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NEW IN 2022!

After Hours

Replacing the popular Brew CUE this year is ACTEM After Hours which will be held at the Augusta Civic Center after the close of the conference day on Thursday, October 13, 2022. Hosted by some of our fabulous vendors, ACTEM After Hours will feature rooms of fun activities, food, and drinks. This is a great chance to connect and reconnect with new people and old friends. By holding the event on-site at the Civic Center, we hope to have more people participate than previous CUE events. No RSVP required, just plan on ramping up the fun after the close of conference activities.

THE CONNECTED EDUCATOR

CONNECTING TECHNOLOGY USING EDUCATORS IN MAINE

Connect and Reconnect

ACTEM's 35th Fall Conference

For most of you it is back to school; we send good wishes for a great start of the school year. We hope that your back to school preparations include a visit to ACTEM 2022 in Augusta. We are really excited to be back at the Civic Center for a live and in-person Fall conference. Registration begins at 7:30 AM both days. On Thursday the first session begins at 8:30 AM and the keynote, Dr. Carla Jefferson, will speak from 10:55 AM to Noon. At 3:30 PM we will share the ACHIEVE Awards followed by the Vendor Reception in the Exhibit Hall. New this year is ACTEM After Hours at the Civic Center from 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM with Carl Hooker as host and MC of fun games (corn hole, trivia) and activities (karaoke!!). Thanks to generous support from our vendors, food and drinks will be provided. We



hope that you will get to ACTEM 2022 early and stay all day long!

On Friday, the first session begins at 8:00 AM and the keynote, Joseph Welch will begin at 9:15 AM and we will finish the day with door prizes at 3:30 PM. There are so many great presentations to choose from, we have sessions for all teachers, integrators, coaches, and tech admins.

Register to attend at: <http://www.actem.org/ACTEM-Fall-Conference>

Box lunch options are available both days with plenty of opportunities to find a room and topic that interests you and enjoy a relaxed lunch discussion with others.

Follow #ACTEM22 on Twitter for more info on sessions and connect with others who are attending the conference too. We look forward to connecting and reconnecting with you in Augusta on October 13th and 14th, 2022.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I'm writing this message the weekend before our teachers return for the upcoming school year. I'm excited for a year that will hopefully be more normal than the previous two. As we return to our schools, there's a lot to be excited about this year. Richard Culatta, CEO of ISTE, challenged all of us at the annual ISTE Live Conference in New Orleans this past June to find joy in our work this year. I'm seeking to follow his advice and

challenge you to do the same. I hope you can help bring joy to the students and staff you serve in each of your districts this year. We all need that more than ever. As ACTEM's new President, I hope to create more opportunities for our organization to partner with other organizations across the state to support the integration of technology in Maine classrooms.

I'm most excited to get back together with you at the 35th ACTEM

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 BUSINESS MEETINGS

September 22, 2022
December 8, 2022
March 9, 2023
May 18, 2023

Meetings held virtually and at remote sites TBD around the State from 9:30 AM - Noon followed by METDA Meetings.

You don't want to

Thursday Keynote Carla Jefferson

Carla Jefferson is the proud principal of the Darlington County Virtual Academy for the Darlington County School District in South Carolina. A 24 year veteran educator, she has been a classroom teacher, school level curriculum facilitator, and district level administrator. Her motto, "Why Not Darlington?", inspired by a colleague, motivates her to fight for digital equity, not only for the children of Darlington County, but children all over the world.

Carla is an Apple Distinguished Educator, Google Certified Educator/Trainer/Innovator, 2017 PBS Lead Digital Innovator for South Carolina, a frequent ISTE presenter and a 2020 ISTE featured speaker. Her work has been highlighted in several publications including ISTE Empowered Learner, Tech & Learning Magazine, and District Administrator. Carla is a current member of the ISTE Board of Directors and has served on the ISTE Digital Equity and EdLeaders PLN Leadership teams. She also served as a member of the South Carolina ASCD Board of Directors, was instrumental in founding the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA) and served as the 2019-2020 chairman for the SCASA Instructional Technology Roundtable.

Friday Keynote Joe Welch

Joe Welch, American High School Teacher of the Year finalist is Penn State University Middle Level Educator of the Year. He was also honored as a Gilder Lehrman Institute of Jewish Education was recognized as their National Middle Level Educator of the Year in 2018. An Apple Distinguished Educator and National Board Certified Educator, he is a strong believer in bringing innovative strategies, and co-teaching his lessons as well as fostering meaningful and engaging educational experiences.

Following Mr. Roger's message, we connect kids with new perspectives, organizations and do it together. This year Joe was trying to keep everyone connected, each other, and of course we were all in. It wasn't doing enough. In a sense, it wasn't "how did you feel about this?" I was worried about responses being negative. One in particular said, "I'm not a year" ...



Don't miss this line up!

Keynote Joe Welch

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hey belong to their school
and their community.

Featured Speaker Carl Hooker

Carl Hooker was a keynote speaker at ACTEM 2016, and he is returning to Maine to MC ACTEM After Hours (replacing the Brew CUE) and also will provide a couple of workshop sessions at the conference.

Hooker has been a part of a strong educational shift with technology integration since becoming an educator. From teacher to district technology leadership, he's always had one common belief - the kids need to drive their own learning. He realizes the challenges in current public educational and meets them head on. His unique blend of educational background, technical expertise, and humor make him a successful driving force for this change.

Known as the Godfather of LearnFestATX which has grown into a global phenomenon over the years. This learning festival has impacted schools and districts from all over the world, inspiring spin-off events in other states as well as in Australia.

Carl brings his 20+ years of educational background, technology integration, and outside-the-box thinking to all of his talks. His unique blend of humor and practical advice is a powerful message for any school, district, or conference!



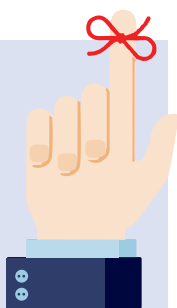
Featured Speaker Book Available

Carl Hooker, a featured speaker at the ACTEM 2022 Conference, recently released his book, *Ready, Set, FAIL!: Using Failure & Risk-Taking to Unlock Creativity*. The book is available through ACTEM and can be added to your ACTEM 2022 Fall Conference registration if you'd like to have a copy.

Here is a brief overview of the book:

Student don't take risks if teachers don't take risks. Teachers don't take risks if leaders don't take risks. The lack of risk-taking and embracing of failure as a learning tool stifles creativity and innovation. This book is designed to tackle that challenge and provide ideas for both teachers and providers of professional learning with new ways to motivate learners of all ages and open up their creative pathways.

ACTEM has a fixed membership year from July 1st to June 30th annually. All memberships are up for renewal on July 1st 2022



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$20 ANNUALLY

- Quarterly newsletter
- Lunch at quarterly business meetings
- Discounted registration fees at the annual ACTEM conference and other sponsored PD
- Opportunity for Professional Development reimbursement up to \$400
- Access to OverDrive eBook & Audio book PD library
- Educational discounts on software & other items (as permitted by vendor)
- Access to a member-only resource area on ACTEM's website (Recorded workshop videos)

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP \$50 ANNUALLY

(\$25 small, single school districts)

- Gives school and districts the opportunity to purchase software and other items at our low educational, volume pricing. Some of ACTEM's vendor partners also provide special benefits to our institutional members.
- Also provides one free fall conference registration to an approved district/school administrator for institutional members.

