

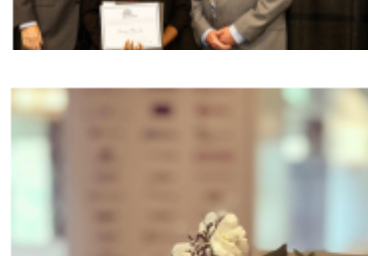


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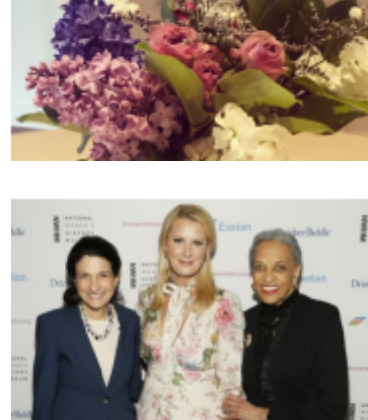
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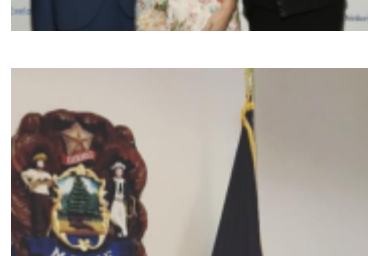
In the final days of May, the Institute hosted two Year End Celebrations and graduated 96 young women from 21 schools across Maine—the second graduating class in the organization's history. More than 96% of the Olympia's Leaders who graduated will begin higher education or seek training and certificate-bearing programs in the fall, while others are pursuing gap years or immediately entering the workforce. More than 60% of seniors will go on to attend Maine institutions. "My greatest joy is the privilege of being a part of your journey of self-discovery and expression, and for the Institute to contribute to your lives today and build networks of support for your tomorrow," said Senator Snowe.



Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) highlighted the achievements of the Institute's class of 2019 this week, including the first ever John R. McKernan Jr. JMG Scholarship students: Deanna P. of Ellsworth High School and Eunice M. of Portland High School. Each Olympia's Leader selected for this scholarship was also a JMG participant, received outstanding recommendations from her JMG teachers, and will receive a \$2,500 award.



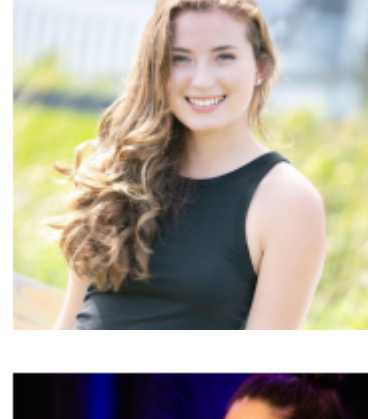
Between graduations, the Institute hosted its annual Spring Reception for Institute supporters. Senator Snowe shared program updates, and the crowd heard from three Olympia's Leaders: junior Melissa K. of Portland High School, senior Moreland B. of Spruce Mountain High School, and alumna Skyler L. of Thomas College—all of whom attribute their confidence and successes to the program. The speakers expressed their deep gratitude to the many men and women who graciously host the reception and the foundations, corporations, and individual donors who make the Institute's program, and all its impact, possible.



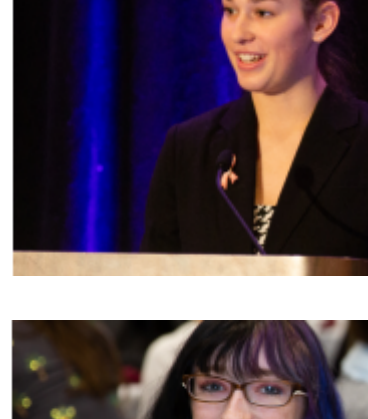
Senator Snowe—the Institute's Founder and namesake—was presented with a 2019 Women Making History Award from the National Women's History Museum this April. The Women Making History Awards recognize and honor a select group of women and men who have made a significant contribution to their field and serve as an inspiration to women everywhere. Senator Susan Collins kindly introduced Senator Snowe and presented her award at the Carnegie Institution for Science in Washington, DC.



