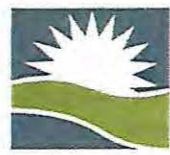


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**Maine Community  
College System**

**ANNUAL REPORT ON  
USE OF GAMING INCOME FOR SCHOLARSHIPS  
FY15**

Submitted to

Joint Standing Committee on Veteran and Legal Affairs  
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

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September 15, 2015

The Honorable Scott Cyrway  
The Honorable Louis Luchini  
Joint Standing Committee on Veteran and Legal Affairs  
127th Maine Legislature  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Cyrway, Representative Luchini, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veteran and Legal Affairs:

In accordance with Title 8, Chapter 32, Subchapter 3, Section 1036 of the Maine Revised Statutes, enclosed you will find the Maine Community College System's September 2015 report on the use of Gaming funds for FY15. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek Langhauser", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Derek Langhauser  
Interim President

Enclosure

Cc: Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

## Overview

Students enrolled in the Maine Community College System (MCCS) are recipients of financial aid from various sources of funding including federal and state grant programs, system-wide and college based scholarships as well as scholarship opportunities made available through the private sector. With the average cost for tuition and fees for a full-time student of approximately \$3,400 a year, MCCS continues to offer the lowest tuition and fees in New England. Despite these relatively low costs, the need for scholarship assistance continues to rise. Of the full-time students enrolled in our colleges in the fall of 2014 (FY15), 82% received some level of financial assistance in order to attend.

A recent report commissioned by the MCCS Board of Trustees regarding the ability of our students to pay for their education validated this need. In light of those findings, MCCS continually seeks ways to increase the availability of scholarship funds to ensure that students wishing to attend one of our institutions will have the financial means to do so. The funds received from Gaming revenues since FY2006 are an increasingly important component of the resources available to our students and to the success of student initiatives aimed at increasing enrollments and reducing the need for remediation by students entering our colleges.

## Gaming Funded Scholarships

As stipulated in Maine law, MCCS receives one percent of the Hollywood Casino and three percent of the Oxford Casino net slot machine income to be used by its Board of Trustees to fund scholarship programs. Since FY06, the MCCS has received a total of \$9,579,442 from slot machine income, and 6,608 students have benefitted from the Gaming income allocated to the MCCS. This past fiscal year (FY15), the income totaled \$2,241,920 and resulted in 2,556 scholarships.

A detailed report on the receipt, allocation, and expenditure of funds is attached. The allocations and expenditures reach across all seven of the community colleges, and all of the Gaming income received has been used for scholarships. None of the funds have been used for administration. There are two small corrections to note regarding the FY14 report although the number of recipients is not impacted. The FY14 *Maine is IT! Scholarship* awarded \$676 less than reported, and the *Dr. Charles Lyons Scholarship* awarded an additional \$1,322 which had been posted in error to a different account.

Expenditures earmarked for FY16 include continuation of scholarship awards for student success initiatives aimed at increasing student persistence and completion as well as reducing the need for remediation. In addition, scholarship awards will continue for students enrolled in programs such as Early College for Me, Rural Child Care Assistance, and College Works for ME.

Please note that MCCS made does not allocate more funds than we are officially projected to receive. Projected scholarship revenues are based on anticipated revenues at each of the Casinos and there is no guarantee that those revenues will actually be realized.

**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
**September 2015 Report on FY15 Receipt and Expenditure of Gaming Funds**

<b>GAMING RECEIPTS</b>	
FY14 Carry-forward	3,340,278
FY15 Receipts	2,241,920
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>5,582,198</b>
<b>SCHOLARSHIP ALLOCATIONS</b>	
Early College for ME	341,000
Child Care Assistance Rural Initiative	300,000
MeANS (Good Will-Hinckley School)	25,000
Future for ME – CMCC	81,000
On Course for ME	75,000
Schneider Scholarship – SMCC	250
Maine Career Scholarship	2,000
Dr. Charles Lyons Scholarship – YCCC	3,000
OnCourse Pilot Initiative	165,000
Maine is IT	40,192
Student Success Initiative	731,952
Attraction/Retention Initiative	616,750
KVCC Summer/Fall 2014 Scholarships	68,557
WCCC Paper Company Initiative	84,800
KVCC Sonography Program Scholarships	73,709
Miscellaneous Scholarships	29,950
<b>Total Allocations</b>	<b>2,638,160</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Early College for ME	285,000
Child Care Assistance Rural Initiative	259,869
MeANS (Good Will-Hinckley School)	7,020
Future for ME – CMCC	45,000
On Course for ME	59,525
Schneider Scholarship – SMCC	0
Maine Career Scholarship	2,000
Dr. Charles Lyons Scholarship – YCCC	1,056
OnCourse Pilot Initiative	42,900
Maine is IT	52,869
Student Success Initiative	604,647
Attraction/Retention Initiative	660,198
KVCC Summer/Fall 2014 Scholarships	68,567
WCCC Paper Company Initiative	76,778
KVCC Sonography Program Scholarships	64,665
Miscellaneous Scholarships	16,893
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,246,987</b>

<b>SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED</b>	
Early College for ME	318
Child Care Assistance Rural Initiative	135
MeANS (Good Will-Hinckley School)	4
Future for ME – CMCC	22
On Course for ME	337
Schneider Scholarship- SMCC	0
Maine Career Scholarship	1
Dr. Charles Lyons Scholarship – YCCC	1
OnCourse Pilot Initiative	25
Maine is IT	135
Student Success Initiative	547
Attraction/Retention Initiative	862
KVCC Summer/Fall 2014	96
WCCC Paper Company Initiative	40
KVCC Sonography Program Scholarships	23
Miscellaneous Scholarships	10
<b><i>Total Scholarships Awarded</i></b>	<b>2,556</b>
<b><i>Amount of Average Scholarship Award</i></b>	<b>\$879.00</b>
<b>UNEXPENDED BALANCE (to be carried into FY16)</b>	<b>\$3,335,210</b>
<b>FY16 Commitments to Date</b>	<b>\$2,915,982</b>
<b>FY16 Projected Revenues</b>	<b>2,230,537</b>