Renew your membership by sending a PO or check to the ACTEM office at P.O. Box 187, Gorham, ME 04038. Members may also renew online with a credit card or PayPal at <http://www.actem.org/join>.

Joseph Welch, 2022 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year

From an early age, Joseph Welch was captivated by his grandmother's stories about her service in the Women's Army Corps. They taught Welch that history is made up of "little moments" in people's lives.

"Those small stories, that's what makes us who we are. That's what connects us with each other," Welch says.

He brings that perspective to his work as an eighth grade U.S. history teacher in Pittsburgh. And when the pandemic prompted his school to go remote, he devised an innovative way to keep his students engaged in learning about the moments and movements that have shaped the nation's past and present: virtual field trips.

Welch and his colleagues traveled around the mid-Atlantic and used a phone, a small router and a computer to broadcast themselves teaching from historic sites. During a memorable lesson filmed in Washington, D.C., one teacher was set up at the Washington Monument, a second was at the Lincoln Memorial and a third was at the World War II Memorial.

The virtual field trips were a hit with students, Welch says. And parents even popped into the video calls to share in the experience.

"I'm big on getting students to actually feel the power of a place," he says. "That whole packaging, I think, has elements of everything that makes education purposeful: You're connecting to your community, you're connecting to each other and you're connecting with the places that you're around that define and tell the story."

The success of Welch's effort makes the teacher think that education during the health crisis has succeeded in ways that people may not fully appreciate. He recalls how teachers were celebrated at the outset of the pandemic—a narrative that has since "dissipated," he says. That positive-to-neg-

NEW First-Year Educators Membership Level

At the recent annual summer board retreat, a new ACTEM membership level was discussed and created for first-year educators (teachers & administrators). The new First Year Educator level will be offered at no cost and will include all of the standard individual member benefits except for the opportunity to apply for Professional Development reimbursement.

The ACTEM board hopes that by offering this one-year FREE membership for our new educators, we will be encouraging them to...

- Attend our conference (at discounted member rate)
- Take advantage of the other ACTEM individual member benefits
- See the benefits of belonging to a professional organization
- Hopefully continue with this membership in future years.

THE FIRST YEAR EDUCATOR MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES THESE BENEFITS:

- ACTEM's quarterly newsletter - The Connected Educator
- Lunch at the quarterly business meeting regional sites
- Discounted registration fee on the ACTEM fall conference
- Access to ACTEM's **OVERDRIVE EBOOK AND AUDIO BOOK PD LIBRARY**
- Discounts on software & other items available through our purchasing consortium (as permitted by the vendor).

Check out the **WHAT IS ACTEM** brochure that explains more about ACTEM along with details of benefits for the different member levels. Educators can join ACTEM by completing an online membership application at this **LINK**. Please forward this information along to the first-year educator in your district

ative attitude shift has made Welch believe “we need to re-professionalize the profession” in the minds of the general public.

“We can all recognize that teachers change lives. Everybody's story involves a teacher, right?” he says. “But how do we make sure that we are again trusting teachers to be able to do that work?”

When Welch reflects on his own evolution as a teacher, he credits lessons he learned about listening deeply during an improv class he took as a high school theater student.

“Basically, it was just being dropped in the middle of a scene, and you have to listen to what somebody's telling you and react to it,” he recalls. “That's so vital as a teacher now, to think back and have that skill, and to really put yourself into listening to what a student is saying to you, being able to process that quickly and to make sure that you acknowledge that.”

In addition to listening, Welch emphasizes the importance of teachers being their real selves with their students and building what he calls “authentic relationships.”

“When you walk into that school building, you realize that, ‘I don't know what's going to happen today, but something impactful is going to happen,’” he says. “The rewards of the career are in those relationships.”



Teachers of the Year Say Educators Deserve More Trust

By Rebecca Koenig, Editor at EdSurge - June 1, 2022

NOTE: This article features one of our Keynote speakers at ACTEM 2022 along with other Teachers of the Year. The online version of the complete article is located on the EdSurge website at this LINK.

So many times we hear that teachers are superheroes, and I really want to disagree with that, because I'm not a superhero. I'm a human being.

Autumn Rivera, 2022 Colorado Teacher of the Year

Right now, there are so many voices that are speaking louder than teachers about the state of education that sometimes the teacher voice and the teacher experience is drowned out in the noise.

Whitney Aragaki, 2022 Hawaii Teacher of the Year

We can all recognize that teachers change lives. Everybody's story involves a teacher, right? But how do we make sure that we are again trusting teachers to be able to do that work?

Joseph Welch, 2022 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year

Help save Maine EdTech History!
Got Early MLTI artifacts? We'll be collecting them at Fall Conference.
Don't throw them out!

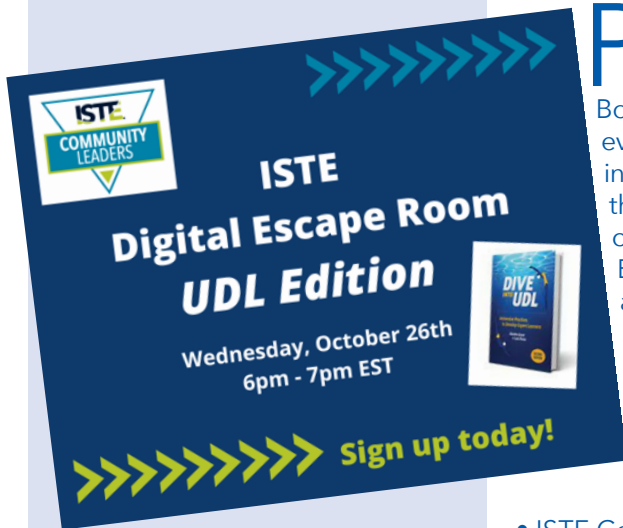
Online ACTEM 2022 Attendee Registration is NOW OPEN!

Register today to get the Early-Bird pricing at the following link:
<https://www.actem.org/event-4913972>

Early Bird Registration (Through September 23, 2022)	Registration Fee (Includes membership)	ACTEM Member Rate
One Day	\$130	\$110
Two Days	\$220	\$200
Registration (After 9/23/22)		
One Day	\$160	\$140
Two Days	\$250	\$230
Special Group Rates Available for schools/districts bringing 25+ attendees Contact info@actem.org		

ISTE Digital Escape Room: UDL Edition


JOIN US VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH FROM 6PM - 7PM EST
REGISTER HERE (FREE FOR ALL EDUCATORS)



ISTE COMMUNITY LEADERS

ISTE Digital Escape Room UDL Edition

Wednesday, October 26th
6pm - 7pm EST



Sign up today!

