition, aiming to inspire a new generation of engineers as well as providing insight into the continuing development of clean offshore energy production. Dr. Dagher stated that upwards of 156 GWatts of wind energy is available within 50 miles of shore. Future generations must be inspired to create a way to harness this as a survival means of overcoming the \$5B Mainers spend on heating oil and other fossil fuels.

James Lenke, physics teacher and coach of Team Orange, said: "I think it's important that students get exposed to the wonderful opportunities in the state of Maine while getting a chance to better their understanding of physics. We live in a coastal city, so this is the perfect challenge for our students."

Academic Awards Megan Preston

Academic Awards

Wednesday, May 22, 2019, was academic awards night. Academic awards night is a night to recognize and honor the top students at Machias Memorial High School for their hard work. The ceremony is by invitation only and it is an honor to be invited. Culinary made scrumptious cupcakes, even one with real fruit! Water was also provided on all the tables.

The evening started with a warm welcome from Mr. Leavitt, during which he honored Mr. Worcester for his 35 years of teaching. This was Mr. Worcester's last awards night before retirement. He gave a warm felt goodbye after he presented his awards. Proceeding Mr. Leavitt's welcome, the teachers presented their awards. Megan Preston was a prominent name throughout the night, receiving 7 awards. She noted that her most favored award was the one from Mr. Henry, "The award Mr. Henry gave me was one I never will forget. He is one of the teachers that has helped me the most so far in my high school career. I mean I didn't even have his class, and I got an award from him!"

After the teachers presented their awards, separate awards were presented. These were Perfect Attendance Award, Phi Beta Kappa Award, Principal's Award, and Presentation of the Top Ten. The Perfect Attendance Award went to Marc Michaud, who was very excited. Phi Beta Kappa Award went to Megan Preston. The Phi Beta Kappa Award is presented to a junior who, "demonstrates adherence to high academic standards in a broad range of studies in secondary school and intellectual curiosity and achievement both in and beyond the classroom."

The last award before the presentation of the top ten was the Principal's Award. This went to Madison Conlin who represented all

the ideals of the award. The award was fittingly presented by Mr. Leavitt. National Honor Society Members were also presented with their stoles before the top ten. The top ten were introduced and awarded their cords. Starting with Valedictorian, the top ten were Madison Conlin, Keely Tibbetts, Simon Edwards, Smita Martin, Jakob Holland, Robert Swallow, Alex Wentzell, Ardiana Mahar, Cain Doten, and Evan Dray.

It was not mentioned at awards night, but this was a few teachers' last awards night. We would like to thank Mr. Henry, Mr. Jaques, and Mr. Worcester for all they have done for our school. You will be gravely missed.



*Pictured left to right: Jayden Rhodes, Kyle Anderson, Kashman Feeney, Smita Martin, Grace Preston, Noah Albert, Jacob Sinford, Evan Dray.
Not pictured: Samantha Cox*

DAC Banquet Grace Preston

The DAC Banquet took place on Thursday, May 23, in the Machias Memorial High School gymnasium at 6:00 p.m. The Down East Athletic Conference recognizes All-Star student athletes. Athletes from Sumner, Jonesport-Beals High School, Narraguagus, Calais, Woodland, Shead, and Machias were honored for their outstanding skills.

The sports that students are recognized for are boys' and girls' soccer, volleyball, golf, cross country, girls' and boys' basketball, cheering, baseball, softball, tennis, and senior academic awards. The DAC Banquet also recognizes teams for sportsmanship, player of the year, and coach of the year.

The DAC All-Stars from Machias High School are; Jayden Rhodes for soccer, Kyle

Anderson for basketball, Kashman Feeney and Noah Albert for baseball, Smita Martin for cheering, Grace Preston for volleyball, Samantha Cox for cross country, and Jacob Sinford and Evan Dray for golf.

Drama Samantha Cox

The combined elementary/high school drama club performed for the public on Friday, May 24, and Saturday, May 25.

They performed the play, "An Interview with Famous Internet



Cats." A lot of people attended to support the Drama Club and to congratulate them on a wonderful job they did under the direction of Mrs. Bridges. Ian Conlin portrayed interviewer Ian McWorthy as he interviewed the cats that came on stage. Tuffy, the cat in a box, was the first to be interviewed played by Ayla Blayden, Tuffy is a cheerful cat who falls into boxes.

Two grandma cats, Edna and Estell, were known for being great advice givers. They were played by Eliza Albee and Samantha Cox. These grandmas have known each other for years and help the neighborhood cats with problems along with people through the Internet. One cat is known for her unusual sleeping habits Sandy, the sleepy cat, was played by Caiden Richardson. This cat is known for sleeping on printers, tall stacks of books, and even remote control cars. She even fell asleep on stage quite a few times. That is when Ian said we needed to move on. The assistant to Ian came out to quickly remove Sandy from the stage by dragging her off. The assistant was portrayed by Sienna Ingalls. Keely Tibbits was one of two seniors who acted in the play as a shy and terrified Muffin the Scaredy cat. Muffin has gone through many scares throughout her life. She even went to Japan and London to be scared by an

illustrious group of people. Gilda, the psychic cat, has proclaimed powers of seeing visions and knowing unworldly things. Gilda the cat role was acted by Eliza Albee. Ian interviews her and quickly you can see Gilda is twisting her words to make her seem right about everything and Ian is becoming agitated. The end of Gilda's scene has Ian storm out, and he demands a break closing the curtain for 15 minutes.