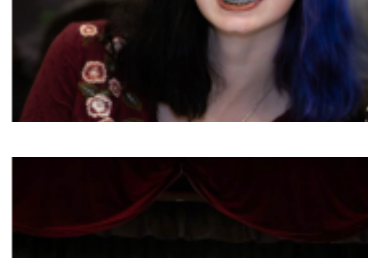
All 93 cohorts of Olympia's Leaders spent their April monthly meeting with a guest speaker, who was asked to tell their story, beginning with their teenage times through present successes. The girls organized every aspect from the selection to the ask to the thank you. This year's April guest speakers included: The Honorable Janet Mills—Governor of Maine, the Honorable Leigh Ingalls Saulley—Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, Pender Makin—Maine Education Commissioner, Heather Johnson—Maine Economic and Community Development Commissioner, Carla Harris—Vice Chairperson of Morgan Stanley, Mary Allen Lindemann—Owner of Coffee by Design, Dianna Pozdniakov—Owner of Sofia Fima, Heidi Neal—Owner of Loyal Biscuit, Margo Walsh—Founder of Maine Works, Jessica Esch—Co-Founder of Shinebolt, Kayla Fish—Anchor at WVII/WFVX Bangor, Sergeant Helaina Lake—a U.S. Army veteran injured in Afghanistan, Anna Turcotte—an activist who fled Azerbaijan due to ethnic cleansing, and many more impressive women from across our state.



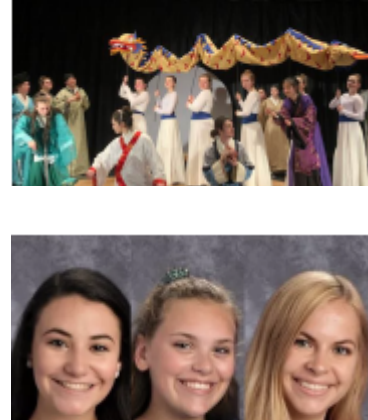
Hannah S.—a senior Olympia's Leader from Belfast Area High School—was inducted into the News Center Maine Varsity Club. She is known at her school as being a stand out track star, field hockey player, and community volunteer. "There are so many talented high school seniors picked for this acknowledgement, and I am very happy to be have been included... I do have several sports accomplishments and have taken college credit classes, but I would also like to talk about my appreciation for the teachers, coaches, and Olympia Snowe mentors who have helped me along the way." Watch the News Center Maine video of Hannah's interview.



"It's such a blessing to guide all these underclassmen to become what I know they can be." Olivia Whittaker—a senior Olympia's Leader from Biddeford High School—was also inducted into the Varsity Maine and spotlighted in the Portland Press Herald. Olivia stands out as a leader for being class valedictorian, the National Honor Society of Maine treasurer, a multi-sport athlete, owner of "Under A Paintbrush"—with artwork on public display, a painting instructor for Biddeford Adult Education, and the strong daughter and caregiver of a breast cancer survivor. She will graduate from high school this week and matriculate to Bates College as a pre-med student.



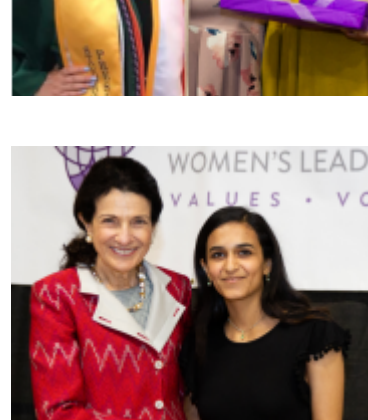
Holly C.—a sophomore Olympia's Leader at Spruce Mountain High School—had a poem selected for publication in We Gen Z Magazine and was asked to share it at public readings. We Gen Z is the first statewide Maine teen literary magazine, created by and for teens to empower creative expression and publish peer writing. Holly's poem is called "Cellular Christ" and was published this spring. You can purchase the We Gen Z Literary Magazine online.



Xin Yi "Jenny" D.—a junior Olympia's Leader from Lisbon High School—identified her value of heritage and used her voice to share her native culture with her community. Jenny asked her drama club director if their group could do a play based on a Chinese folk tale, called "The White Snake." Jenny and her club performed it regionally, statewide, and at the New England Drama Festival in Rhode Island. They won the regional competition and the Maine State Championship—and Jenny received a special judge commendation for Design and Dramaturgy. Read the Times Record story.



Cony High School announced its Girls State delegates for 2019, which were shared by the Kennebec Journal. The first three named—Kate B., Emma L., and Mallory T.—are junior Olympia's Leaders. Outside of the Institute, the girls are all National Honor Society members, multi-sport athletes, club participants and leaders, and community volunteers.



Three Olympia's Leaders were selected to receive the 2019 Principal's Award from the Maine Principals' Association, which recognizes the highest level of academic achievement and citizenship. Each winner received a plaque and a \$1,000 scholarship. The seniors selected were: Grace T. of Lisbon High School, Gabrielle B. of Spruce Mountain High School, and Annie C. of Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School—who was also Student Body President, a National Honor Society inductee, received a distinguished senior project award, finished in the top 5% of her class, and will continue on to University of California, Davis to study business and mathematics.



