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I grew up in western Pennsylvania and graduated from Clarion University with a BS in secondary English education. After graduation, I moved to Montana where I spent six years as a high school English teacher. I attended graduate school at the University of Montana and was a teaching assistant in the English Department.

I spent five years in Erie, PA working for Gannon University as an advisor for their TRIO program. In 2019, I moved to Maine where I now serve as EMCC's Director of TRIO Student Support Services. Our grant-funded programs provide tutoring, academic advising, peer mentoring, transfer visits, cultural opportunities, and financial aid help to 250 EMCC students per year. Like many of the students in TRIO, I was a first-generation college student.

How can I help students? I can assist TRIO students with filing their FAFSA, taking out a student loan, getting a work-study job on campus, and other financial aid topics. I also coordinate EMCC's food pantry and can assist students facing food insecurity. Visit me in 216 Katahdin Hall if you need anything at all.

When I'm not taking care of business at EMCC, you can find me reading books, kayaking, and trying to convince others that horses are untrustworthy.





EBONIE BAKER

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, SECOND TRIO GRANT
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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. Currently, I am enrolled at the University of Dayton in the online Educational Leadership Doctoral program.

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 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, academic advising, or just want to chat my doors are open. Please visit my office located in 229 Katahdin Hall whenever you are free and available.

JODI RENSHAW

TRIO RECRUITMENT & RETENTION SPECIALIST,
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Hi! I am Jodi.

I have worked as an adjunct instructor for EMCC for the past 9 years. I love this school. Most especially, I love to see people achieve their goals and dreams. So, it was a great fit for me to join the TRIO staff in order to further support our students here.

My role in TRIO Student Support Services is to recruit students to our program and to assist them in their academics through tutoring support. I am also the coordinator for all of EMCC tutoring.

I want you to flourish here. And I am happy to help you in achieving and surpassing your college goals. My office is always open to you.

I believe strongly in sharing with others what gives you joy...and hearing about what makes other hearts happy. So, here are a few things that give me pleasure to chat about...my son, my pet mice, Frog & Toad books, my fellow co-workers, dancing at clubs, sharks, and Wes Anderson movies. Come tell me what you love.

See you soon ☺





JESSY SHERWOOD

TRIO SUCCESS COACH

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Hey y'all, my name is Jessy and I am a proud former TRIO student who recently graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Maine with a B.A. in Clinical Psychology and a minor in Studio Art. My academic journey began at Eastern Maine Community College, where I earned a degree in Liberal Studies in Fall 2022. As a non-traditional student and TRIO alum, I understand the importance of support and community in education and am passionate about helping others succeed. I am also a devoted mother of two sons, ages 18 and 15. In my free time, I enjoy hiking, reading, weightlifting, and painting.

Spring Schedule: I am available Mondays-Thursdays 8am-3:30pm in 239 Katahdin Hall.

JAMES PARADIS

TRIO PEER MENTOR

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Hi everyone! I'm James and I am very excited to be a Peer Mentor for TRIO. I am a TRIO graduate of EMCC with a degree in Digital Graphic Design. I love art and design in all of its forms; I can never get enough of it!

My goal as a mentor is to help you feel comfortable, find your footing, and make the most of your time here. If this is your first time on a college campus or your 9 millionth try, don't hesitate to reach out! I'm happy to help in all areas of transitioning into college life, connection to our campus resources, organizational skills, time management skills, and much more! Let's do this!

Spring Schedule: James is available Mondays & Thursdays from 8-3:30 in the Learning Commons in Katahdin Hall.





ERIN GRABE

TRIO PEER MENTOR

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Hi! My name is Erin Grabe. I graduated from EMCC in 2024 with an associate's in liberal studies. I really valued my time at EMCC, and my studies have provided me with the skills needed to succeed at UMaine, where I am currently a senior majoring in social work with a minor in sociology, and will be starting a master's program in the summer. I am a non-traditional first-generation student and worked full time throughout my time at EMCC.

Outside of school, I enjoy crafts and art (especially sewing), spending time with my dog and cats, and hiking and swimming when the weather is nice!