When the curtain opens again, Nelson the Grumpy Cat (played by Caiden Richardson), is already on stage, but where is Ian? Well another person is pushed on stage - trainee Amber Heath. Amber isn't an interviewer but Ian doesn't care and makes her interview for the first time. Amber's part was played by high school senior Samantha Cox.

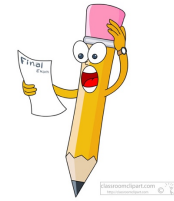
Kitty Booboo is a very high-class cat born to sing and loved by a lot of people. Even Ian is a fan of Kitty Booboo, the singing cat. Kitty has brought along some of her "babies" (who get on Ian's nerves) with her to the interview. She talks on and on about Kitty Klothes a newly found industry that makes cat clothes.

Pierre, the philosopher cat, is an English cat dressed all in black with a French hat. He talks nonsense and is unimpressed with Ian. Their interview isn't going very well when Lexi Donaghy, who plays Interrupting Cat, comes out on stage and wrecks the interview. Interrupting Cat's role was to show up throughout the play interrupting here and there, annoying Ian for the last time when Ian catches him and takes his mask off revealing himself. The end of the play is a massive cat fight and Ian gets entangled in it. Not only did the drama students love performing the play, the audience seemed to enjoy it as they laughed along the way.



Keely Tibbetts, Ian Conlin, Samantha Cox, Caiden Richardson, Siana Ingalls, Lexi Donaghy, Eliza Albee, Ayla Blayden

Finals Schedule Rebecca Burgess



Tuesday, June 11- Period 1 9:00 – 10:45
Lunch 10:45 – 11:15
Period 2 11:15 – 1:00

Wednesday, June 12- Period 3 9:00 – 10:45
Lunch 10:45 – 11:15
Period 4 11:15 – 1:00

Thursday, June 13- Periods 5 9:00 – 10:45
Lunch 10:45 – 11:15
Period 6 11:15 – 1:00

Friday, June 14- Period 7 9:00 – 10:45
Lunch 10:45 – 11:15
Period 8 11:15 – 1:00

Saturday, June 15- Make-Ups- 9:00 -11:00



June Birthdays Grace Preston

June 3- Ellie Bransfield
June 4- Jon Cole
June 6- Aric McCurdy
June 8- Sadie Phillips
June 16- Ozzie Blyther
June 19- Rhyley Beam
June 20- Kellee Moores
June 23- Hannah Faulkingham
June 26- Dalton Baker
June 27- Robert Swallow

Horoscopes

Aries: 3/21 to 4/19

Your friendships are all growing stronger this week. Even if you might not feel like it, help a friend out. They'll be grateful and will later return the favor. Stay surrounded by those you love; they enjoy your company just as much as you enjoy theirs.

Taurus: 4/20 to 5/20

It's easy to get frustrated with those around you, but try hard not to. Instead, investigate new ways to calm yourself and those around you. When all the screaming and shouting stops, you'll be able to make sense of what's going on and deal with situations in a reasonable manner.

Gemini: 5/21 to 6/20

Instead of worrying about all those little things going on in your life, tackle a big problem. Stop worrying about miniscule details. Rather, focus on the big picture. Your creative skills will shine through, and nobody will miss out. Enlist a trusted friend to help with the details, making it a perfect event.

Cancer: 6/21 to 7/22

Those who you consider yourself closest to will be hard to understand. Mixed signals get you confused, and you don't know which way to turn. Try not to misinterpret what people are telling you; instead confront them with what you're feeling. By the end of the week things will once again be making sense.

Leo: 7/23 to 8/22

You may not feel like it, and it may be hard, but dive into a project you've been putting off. If you can't handle everything on your own, don't be shy to ask for help. Everyone will be more than willing to put in the time, and it will help keep your stress level low.

Virgo: 8/23 to 9/22

You are in conflict between two different emotions and don't know what to do next. Try to completely avoid the issue for a

day; after sleeping on it your mind might be clearer. Then talk with trusted friends and family; other's opinions and ideas help you figure out what you truly want.

Libra: 9/23 to 10/21

Although it may seem unnoticed, your friends appreciate all that you do for them. Keep it up and your hard work will soon pay off. This week you'll receive extra special thanks from those around you.

Scorpio: 10/22 to 11/21:

You feel absent-minded lately. That's fine, but pay at least some attention to the world around you. You might end up agreeing to do something you don't actually want to do without even noticing. Keep an alert friend with you, and you'll make sure to stay on track.

Sagittarius: 11/22 to 12/21

Pull your head out of the clouds. Life is hard, and the people you are close to cannot make all the decisions in your life for you. Step up to the plate and do something impulsive, that *you* want to do.

Capricorn: 12/22 to 1/19

Keep all your options open this week. Many different opportunities are coming your way and you want to consider them all before making your final decision. Then, this weekend, leave all the decision-making behind and do whatever makes you feel best.

Aquarius: 1/20 to 2/18

Take care of that issue that's been driving you crazy. You'll find a quick and easy solution half way through the week -- don't turn it down. By the weekend you'll be free of nuisances and can enjoy yourself.

Pisces: 2/19 to 3/20

It may seem like you're helping somebody, but back off. Sometimes all anyone needs is time and rushing it won't help your cause. Don't give up completely though, in a few weeks things will be looking better.

SUMMER VACATION! ENJOY!