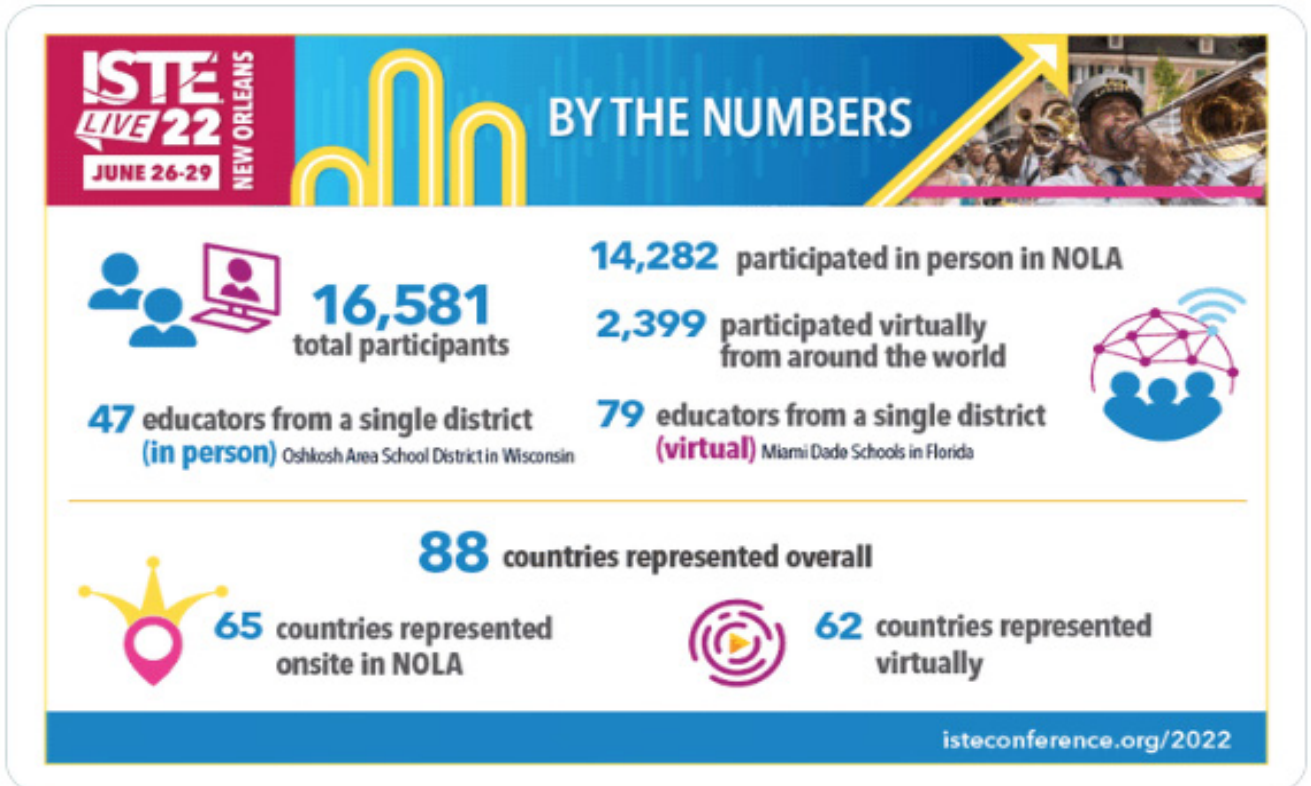
Put your Universal Design for Learning (UDL) skills to the test during a Digital Escape Room led by ISTE Community Leaders and featuring special guests, Luis Perez and Kendra Grant who authored the ISTE Book "Dive Into UDL 2nd edition". The challenges are designed to meet everyone where they are on their UDL journey - whether you're wading in, swimming in the shallow end, or diving deeply. You will discover the UDL concepts as you work in teams to either design something or correct a UDL faux-pas - ultimately trying to escape our digital room. Everyone will leave with ideas and resources they can share with others, and maybe even some prizes!

For ACTEM members, you can access the Dive Into UDL 2nd edition ebook in our ACTEM Overdrive Professional Development Library <http://bit.ly/ACTEM-overdrive> (just use your email address tied to your membership).

THIS EVENT IS HOSTED BY:

- ISTE Community Leaders (Twitter: @ISTECommunity)
- Cammie Kannekens from Alberta, Canada (Twitter: @MrsKannekens)
- Amanda Nguyen from Maine, United States (Twitter: @amanda_d_nguyen)
- Greta Sandler from Buenos Aires, Argentina (Twitter: @gret)

Impressive turn out for @ISTE



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ISTE 20 TO WATCH AWARD

MAINE'S OWN
Amanda Nguyen
was named to
ISTE 20 To Watch Award for
2022. This award recognizes
20 up-and-coming individuals
who are already making a
difference through their work.
Winners have exemplified
excellence through projects
or artifacts that others can
replicate Congratulations
Amanda!



President's Message *(Continued from Cover)*

Conference in Augusta this year. We return to a face-to-face conference this year for the first time since 2019. It was great to see so many faces at the Spring Leadership Conference in Portland, but I can't wait to see our flagship event return to the Augusta Civic Center this fall! If you haven't registered yet, please do as soon as possible. It's going to be a fantastic event with tons of great presentations, two outstanding keynote speakers, and a whole new **ACTEM After Hours** event on Thursday night, hosted by Carl Hooker!

The ACTEM Board met the first week of August to plan our year. I'm humbled to be in an organization that can still draw five former presidents and an amazing set of board members to donate their time and wisdom to support the ACTEM mission. We had a great time and came up with some fantastic ideas for the upcoming year. One of our decisions was to create a **new membership level for first-year educators** that will be completely FREE! This free membership gives these new educators access to ACTEM's Sora (OverDrive) professional library of eBooks and audiobooks, discounted registration to all ACTEM conferences, quarterly newsletters, and all of the benefits of being part of an organization that supports all educators. We also decided to make our business meetings easier to attend in person (and get a free lunch). We'll be having regional locations that will host other members and provide lunch on ACTEM. If you have a place and would be interested in being a regional host, please contact Gary Lanoie, who will help with the logistics.

Dennis Crowe announced in the September 2018 newsletter, "Yes, you can attend a national conference!" ISTE Live is back in Philadelphia June 23-25, 2023, and ACTEM will support you to get there. We will increase our annual professional development member benefit (not available for our new free membership level) to cover the Super Early Bird registration cost for this event. If you have never attended a national conference, you will be floored to see the variety of sessions, EdTech rock stars, amazing keynote speakers, and social events that are part of such an event. I'd encourage you all to clear your calendar for this event. ACTEM is also planning to help you get there by chartering a bus to get ACTEM members to Philadelphia and back for a small amount of money. I hope to see a large number of ACTEM members at the conference next June!

Michael Arsenault, Yarmouth School Department

Back to School Backpack of Resources Launched

Happy back to school! The Maine Department of Education has put together a virtual [Back to School Backpack](#) of resources and information to assist school and School Administrative Unit (SAU) leaders as a new school year begins. The Backpack contains resources related to school and student supports, health and safety, school nutrition, school administration and operations, teaching and learning supports, and strengthening the education workforce. You can access the DOE's Back to School Backpack [here](#).

You'll find links to forms and information schools often need at the start of a new school year, resources that educators can use in the classroom, instructional supports and programs, and much more. The Backpack also includes links to the DOE's updated COVID-19 toolkit and the U.S. CDC's [updated COVID-19 guidance for schools](#).

We wish you a wonderful back to school and a new school year filled with excitement, learning, connection, and joy. Thank you for everything that you do for Maine schools and students.



