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I grew up in Oil City, 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. 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 2015, I moved to Erie, PA and began working for Gannon University as an advisor for their TRIO Talent Search program. 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. Stop by and visit me in 123 Maine Hall if you need anything at all.

When I'm not taking care of business at EMCC, I enjoy kayaking, fishing, reading big books, hiking, talking trash on horses, making self-deprecating jokes about my hair, and hanging out with my awesome cat Lou and my not-so-smart border collie named Merle.





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Growing up in small rural town in Mississippi, I pursued higher education and graduated from the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a minor in Legal Studies. I worked various roles, including campaigns, housing associations, and career development, before discovering a passion for helping students in their career journeys. This led me to further my education by obtaining two master's degrees in School Counseling and Human Relations, along with certifications in Leadership and Innovation & Entrepreneurship all from Husson University.

Since moving to Maine in 2020, I have gained experience working across all educational levels, focusing on career development for students. I have served as a career and co-op advisor remotely for Wentworth Institute, a Residential Graduate Director for Husson University, and a student aid for the Financial Aid Department at Husson University. I also maintain a full-time role as a school counselor at certain secondary schools.

I am super excited to share my knowledge and resources with everyone! I am here to support your journey and help you achieve your goals. Whether you have questions about career paths, need guidance, or just want to chat my doors are open. Please visit my office located in 123 Maine Hall whenever you are free and available.



DAKIN HEWLETT

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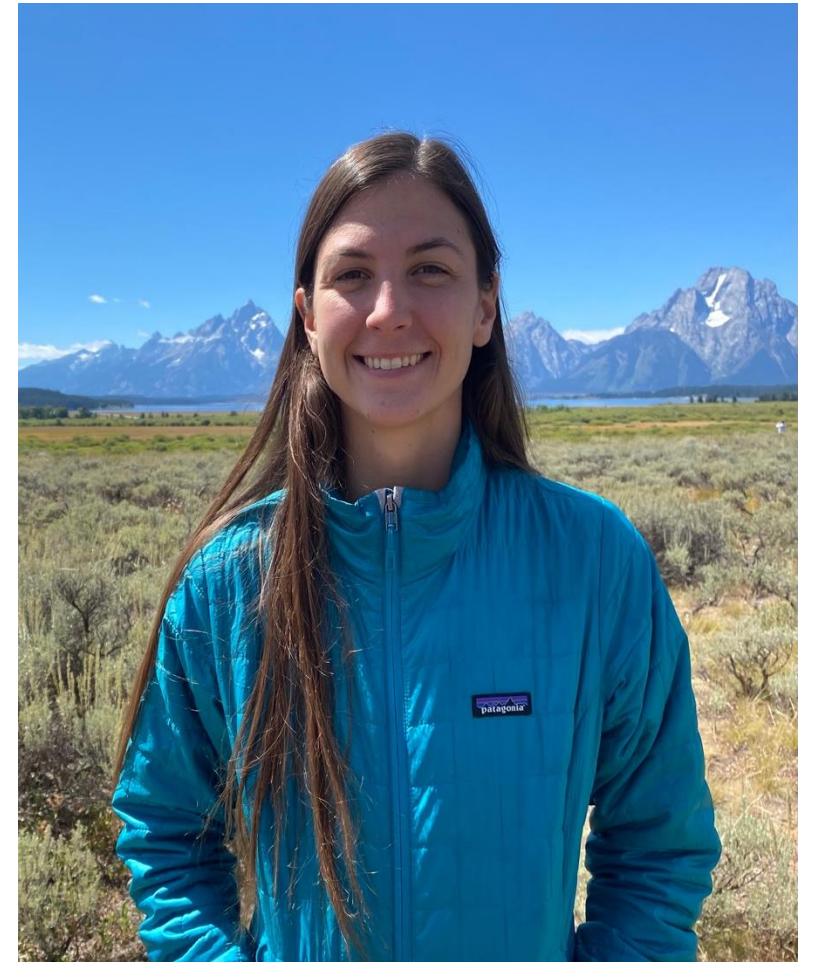
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I am originally from Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania and am a proud alum of West Chester University where I earned my BA in English. I moved to Maine a couple of years ago to work at the Maine Seacoast Mission where I managed the Journey Program and directed 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 the FREE tutoring services that the college offers.

Dakin is currently working remotely from Pennsylvania, so please email her.



**JESSY SHERWOOD
PEER MENTOR**

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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, 17 and 14 years old, and in her spare time, she loves to hike and do anything with art or crafting.

Fall Schedule: Jessy is available Mondays and Wednesdays 9am-12pm and Fridays 9-4 in the Student Success Center in Maine Hall.



BRAD BURDEN
PEER MENTOR

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Brad is a former TRIO student and graduate of EMCC. Brad completed his degree Liberal Studies degree in 2023 and is 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!

Fall Schedule: Brad is available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am-4pm in the Student Success Center in Maine Hall.



TRIO TUTORS

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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!

Fall Tutoring Schedule: Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays from 11am-2pm in the Success Center; online by appt.

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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

Fall Tutoring Schedule: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 10am-2pm in the 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 Ohio but am just as excited to work as a tutor at EMCC and TRIO as I have always been. Although I love Psychology, I am currently focused on helping my daughter, who is on the Autism spectrum, navigate life and high school. I also have a love for music, play trumpet in my local community band, and am learning to play the organ.

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, Math, Human Services, Psychology, Sociology, Oral Communications, Ethics, Biology, and much more. I also can assist with most student-related concerns or questions under the umbrella of Peer Mentoring. These can include skills such as time management, studying, staying organized, coping with stressors, installing Office 365 or other student software and learning how to use it, finding textbooks and transferring funds to the bookstore, locating and understanding student schedules, student bills, available classes, finding who to direct questions to, community resources, and so forth.

Fall Schedule: Online by appointment. I have plenty of time slots during the day, evening, or on most weekends. These vary each week, but I can easily share available times via email and will schedule each next appointment during each tutoring session, when applicable.