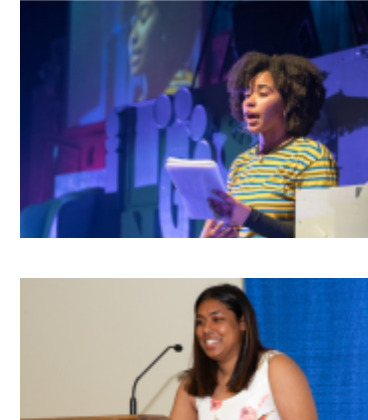
Hind A. S.—a senior Olympia's Leader from Portland High School—moved from Iraq to Portland at age eight. She worked hard to honor her deep, long-standing values, and one way she did this was re-learning Arabic to earn a seal of bi-literacy, which she wore as a graduation stole this week. Another was using her value of compassion to pursue studies in nursing at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas—where she will begin this fall. Hind was highlighted by The Forecaster for her finding her values and her life path.



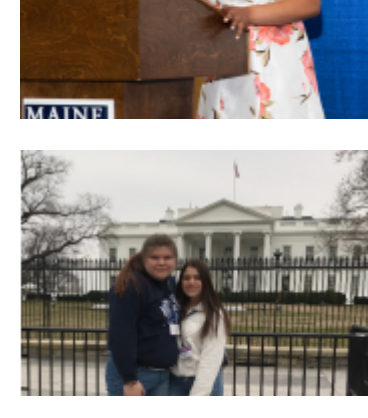
In May, Abbi Fisher—junior Olympia's Leader at Lawrence High School—volunteered at the Girls Rock! Conference in Waterville. She greeted the 4th-8th grade girls who were conference participants and attended sessions with them. The Girls Rock! Conference is part of the Hardy Girls Healthy Women program, planned by girls for girls. It is a day of learning, sharing, and "girl-powered activism." Abigail is also a varsity cheerleader who placed at the Maine State Championship and a multi-record-holding sprinter and jumper on the outdoor track team.



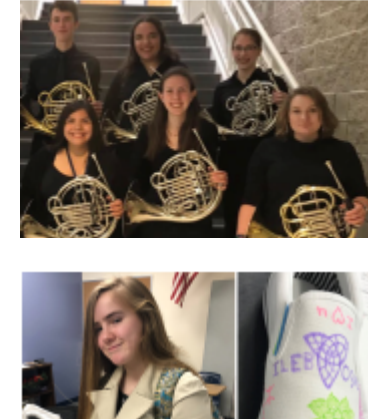
Lauren C.—a junior Olympia's Leader from Calais Middle/High School—plays varsity basketball and reached her 1,000th point this year, all during regular season high school games. State Senator Marianne Moore invited her to the State House to be recognized for this accomplishment. Lauren also made the Bangor Daily News All-Tourney Team, the Downeast Athletic Conference All-Star Team, the Penobscot Valley Conference (PVC) First Team, and was selected as the Eastern Maine Sports Player of the Year. Watch her score the 1,000th point via WABI's coverage.



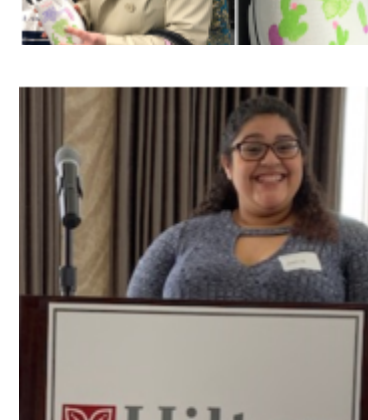
Olivia C.—senior Olympia's Leader at Lisbon High School—was captain of a cheering team that made a clean sweep of all competitions, making them the Mountain Valley Conference, Regional, and State Champions. Her team also won an MPA Sportsmanship Award, and Olivia herself received multiple team awards, including Most Valuable Player. She is continuing her education at the University of New England and has hopes of coaching her local middle or high school team in the future.



