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I grew up in northwest Pennsylvania and graduated summa cum laude from Clarion University of Pennsylvania with a BS in secondary English education. After graduation, I moved to Montana where I spent three years as a high school English teacher in Simms. Next, I attended graduate school at the University of Montana and worked as a teaching assistant in the English Department until I received my MAT degree in 2011. My master's thesis focused on teaching the works of Kurt Vonnegut at the secondary level. After grad school, I spent three years teaching high school in Polson, MT on the Flathead Indian Reservation. In addition to teaching, I served as the Assistant Speech and Debate Coach and was the advisor for the school newspaper.

In 2015, I moved to Erie, PA and began working for Gannon University as an advisor for their Talent Search program called GO College. For five years I worked with inner-city high school students in Erie helping them make a successful transition to college. In 2019, I moved to Maine where I now serve as Eastern Maine Community College's Director of TRIO Student Support Services. Our grant-funded program provides tutoring, academic advising, peer mentoring, academic programming, transfer visits cultural opportunities, and financial aid assistance to 150 EMCC students per year. Like many of the students in TRIO, I was a first-generation college student. Thus, I pride myself on being responsive to the questions and needs of students to ensure they feel supported and informed.

When I'm not spreading the wisdom at EMCC, I enjoy kayaking, fishing, reading big books, hiking, collecting baby spoons, homebrewing, and making self-deprecating jokes about my hair.





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I grew up in a small town in Upstate New York called Chatham. After high school, I moved to Massachusetts and attended Merrimack College where I ultimately graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Health Science. I was an extremely involved student, and worked closely with orientation programming, student involvement, commuter students, and admissions. I loved the work that I did, and as a result, I decided to get my master's in education, and continue to work with college students at other institutions. I began the Higher Education in Student Affairs program at Salem State University (SSU) in 2020 and am still working towards this degree currently. In the past two years before coming to EMCC, I worked in Residence Life, and served as an Educational Coach at SSU, working exclusively with undergraduate students with intellectual disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorder.

When I began college, I had a million questions about being a college student, and was able to seek out help from peers, tutors, and people that I knew who had gone to college before me. I love to help people and want to be the same support for others that I was fortunate enough to have in my own educational journey.

