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Maine Campus Compact Awarded Davis Educational Foundation Grant
Grant Supports Curricular Innovation and Environmental Community Projects on College Campuses

LEWISTON – Maine Campus Compact (MCC), in partnership with Campus Compact for Southern New England and New Hampshire Campus Compact, has been awarded a \$228,996 grant from the Davis Educational Foundation to support curricular innovation and environmental stewardship. The Campuses for Environmental Stewardship (CES) program will train college faculty from 16 baccalaureate degree granting colleges and universities in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island to develop and deliver courses which partner with community organizations to address pressing issues such as environmental stewardship and STEM education.

“We are excited to join with our colleagues across New England to help strengthen teaching and student learning, and to encourage greater institutional support for community-based education and interdisciplinary approaches to education” said MCC’s program coordinator, Pamela Proulx-Curry.

Through this three-year initiative, over 60 faculty members working in multi-disciplinary teams from 16 campuses across 5 New England states will embed community-engaged environmental education into a course of *any* discipline. Selected campuses, to be announced in April 2018, will deliver 3-4 related service-learning courses. Teams will receive training in service-learning pedagogy and apply this interdisciplinary model to create community partnerships and address critical environmental stewardship challenges across 5 New England states.

“Today’s students are faced with difficult challenges such as environmental issues in their communities, and entering a highly competitive workforce that demands a well-rounded set of skills. This grant will directly engage students to develop competencies needed to thrive and affect positive change in an increasingly complex world.” said MCC’s executive director, Sally Slovenski.

Slovenski continued: “Maine Campus Compact is extremely grateful to the Davis Educational Foundation for their support of this exciting opportunity.” The Foundation, established by Stanton and Elisabeth Davis after Mr. Davis’s retirement as chairman of Shaw’s Supermarkets, Inc. is committed to strengthening undergraduate programs at New England-based colleges and universities.

The CES initiative will culminate with environmental community projects, campus community engagement recognition events and a Best Practices Showcase, and will continue through regional collaboration to further advance the role of higher education in addressing the region’s most pressing issues.



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Established in 1994 and hosted at the University of Southern Maine, Maine Campus Compact is a statewide coalition of 18 college and university presidents working to build strong communities and a more just democratic society by developing students' citizenship and problem solving skills through community-based learning. More than 15,000 student volunteers at MCC member campuses provide some 1.6 million hours of service annually. MCC is an affiliate state office of Campus Compact, which includes almost 1,200 college and university presidents in 34 states.

The Davis Educational Foundation, established as a public charitable foundation in 1985, seeks to strengthen the undergraduate programs of public and private, regionally accredited, baccalaureate degree granting colleges and universities throughout the six New England states.