2022 Maine Educator Summit Draws 400 Educators to Augusta

More than 400 educators from across Maine gathered at the Augusta Civic Center for the first annual Maine Educator Summit. The theme for the Summit was Supporting

Resilience, Responsiveness, and a Renewed Approach to Education with more than 58 professional learning presentations on a range of topics including interdisciplinary instruction, student wellbeing, school safety, engaging with community, "grow your own" solutions to build the educator workforce, extended learning opportunities, and more.

The Summit also provided an opportunity for educators to connect, build community, and learn from and with one another.

Maine Education Commis-



sioner Pender Makin and inspirational speak Randy Jenkins delivered keynote addresses to the educators.

"It's extremely important for educators and school leaders to be able to have a space to come together, to network and share ideas, to learn new strategies, and to strengthen their professionalism and resilience as they are about to enter a new school year," said Makin on the importance of the Summit.

One educator shared that they left feeling as though their enthusiasm for teaching was renewed and they held a greater sense of community and comradery while another shared that they were grateful to have connected with people who can help them implement the practices they learned about at the summit in their classrooms, schools, and districts.

Check out some of the media coverage from the event featuring teaching interviews:

- [Educators gather for first Maine Educator Summit \(WABI 5\)](#)
- [To help strengthen public education, Maine DOE holds first Educator Summit \(WGME Channel 13\)](#)
- [Maine Department of Education hosts second day of Educators Summit \(Fox 22 WFVX Bangor\)](#)

While this is the first official Educator Summit, the Maine DOE looks forward to planning and hosting a summit each year moving forward.



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MLTI 2.0 Expands Professional Learning Support by Adding Five New MLTI Ambassadors

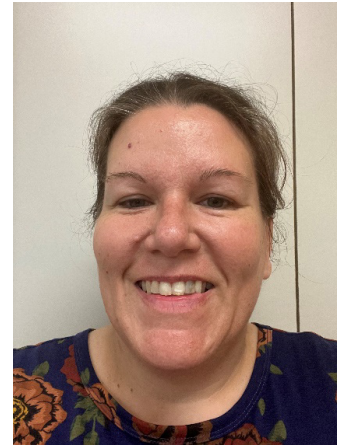
The Maine Department of Education's (DOE) Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI) 2.0 is excited to share that the Ambassador program is expanding with an additional five distinguished educators joining the team.

MLTI Ambassadors are distinguished educators, on loan from their school for two years, to bring their expertise and experience as a resource and partner with MLTI.

The Ambassador program is a signature program of MLTI 2.0. The full team of ten Ambassadors will deliver professional learning experiences and provide instructional coaching to MLTI-participating schools. The new "Junior Ambassadors" will be working with the established "Senior Ambassadors" to build upon existing relationships across the schools in the MLTI Ambassador Regions in addition to the existing connections that they bring to the team.

NICOLE KAROD

Nicole Karod comes to the MLTI Team from Mt. Ararat Middle School, where she served as a science teacher and last year was the 6-8 remote science teacher. She has eighteen years of experience as a classroom teacher at the elementary and middle levels including several years teaching in North Carolina. A graduate of Maine School of Science and Mathematics, Nicole spent her formative years working in numerous roles at the school and worked her way up to directing summer camps for MSSM. Nicole's passion for leadership have led into curriculum development, spearheading student leadership opportunities and she currently serves as her district's teacher past association president. Nicole holds a Masters in Elementary Education from Gardner Webb University and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Literacy from the University of New England. She lives in Damariscotta.



JOSHUA SCHMIDT

Joshua Schmidt comes to the MLTI Team from China Middle School, where he served as a mathematics teacher. He has twelve years of experience at the middle level with half of those in Maine and half in his home state of South Dakota. While working in South Dakota, Joshua worked closely with TIE (Technology and Innovative in Education), where he developed his passion for educational technology. His experiences with customized learning and data-informed practices led him to China Middle School, where he led work around the mathematics department's redesign. That work resulted in shared math choice boards and assessments for all students in grades 5-8 while allowing students to progress through content at their own level and speed. Concurrently, Joshua took on other leadership roles within the school as well as innovative teaching in his classroom through game-based, project-based, real-world, and cross-curricular projects. Joshua was also part of the Introduction to Experiential Teaching through Technology cohort in 2019 run by current MLTI SLAM Coordinator Kern Kelley. He is currently working on a Master of Education in Instructional Technology with a Certificate in Computational Thinking at the University of Maine. He lives in Farmingdale with his wife, Krista, and their energetic two-year-old, Corrin.



YUHONG SUN

Yuhong Sun comes to the MLTI Team from Noble High School, where she served as a technology integrator, computer science, and Chinese language teacher. She has twenty years of experience teaching computer and technology-specific classes at the middle and high school levels. As the landscape of technology has changed, Yuhong has learned and expanded her course content to include programming languages, website design, web animation, game design, and Cisco networking. In addition to teaching these subjects, Yuhong has often served as a webmaster and filled technical support roles as well. She also has led many after-school organizations such as the robotics at the middle and high school levels, a web design club, and most recently organizes students to participate in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow (SST) contest. In 2018, her team was recognized as the Maine state winner team and a top ten national finalist team for a project

removing manganese from local drinking water. This project also earned her an Excite Award from Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam Program at MIT in 2018. In 2019, her SST team was once again selected as the Maine state winner team for a project fighting against suicide. Yuhong has been the director of the Noble Exchange Program for over ten years, bringing the students to Noble High School from other countries such as China and Italy. This exchange program has helped increase understanding of cultural diversity, foster friendship and promote mutual respect among people of diverse backgrounds and races. Yuhong loves cooking. During the pandemic, she fully engaged her students with fun extracurricular activities such as Chinese cooking. Yuhong received her M. Ed in Instructional Technology from the University of Maine and previously holds a Master's Degree in English Literature and Law Degree from Southwest University in Chongqing, China. She holds teacher certification in K-12 Computer, Chinese, and English Language Arts and she is also a National Board Certified Technology Educator. She lives in South Berwick.



MARTHA THIBODEAU

Martha Thibodeau comes to the MLTI Team from the Mt. Blue Regional School District, where she served as a technology training coordinator. She has forty years of experience teaching from early elementary to adult education, working primarily in school districts in Central and Western Maine with seventeen years teaching at Lawrence Junior High School. In recent years at Mt. Blue, she has focused on technology integration and planning professional development throughout the school year as well as the district's summer institute. She has been involved in previous programs such as eMINTS and MARTLs in Maine that have given her experience around regional training and statewide collaboration. Martha also holds Curriculum Coordinator certification in addition to multiple teacher certifications as well as certificates from Google, Apple and eMINTS. She holds a Master's Degree from Thomas College in Computer Technology in Education and an Education Specialist Degree in Educational Technology from Walden University. She lives in Madison.