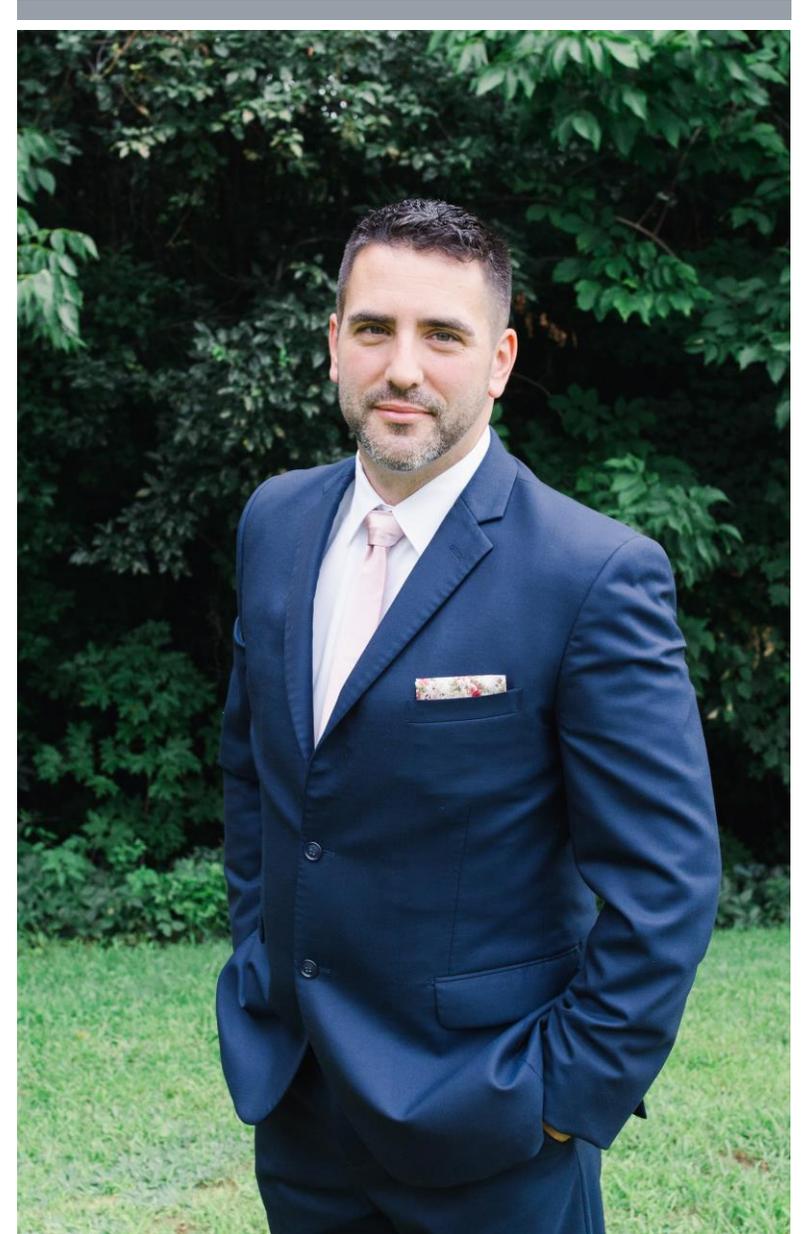


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I was raised in a military family and spent most of my pre-college years bouncing around from one town to the next. We lived everywhere from Germany to Massachusetts to New Jersey to Maine. I attended the University of Maine on a 4-year Army Scholarship and graduated summa cum laude with a BA in Mathematics in 1998. Upon graduating, I was commissioned as an engineer officer in the US Army and immediately shipped off to Missouri for training. I spent the next several years as a combat engineer platoon leader including a six-month NATO peacekeeping deployment to Bosnia-Herzegovina. In the year 2000, I was able to transition out of Active Duty and into the Maine Army National Guard where I served as an Engineer Officer for a construction company including a yearlong deployment to northern Iraq.

During those years in the National Guard and after Iraq, I went back to College and earned a Post Graduate Certificate in Accounting. I also worked through a grocery list of different jobs including working as an accountant, ad salesman, printing salesman, tax preparer, cook, bartender, and stand-up comedian before landing a job as an adjunct math instructor at EMCC. It was there that I was offered the job as the Tutor Coordinator for TRIO and later for the entirety of EMCC.



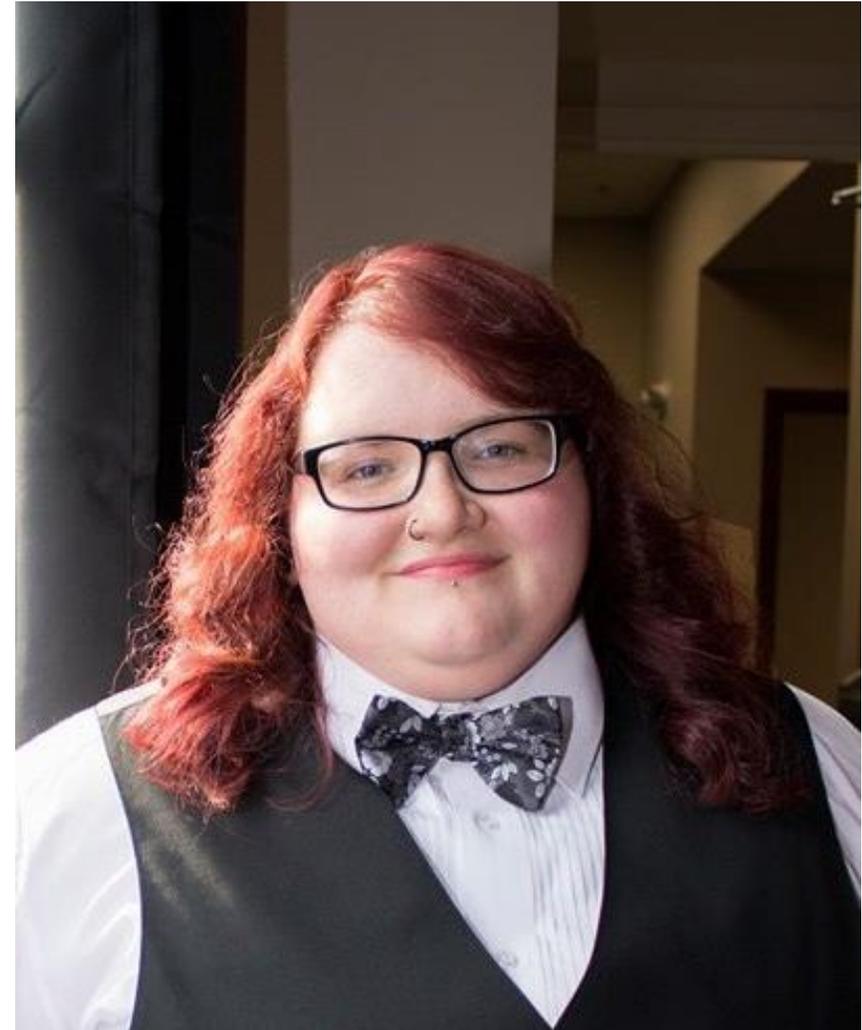
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My name is Autumn Mallett and I graduated from EMCC in 2017 with an associate degree in Liberal Studies, and then in 2018 with a degree in Secondary Education. I recently graduated from the University of Maine with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a concentration in Science. After this, I plan on continuing my education at the University of Maine for my master's degree in Higher Education, possibly with a concentration in Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies. I hope to eventually get a full-time position in student services at a community college.