Spring Schedule: Erin is available on Tuesdays from 8am-4pm in the Learning Commons.

SAMUEL PAGE

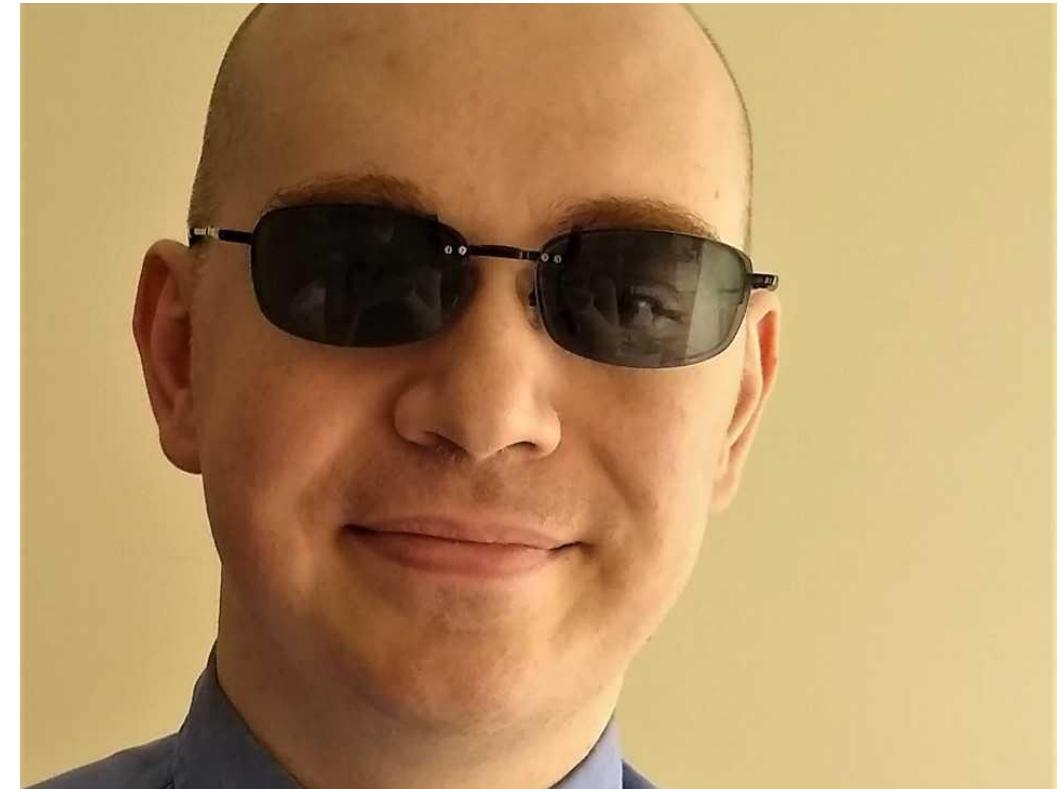
TRIO TUTOR

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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: All math courses; some CST courses

Spring Tutoring Schedule: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 11-2 in the Learning Commons



MACKENZIE GOODINE

TRIO TUTOR

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Tutoring Topics: English/writing course and the Humanities

Spring Tutoring Schedule: Mondays and Wednesdays 8-12 in the Learning Commons; Tuesdays & Thursdays 6-7 online





LUCIE NOLDEN

TRIO TUTOR

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Hi! My name is Lucie and I offer tutoring services in writing, the humanities, and the natural sciences. I love learning and problem-solving, and I'm excited to work with students to identify and employ the study strategy that works best for you. I grew up in Massachusetts but moved to Maine for college, where I studied earth oceanographic services. I have worked as an agricultural apprentice, nonprofit coordinator, and paralegal, and am currently in my second year of law school at Vermont Law & Graduate School. As a current online student, I am looking forward to supporting students in online classes and hope to have a weekly study group where students can get ahead on their assignments and receive help.

Spring Tutoring Schedule: Tuesdays & Fridays 8am-4pm in the Learning Commons