TRACY WILLIAMSON

Tracy Williamson comes to the MLTI Team from Gorham Middle School, where she served as a music teacher. She has twenty years of experience at the middle level and has taught general music classes, chorus and steel band throughout her career. Tracy was nominated as a semi-finalist for the 2021 GRAMMY Music Educator Award. She is an Apple Certified Teacher and has been a regular presenter at the ACTEM, MMEA and the MLTI Student Conferences, where she advocates for ways to braid music and technology together. She has long sought to integrate technology such as Soundtrap, WeVideo, EdPuzzle, Google Apps and more into her music classes to promote both efficiency and innovation. Tracy has worked with her students on Project S.U.S.T.A.I.N. (Students Using Soundtrap to Accomplish International Necessity) to compose original music for a worldwide collaborative album supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. She has created an innovative digital badging program to help students learn to read music. Serving as the middle level repertoire and resources chair for the Maine ACDA (American Choral Directors Association), Tracy has overseen the Maine Youth Honor Choir All-State Festival since 2019. She has also hosted the New England Steel Band Festival several times in Gorham. Tracy received a Master of Music degree from The Boston Conservatory in 2000 focusing on Music Education and Flute Performance and she is currently working on a degree in Media Arts & Graphic Design from Southern New Hampshire University. She lives in Bridgton with her husband, Ben,



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MOOSE - MAINE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ONLINE SUSTAINED EDUCATION

In response to the inequitable access to in-person education faced by Maine students at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic, MOOSE was created to leverage the expertise of Maine educators to develop a free resource for online learning. In the first year alone, **over 300 project-based, interdisciplinary modules were created** spanning all grades from PreK-12.

Now in its second year, MOOSE continues to innovate and evolve, expanding the capabilities of our dedicated online platform and working with educators to develop modules that fit within dedicated PreK-12 learning progressions. **What started as an emergency response has become a growing repository of quality content and resources** that are used as support-rich enhancements to school based education.

MOOSE has also become known for its **quality professional development**, helping Maine educators expand and deepen their own practice even as they create content for the platform. The relationships and learning that come from being on a MOOSE team, along with the support to innovate and iterate on their ideas, are what keeps these educators coming back session after session as Content Creators.

Check out MOOSE at the following website: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/moose>

Computer Science Education Professional Development Grant

Are you interested in computer science professional development opportunities for your school? Maine's 130th legislature, through a bill sponsored by Senator Pouliot, created a pilot grant program to provide funding for high-quality, teacher-developed or teacher-led professional development for PK-12 computer science pedagogy and content.

Priority will be given to applicants that:

- do not currently offer computer science learning opportunities;
- serve socioeconomically disadvantaged school districts;
- prioritize student populations traditionally underrepresented in computer science;
- demonstrate a commitment to pursuing high-quality educator professional development that emphasizes integration of computer science into other course work and curricula or establishes or expands access to courses that offer college credit and other certificates of value, or both; and
- collaborate or partner with other entities, including but not limited to other local education agencies, the business community, nonprofit organizations and private entities.

The application window opens Thursday September 1st, 2022. Applications will be reviewed in the order in which they are received.

Have questions? Want to learn more? Interested in applying? Check out our website to learn more and submit an application.

Need assistance applying? Contact the Computer Science Specialist, Emma-Marie Banks, emma-marie.banks@maine.gov

MLTI SLAM

MLTI 2.0 invites students and educators from across Maine to join the S.L.A.M. program this upcoming school year. Student Leadership Ambassadors of Maine (SLAM) is a free, interactive, opportunity for kids where school S.L.A.M. groups virtually join the community of other 'SLAMmers' across the state.



On Thursdays at 11:00 AM SLAM groups can join a live online show hosted by other SLAM students where they use free online tools to create and share. If students are unable to join at that time, they can watch it later on: SLAMShow.org. While the content of the videos is focused on middle school grade levels, the creative tools used are applicable to most grades and subject areas. SLAMmers learn presentation and technology skills while sharing their creativity with everyone.

If you have questions or would like more information please visit: www.MLTI.me

The MLTI SLAM PD series was in full swing this summer with over 60 educators from 37 districts in 4 cohorts. The professional development covered a variety of topics including virtual and augmented reality, manufacturing, coding, 3D printing, multimedia and more. Attendees received equipment and training for their SLAM clubs. They also have the opportunity to host a Live SLAM Showcase at their school this year! To learn more see the agenda visit: www.MLTI.me



Five New MLTI Ambassadors *(Continued from Cover)*

who is a middle school ELA and Social Studies teacher in Windham.

The Maine DOE MLTI team works hand-in-hand with the MLTI Ambassadors to support the MLTI professional learning plan in addition to the many other components MLTI 2.0. For more information about MLTI 2.0 and its evolution visit the Maine DOE Website or contact Beth Lambert, Director of Innovative Teaching and Learning.



About **actem**

ACTEM is a non-profit 501(c)3 educational association with the mission to enhance and influence education in Maine through the use of technology. ACTEM is the Maine affiliate of the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) and connects with more than 70 other affiliates to share best practices, increase service to members, and strengthen impact in local education communities.



ACTEM 2022-23 Dates to remember

ACTEM 2022-23 Business Meetings

ACTEM quarterly business meetings are held from 9:30 AM to Noon & are held via Zoom with regional host locations around the State.

- September 22, 2022
- December 8, 2022
- March 9, 2023
- May 18, 2023

ACTEM 2022 Fall Conference

Oct. 13-14, 2022, Augusta Civic Center,

ACTEM 2023 Spring Leadership Conference

May 1st, 2023 Holiday Inn By the Bay

Funds Available for Professional Development THROUGH THE PD REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

One of the benefits of being an ACTEM individual member, is the ability to access funds through our Professional Development Reimbursement program. In accordance with ACTEM's mission to enhance and influence education in Maine through the use of technology, individual ACTEM members, who have held membership for at least 180 days, are invited to apply for assistance in the form of reimbursement on qualifying technology professional development opportunities.

WHAT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES QUALIFY?

The training may be in the form of a conference, workshop, a one or more days seminar, university course, online course or combination thereof. ACTEM will reimburse individuals for course and registration fees associated with the professional development activity. Course materials, lab fees, travel, hotel, meals and other similar costs will not be reimbursed. Reimbursement is limited to one approved activity per ACTEM membership year. The intent of the PD reimbursement program is to pay for activities that your district is not able to support.

PLEASE NOTE: Any ACTEM sponsored professional development is not eligible for PD reimbursement (ACTEM conferences or ACTEM sponsored workshops).

HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE TO ME?

- Maine Educators with current INDIVIDUAL ACTEM memberships are invited to apply for up to \$400 per year for professional development reimbursement.
- Your membership must be CURRENT when submitting your application.
- New ACTEM members must hold an individual membership for at least 180-days prior to the start of the professional development activity to be eligible for the reimbursement benefit.
- PLEASE NOTE: ACTEM PD Funds are not available to the new First Year Educator Membership Level

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Complete an online application at this link BEFORE your PD activity begins: <http://www.actem.org/Online-PD-Application-Form>
- Your application must be received and approved prior to the start date of the professional-development activity.
- You will need to pay for your PD activity upfront with personal funds. ACTEM does not reimburse districts through this program.
- Complete your PD activity.
- Submit proof of completion and personal payment to Dennis Kunces, ACTEM PD Administrator at dennis.kunces@gmail.com
- Reimbursement payments are generally processed within a few days after submitting your completion and payment documents.

OVERDRIVE MOVING TO SORA

OverDrive will soon start the process of retiring the legacy OverDrive app and encouraging everyone to use Sora as the primary app to enjoy your digital collection.