In TRIO I work as the Leader Peer Mentor. My role as a Peer Mentor is helping students navigate college. One thing I specialize in is helping students transfer from EMCC into a university. I also specialize in helping students save money wherever they can! This can be through budgeting help, financial aid help, assisting with the dual enrollment process after transferring, finding scholarships, or explaining the public bus system and other community services. I also can aid students in other areas of EMCC, as I have previously worked in residential life, the enrollment office, and the library. I have personally used TRIO services heavily throughout my college journey and they have been irreplaceable to me. I strive to be like the TRIO Advisors who have been so helpful to me. As a low-income, first-generation college student, and having a documented disability, I have gained a unique experience and passion in helping students in similar situations to myself.

SPRING SCHEDULE: Thursdays 4:00-7:00 in the Success Center



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Hi, my name is Ciara Jacobsen, and I'm 25 years old and am a mom to three cats. I'm a first-generation student and used TRIO services for my first degree. I graduated from EMCC in 2020 from the Human Services program. After graduation, I worked as an adult case manager and quickly realized I was in the wrong field. I returned to EMCC in fall 2021 for the Digital Graphic Design program and will finish in 2023. After that, I plan on getting my small business certificate here at EMCC.

During the winter of 2021 I became part of the TRIO team as a peer mentor. As a peer mentor, I want to offer the same support that I was given when I started college. As a previous graduate and someone who has lived on campus before, I can be a good source for navigating EMCC. As a peer mentor, I can help you communicate with your instructors and peers and help you take advantage of all the services important to me, and I want to show my students how great college can be. EMCC has to offer. Something that is important to me is making sure students know I am a safe person to talk to. This does not just apply to school, but all aspects of life. EMCC is very and I want to show my students how great college can be.

Spring Schedule: Thursdays 12-4 & Fridays 12-3 in the Success Center





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SAMUEL PAGE:

Hello, my name is Samuel Page. I have worked as a TRIO Math Tutor for a few years. My wife and I live in Bangor with our 3 feline friends. We enjoy playing board games and video games together. Some of our favorites include Dominion, Spirit Island and Path of Exile. I have a background in computer science with a few related hobbies. I have a 3D printer and enjoy exploring the many cool things I can create with it.

Tutoring Topics: Math!

Tutoring Schedule: Mondays and Thursdays from 11-2 in the Student Success Center; online by appt.

ALLEGRA KENNY:

Hello! My name is Allegra - I am a TRIO tutor, EMCC Graduate of liberal studies and current Business student, and current Nursing student at Husson University. I really enjoy spending my free time with my family, being outside, and competing with my horses. Things are different this year, but I hope we can work together to get you ready for the fall semester!

Tutoring Topics: English, Developmental Math, Biology, Economics, Psychology, History, Ethics, and Sociology

Tutoring Schedule: 1-5 on Tuesdays in the Student Success Center



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JEN HODGINS:

I earned a degree in Human Services from EMCC in 2021, spent a semester at Husson University, and then transferred to Indiana University East to continue pursuing my degree in Psychology. I am now living in Indiana but am just as excited to work as a tutor at EMCC and TRIO as I have always been. I am working toward becoming a clinical mental health counselor and eventually plan to teach at a college or university. From the very beginning of my academic journey, tutoring has motivated me to press forward even when student life starts to overwhelm. The joy of helping others and being able to give myself advice from an outside perspective are just some of the reasons I love tutoring so much. Additionally, I enjoy the problem-solving aspect of finding unique tutoring strategies for each student. Usually, when a student feels that they cannot learn a specific subject, it simply means that they have not been taught in a way that works for them. Lastly, the best general advice I can give to anyone about anything is that we each ask ourselves, “What would I do if I wasn’t afraid?” and then do that, constantly on a repetitive loop. If there was ever a single question that changed my life, this was and continues to be it.

Tutoring Topics: A little bit of everything

Spring schedule: online by appointment

ANGELICA HARTEL:

Hello, my name is Angelica. I am a TRIO tutor, a recent EMCC Business Management Graduate, and current Accounting major at Husson University. In my free time (when I have it) I love spending time with my husband and 2 little boys. I also have a love of collecting foreign coins and money from all over the world and from different eras. I have a passion for helping other students succeed, and that includes you!

Tutoring Topics: Accounting and Business Management

Schedule: online by appointment

