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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 TRIO 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 and taking care of business at EMCC, I enjoy kayaking, fishing, reading big books, hiking, collecting baby spoons, and making self-deprecating jokes about my hair.





SARA EGLIN
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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 graduated from the Higher Education in Student Affairs Master of Education program at Salem State University (SSU) in 2022. 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.

Stop by to see me in 123 Maine Hall for all advising-related concerns, or to hear some mediocre jokes, and see pictures of my dog, Bruce. I look forward to working with you!



DAKIN HEWLETT

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I am originally from Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania and am a proud alum of West Chester University where I earned my BA in English. I moved to Maine a couple of years ago to work at the Maine Seacoast Mission where I managed the Journey Program and directed the Secondary and Post-Secondary Programs. I enjoy working with students from all backgrounds and am passionate about providing students the appropriate resources they need to succeed.

I'm thrilled to be working at EMCC, helping to recruit new students into our TRIO Student Support Services program, as well as coordinating all of the FREE tutoring services that the college offers.

My office is located in the Student Success Center in Maine Hall – feel free to stop by to introduce yourself, learn more about how TRIO could benefit you, or request tutoring.



JESSY SHERWOOD
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Jessy is a former TRIO student who is now completing a double major in Psychology and Studio Art at the University of Maine, with the goal of becoming an Art Therapist. Jessy is a non-traditional student and graduated from EMCC in the fall of 2022 with a degree in Liberal Studies. She has two sons, 15 and 12 years old, and in her spare time, she loves to hike and do anything with art or crafting.

Jessy is available Monday and Wednesday 8-11am, and Fridays by appointment only in the Student Success Center in Maine Hall.



BRAD BURDEN
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Brad is a former TRIO student and graduate of EMCC. Brad completed his degree Liberal Studies degree this past summer, and has just begun his next chapter – working towards his Bachelor’s degree at the University of Maine Augusta. During his time at EMCC, Brad was very involved across campus, serving as a friendly and helpful student-employee in both the EMCC Food Pantry and Library. He is an excellent resource for our students, and looks forward to working with you!

Brad is available Thursdays from 9am-2pm in the Student Success Center in Maine Hall.



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SAMUEL PAGE:

Hello, my name is Samuel Page. I have worked as a TRIO Math Tutor here at EMCC for many years. My wife and I live in Old Town 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, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 11am-2pm in the Student Success Center, and Fridays online by appointment only.



DIANA HARRIMAN

Hello! I grew up in Glenburn, Maine and graduated from EMCC in 2023 with a degree in secondary education. I recently began working towards my Bachelor's degree at Husson University. Over the past year, I've fallen in love with tutoring at EMCC. It's been a great pleasure to work with so many amazing, hardworking students who are dedicated to their education. My goal as a tutor is to help guide and educate each student in every way I can.

Tutoring Topics: English and writing courses

Tutoring Schedule: Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am-2pm, and Mondays online by appointment only.



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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 Ohio 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: English, most math classes, Human Services, Physics, Psychology, Sociology, Oral Communications, and Ethics.

Tutoring Schedule: Online by appointment. I am mostly available nights and weekends.