**STARTING
FEBRUARY
23, 2022**

- The OverDrive app will be removed from Play, and for the Windows and Mac will be removed from overdrive.com/apps.
- New users looking for the OverDrive app will be directed to Sora.
- Users who previously installed the OverDrive app will still be able to use it without disruption.
- All users can continue to use, borrow, and open titles from your school's lib.overdrive.com OverDrive website via a browser until we begin further migration to Sora.
- OverDrive's goal is to move everyone over to Sora by the end of 2022. Please visit the [Resource Center](#) for helpful materials, including Sora promotional kits, staff training resources, classroom activities, self-paced learning modules, and more. We encourage you to start using these materials now in preparation for this update.

OverDrive is committed to supporting a smooth transition for you and your students and will send updates on the plans and timing for the **eventual retirement of the OverDrive app**.



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BIG DEAL MEDIA

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Big Deal Media saves educators hours of research and thousands of dollars while identifying top-quality resources and OERs for schools and classrooms. It is a content-rich collection of trusted print and electronic publications that offer the information and tools K-12 educators need—all vetted through the prism of the curriculum. It consistently delivers wish lists of resources and funding opportunities, and has done so since 1995.

Big Deal Media publications provide timely, relevant, and reliable resources in a rapidly changing educational environment, created with insight and attention to detail by seasoned educational publishing professionals and practicing K-12 educators.

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Here is a link to the
ACTEM branded K-12
Newsletter



PHISHING

Phishing is an attack in which the threat actor poses as a trusted person or organization to trick potential victims into sharing sensitive information or sending them money.

5 easy ways to avoid phishing scams:

- Don't open e-mails from senders you don't know.
- If someone tries to rush you or scare you into action, pause and think first.
- Don't ever click on a link in an e-mail unless you know where it leads.
- Search and navigate to legitimate websites via a search engine instead of clicking suspicious links.
- Look for URLs that start with "HTTPS" instead of just "HTTP." The "S" stands for "secure."



Ditto Features

Everything listed here comes standard with every Ditto subscription.

Screen mirroring features



Compatibility

Screen mirror iOS, iPadOS, macOS, Windows, Chrome OS and Android devices.



App mirroring

Mirror your entire screen or opt for privacy by mirroring only an application. *Available on Mac and Windows.*



Multi-device mirroring

Mirror up to four devices to a single receiver simultaneously.



Multi-display mirroring

Mirror a device to multiple displays simultaneously.



Audio

Send audio with Ditto for room-filling sound.



Reporting metrics

Gain insight into user adoption rate, mirroring time and more stats.



Proprietary mirroring tech

Ditto offers greater performance and stability than AirPlay, Google Cast and other mirroring tech.



SQUIRRELS®

NORTH CANTON, Ohio – July 28, 2022 – Squirrels, a leader in wireless audio and video transmission software, today announced a new channel partnership with ACTEM, a professional organization specializing in education technology in Maine.

The partnership adds Squirrels screen mirroring and digital signage technology including Ditto, Reflector and AirParrot to the ACTEM solutions portfolio.

ACTEM executive director Gary Lanoie explained how Squirrels software aligns with the association’s mission to improve educational outcomes in Maine schools using technology.

"Maine schools will benefit from our partnership with Squirrels," Lanoie said. "It allows us to offer low-cost, all-in-one, multi-platform screen mirroring with the additional benefit of digital signage technology," he continued.

Squirrels sales manager Sean Courtney said that advancing technology in schools is a top priority, and therefore it is important to make partnerships that achieve that goal.

"We like to work with organizations that prioritize the best interests of the schools they represent," Courtney said. "ACTEM is the type of partner that will help us make a difference for teachers and students using education technology."

The Squirrels partner program launched in 2020. It offers partners the ability to integrate versatile AV solutions into a wide range of existing collaborative environments, including conference rooms, classrooms, lobbies and spaces with digital displays.

Ditto is being offered to Maine Schools at \$90 for a one-year subscription that includes Screen Mirroring + Digital Signage (regular pricing is \$150 per year)

Subscriptions are based per device so one subscription would be needed per Apple TV.

To learn more about Squirrels, visit www.airsquirrels.com.

New Squirrels Partner Brings Wireless Collaboration Technology to Maine Schools

Squirrels partners with the Association of Computer Technology Educators of Maine (ACTEM)

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Maine Districts Speak

ID Automation, SSO, MFA, Rostering, and more with
ClassLink

Webinar: Oct 25th, 2022

Time - 9 am – 9:45 am

Register here - <https://www.classlink.com/webinars/541-maine>

ACTEM offers a discount negotiated for Maine districts! Request that discount!

ClassLink helps school systems deliver on the promise of education technology. Explore how ClassLink helps students, teachers, and parents make better use of your digital resources—and love learning, too! In this webinar, you'll learn how to get the most out of ClassLink as we cover how to:

- Simplify access to 6,000+ digital learning resources
- Gain actionable analytics on data usage using Analytics+
- Streamline class rostering using Roster Server's open data standards
- Automate account provisioning with OneSync
- Secure crucial accounts and student data with MFA
- Build trust and transparency with Public and Parent Portals!

Featured Speakers:



Peter Robinson

Technology Director
Auburn Public Schools



Chris Galasso

Student Information
Specialist
Lewiston Public Schools



Bob Chappell

VP of Instructional
Technology
ClassLink



Joanne Najarian

Director of Engagement
ClassLink

ACTEM – Vita-Learn Consortia News

SEESAW ACADEMY

For the 2023-24 school year – Seesaw will be modifying their solution set up for that what currently is now as two products (Seesaw For Schools and Seesaw Lessons) into a singular product. More information on this will be coming from the consortia for next year.

To help with this transition they are introducing Seesaw Academy to existing ACTEM Seesaw schools. Seesaw Academy gives exclusive access to:

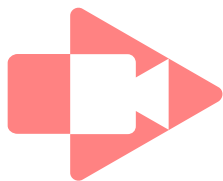
- Access to 623+ lessons - totaling over 3176+ activities for the ENTIRE YEAR!
- Live monthly PD webinars with Seesaw expert, Kris Szajner

Exclusive Pricing for Consortia Members is \$2/student

- Sign up today to access Seesaw Academy!
- ORDER DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 15, 2022!!
- Seesaw For

Schools Subscription is required.

- Click to download Informational [PDF about Seesaw Academy](#)



Screencastify

SCREENCASTIFY

Screencastify works in the Chrome browser, so it'll work on Macs and PCs as well as Chromebooks. The screen capture can easily be done on Macs and PCs without it, but it's Submit feature is nice on any platform. It allows a teacher to set up a weblink that they can send to kids. The kids just click the link and land on a page with a button. They click the button, and it engages their webcam. They can record, then click done. It automatically saves to the teacher's google drive folder.

Learn more about Screencastify in Education on their web site and additionally with this [YouTube Video](#).

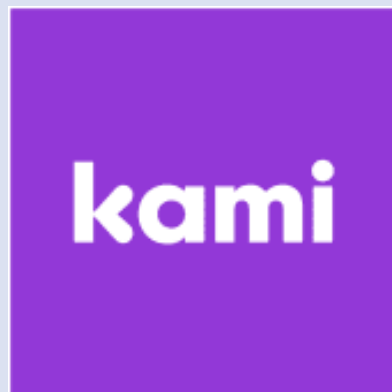
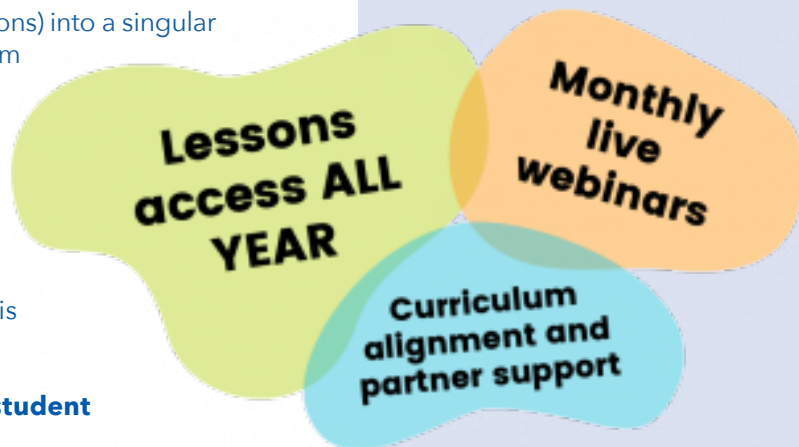
KAMI

Empower Your Students And Transform The Way You Teach, Feedback, And Assess. Kami provides an annotation service that allows teachers and kids to annotate pretty much anything that they see online.

If you are not familiar with Kami, it allows you and your students to mark-up and annotate pretty much anything you see online. It's more than simply annotation, and we're excited to help you learn more about it. We will be publishing dates for webinars to introduce you more fully to Kami as well as to ensure those of you who are already using Kami, that you are getting the most from the tool! In the meantime, you can sign up for a 60-day free trial to get to know Kami firsthand. New and existing subscribers will see significant savings by purchasing through the Consortia at \$2.65 per user/per year (normally \$6). For more information, please visit the Consortia website!

Learn more on [Kami's website](#) and with this [What is Kami YouTube Video](#).

Contact the ACTEM office for consortia pricing of any of these items at director@actem.org



Additional High School Programming

EMBARK

Embark is a high school-to-college transition program to help high school students who are undecided about their future learn more about their college options. Embark offers students individualized encouragement and guidance through the college admissions process, and personalized financial aid support. Embark students who choose to attend a Maine community college are eligible for a two-year scholarship and continued personalized support and guidance in college. High schools select students to participate in their junior year and then nominate seniors for the scholarship opportunity. The program is offered in over 80 high schools statewide. For more information, ask your high school guidance counselor or visit the Embark website.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

SMCC accepts many courses with a score of 3 or higher for credit toward your degree or certificate. Credits are considered for both a one- or two-semester course sequence. To see if you have AP courses that can earn you credit, download the list of SMCC Course Equivalencies for AP Tests.

COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EARNING COLLEGE CREDIT AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

Tuition and fees are waived for all students who have met the necessary requirements to participate in each program and complete registration by the deadline provided.

Keep in mind that if your school does not provide the required course textbooks or supplies, you will need to cover these costs.

High School Students earn College Credits!

SMCC provides high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to experience college work, tuition-free, and earn college credits from SMCC while still attending high school. These credits can be applied towards a degree at SMCC and may be accepted at other colleges and universities.

TAKE CLASSES AT SMCC (DUAL ENROLLMENT)

Take tuition-free courses at SMCC with SMCC instructors – online or in-person – while still in high school. This is a great opportunity to become a part of the SeaWolves community and provides you access to the same facilities and resources as other SMCC students. [Learn more now.](#)

TAKE CLASSES AT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL OR CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOOL (CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT)

Take tuition-free SMCC college courses at your high school or Career and Technical Education School (CTE). Courses are taught by SMCC-approved high school teachers during the regular academic day. [Learn more now.](#)

THE BENEFITS OF EARNING COLLEGE CREDIT AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

- Potential to graduate earlier.
- Demonstrate academic ability and self-motivation to colleges you apply to.
- May lessen your course load in your first few semesters.
- Allows you to take more electives once in college.



On Demand Webinars

CHANGE STUDENT BEHAVIOR FOR TRUE DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

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Learn how to build true digital citizenship in your school district without just closing browser tabs--get started on the journey to impactful changes in online student behavior. Register at this [LINK](#)

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Leading experts from the Barksdale Reading Institute, First Book, and Microsoft Education will discuss how technology solutions can help you develop and enable a more equitable, inclusive, and accessible classroom that provides each student the tools and supports they need--from built-in technology tools to making education resources more accessible to improve student literacy. Register at this [LINK](#)

SUPPORTING THE SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL NEEDS OF OUR EDUCATORS

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With insights from Promethean's recent Future Predictions Report, we will deep dive into the existing and expected challenges teachers combat, with a discussion on tools and tactics educators can employ to build a strong support system for teachers. Register at this [LINK](#)

ADDITIONAL EDSURGE WEBINARS CAN BE FOUND AT: [HTTPS://WWW.EDSURGE.COM/E/WEBINARS](https://www.edsurge.com/e/webinars)

Tyler Technologies Announces 2022 Maine App Challenge Winners

*EIGHTH ANNUAL CONTEST RECEIVED THE
HIGHEST NUMBER OF SUBMISSIONS IN ITS
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PLANO, Texas - Tyler Technologies, Inc. (NYSE: TYL) announced today that three digitally-savvy high school students from Maine were recently selected as winners of the 2022 Tyler Technologies Maine App Challenge, a contest that challenges students to show off their skills and creativity by building a mobile application.

The winners received scholarships totaling \$10,000, which were presented at Tyler's awards ceremony on June 18 at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute.

THIS YEAR'S WINNERS ARE:

FIRST PLACE: Yuliya Buturlia of Scarborough High School created ScheduleStorm, an app that allows students to schedule meetings with their teachers, anytime and from anywhere.

SECOND PLACE: Frazier Dougherty of Yarmouth High School created Train ME 2, an elevated workout app that allows users to create customizable workouts or choose from a database of premade workouts. This inclusive workout app is for all activity levels and allows users to track progress and set individual goals.

THIRD PLACE: Ian Lajoie of Biddeford Regional Center for Technology created Quick Work, an app that helps users easily find videos and information from experts on how to troubleshoot problems with their vehicle.

"The annual Maine App Challenge allows for students to explore the world of software design and development in a creative and fun way," said Chris Hepburn, president of Tyler's Enterprise Group. "The students' application designs are always interesting and innovative, and we were pleased to be able to honor our winners in person this year. We hope that this contest inspires future technology professionals in the great state of Maine."

This year, Tyler collaborated with the Foster Center for Innovation at the University of Maine to host a series of free workshops for students to help with brainstorming, prototyping, and testing their applications. Students that attended these workshops began their work to qualify for a University of Maine System Innovation Micro-Credential.

The three Maine App Challenge winners were rewarded with college scholarships totaling \$10,000 in 529 college savings plans. Tyler also gifted tablets to the students who completed the first 50 submissions. Additionally, a guaranteed internship interview will be given for the top 10 submission participants following each student's college sophomore year.

Tyler also awarded a \$500 check to the Maine high school with the most teams or individuals submitting an eligible entry. This year's winner is Casco Bay High School in Portland, whose students completed a total of 13 submissions.

High school students in Maine may be unaware that there are thousands of career opportunities the state offers in software and computer science. The Maine App Challenge, which was developed in 2015 in partnership with Educate Maine's Project>Login, introduces students to STEM-related disciplines and supports the notion that these students can excel in this field while remaining in Maine. Since its inception, the Maine App Challenge has gifted more than \$70,000 in 529 college savings plans to students in Maine.

For more information about the Maine App Challenge, please contact MACT@tylertech.com.

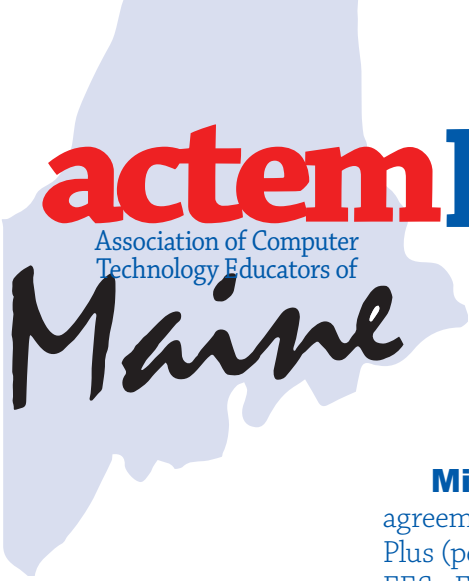
About Tyler Technologies, Inc.

Tyler Technologies (NYSE: TYL) provides integrated software and technology services to the public sector. Tyler's end-to-end solutions empower local, state, and federal government entities to operate more efficiently and connect more transparently with their constituents

and with each other. By connecting data and processes across disparate systems, Tyler's solutions are transforming how clients gain

actionable insights that solve problems in their communities. Tyler has more than 37,000 successful installations across more than 12,000 locations, with clients in all 50 states, Canada, the Caribbean, Australia, and other international locations. Tyler has been recognized numerous times for growth and innovation, including Government Technology's GovTech 100 list and Forbes' "Most Innovative Growth Companies" list. More information about Tyler Technologies, an S&P 500 company headquartered in Plano, Texas, can be found at tylertech.com.

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Contact the ACTEM office for these offerings.

Maine Schools receive discounted educational pricing on the products and services listed here for ACTEM institutional members.

ACTEM Purchasing Consortium offers significant price savings on popular software titles from Adobe, Microsoft, Sophos, and many other vendors.

ACTEM works to partner with vendors that can offer better pricing for Maine schools and also offer something in return to assist with our mission.

Microsoft | ACTEM has agreements with Microsoft for Select Plus (perpetual) and Microsoft EES - Enrollment for Educational Solutions (subscription) licensing.

Select Plus Districts register under ACTEM's agreement then can purchase software at educational volume license pricing.

Enrollment for Educational Solutions (EES) is a subscription licensing based on a people count (FTEs) in a school district. ACTEM offers pricing at the 3,000 FTE level for all schools.

Adobe | ACTEM offers Maine schools & staff subscription licensing for Adobe Creative Cloud. This licensing through Adobe's Value Incentive Plan (VIP) offers either **single app, all apps and site licensing options**. All ACTEM Creative Cloud subscriptions have an annual renewal date of Aug. 9th each year. Licensing purchased partway through the renewal period will be pro-rated in cost and will be up for renewal in August at the annual pricing.

Sophos | Security software and hardware, providing endpoint, encryption, email, web, mobile and network security as well as Unified Threat Management products.

Filemaker | Filemaker Pro is an easy-to-use cross-platform relational database software application.

Deep Freeze | Software that preserves your computer configuration. Any changes - either malicious or unintentional - are reversed on reboot.

Kaspersky | Antivirus & Internet security software offers premium protection against viruses, malware, spam and other threats for your home or business.

Lanschool | Classroom management software that is used by schools to monitor students' activity in a digital classroom.

Parallels | Software for Mac that allows you to run both Windows and MacOS applications side-by-side without rebooting.

Rosetta Stone | an online subscription platform to learn a foreign language. ACTEM consolidates a group purchase to allow better pricing for all Maine schools.

Kajeet | Purchase via ACTEM and receive 5% off the Kajeet Education Broadband solution (includes hardware, wireless services, filters, and management portal.)

ortium for Maine Schools

Vendor Partner Offerings

These vendors have a partnership with ACTEM and offer their products or services at discounts for Maine schools. Please contact vendors directly when ordering.

BrainPOP | ACTEM member schools and districts can subscribe to BrainPOP and save up to 20%.

CDW-G | CDW-G offers discount pricing and FREE shipping on orders to ACTEM Institutional members.

ClassLink | ClassLink provides single sign-on to web and Windows apps, and instant access to files at school and in the cloud. ClassLink is an ACTEM partner and offers a discount for Maine districts.

Connection | Connection is partnered with ACTEM to extend discounted pricing on technology products. Connection has a special purchasing portal for ACTEM institutional members. Portal link: www.govconnection.com/actem

Edspire eHallPass | e-hallpass is a unique digital hall pass management tool for schools, designed to enhance control, security and oversight via electronic hall passes. 10% discount for ACTEM members.

Edspire Flextime Manager | Flextime Manager allows teachers to create, and students to register for, school activity periods. 10% discount for ACTEM members.

Eduporium | Our partnership with Eduporium offers members extra discounts on all their products. An online portal provides a link to the many educational tools, customized tech bundles and activities for students. Portal link: <https://www.eduporium.com/actem>

Explore Learning | All Maine schools receive a 10% discount on all Gizmos, Reflex and Science4Us

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Impero | Impero is a cross-platform software solution, combining features into one tool for a school's network management, classroom management and online safety needs.

Lightspeed Technologies | Districts with ACTEM Institutional memberships are eligible for discounts of 22% off Lightspeed brand classroom audio technology.

Neverware | With Cloudready, you can get the speed, simplicity, and security of Chromebooks on nearly any PC or Mac, up to 13 years old. Contact Sean Terry at sterry@neverware.com or 646-880-3597 to get started.

Newslea | ACTEM member schools and districts can subscribe and save between 5-25% on Newslea PRO, Powerwords, and Collections!

Vocabulary Spelling City | A game-based website and app that can supplement your core literacy curriculum, saves time streamlining data and improves student performance.

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Check the ACTEM website for more information
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Professional Development

October 13-14 ACTEM Fall Conference, Augusta Civic Center, <https://umaine.edu/edtech207/2022-summer-institute/>

October 19-20 MassCUE 2022, Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, MA

November 16-18 Vita-Learns Vermont Fest, Killington Grand Resort, Killington, VT

November 28-Dec. 1 Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference Manchester, NH

December 9 Educate Maine - 2022 Education Symposium, Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, ME

March 20-23, 2023 CoSN 2023 Conference Austin, TX

May 1, 2023 ACTEM 2023 Spring Leadership Conference, Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, ME

June 25-28, 2023 ISTE 2023 Conference, Philadelphia, PA

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• HP Solution: <http://maine.gov/mlti/events/hp.shtml>

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