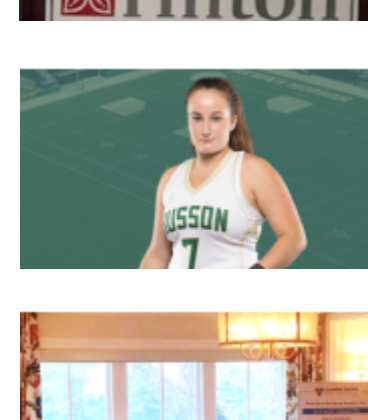
In other athletic news for Olympia's Leaders, basketball player Abby N.—a senior from Oak Hill High School—was named the Kennebec Journal Player of the Year, three juniors from Boothbay Region High School—Madison F. Josey S., and Chloe A.—were on the Class C Maine State Champion basketball team, and Kelsey L. and Mackenzie L.—seniors from Calais Middle/High School—received Penobscot Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete Awards.



In April, Gracia B.—junior Olympia's Leader at Westbrook High School—was a featured speaker, the only teen author with this honor, at The Telling Room's annual event hosting more than 1,000 guests. Gracia participated in the organization's Young Writers & Leaders program, and her piece, "Four Views of a Black Girl" was published in its most recent anthology. Gracia is also a student representative of the Westbrook School Board.



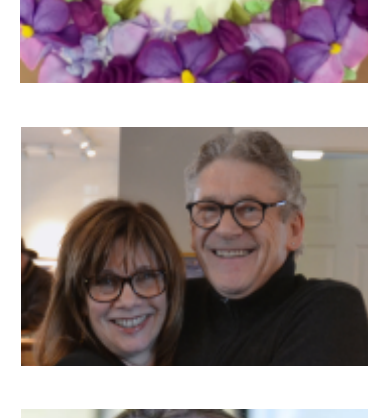
Tessa S.—a senior Olympia's Leader from Houlton High School—attended the 2019 Jobs for Maine Graduates Career Development Conference and took home a third place award in the Public Speaking competition, after competing against 100 other high schoolers across Maine. Tessa's speech was on the importance of kindness. She was also selected by her fellow Olympia's Leaders to be their senior class representative to give remarks at the Institute's northern Maine Year End Celebration, a speech which brought some tears.



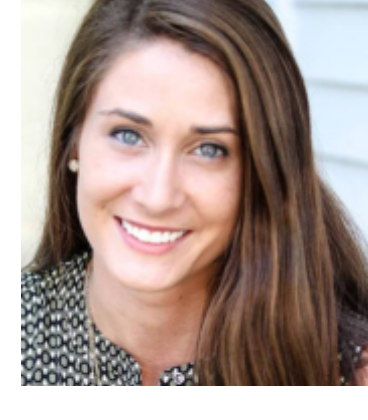
Twyla Smiley—a junior Olympia's Leader from Calais Middle/High School—was invited to participate in a week-long conference in Washington, D.C., hosted by the United South & Eastern Tribes (USE) and Close Up. USE is a non-profit organization representing 27 federally recognized Tribal Nations, from Maine to Florida to Texas, and Close Up organizes experiential programs using the nation's capital as a classroom and showing tribal leaders in action.



Madeline L.—a sophomore Olympia's Leader at Spruce Mountain High School—was named to Maine's All State Band this spring. She is a member of the Mid Maine Youth Orchestra and recently used her french horn in a community-gathered orchestra of music teachers and gifted students at the University of Maine, Farmington. Madeline's talents aren't limited to music, as she has also won a state title in robotics and qualified to compete on the world level.



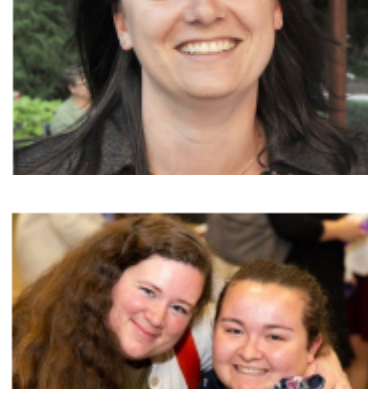
Belle L.—a sophomore Olympia's Leader from Sacopee Valley High School—had her birthday on the day of an Institute meeting and received a wonderful surprise: custom sneakers. Emma B., an OL in the same cohort, created these meaningful shoes decorated with Belle's favorite things. We were so touched to see the Institute logo front and center.



In April, Julia Chabot—a Class of 2018 alumna—was the keynote speaker at a Women's Network event in Auburn. She spoke to the Androscoggin County group at their "A Closer Look at Young Leadership" themed luncheon as part of a "Real Women, Real Stories" series. Julia was cheered on by the event by her former Olympia's Leader Advisor, Catherine Lamson of MEMIC, the Institute's Executive Director, Christina McAnuff, and others. The group said, "Julia first caught our attention when she dazzled the audience at one of the LA Metro Chamber's summer breakfasts. She is a graduate of the esteemed Olympia Snowe Women's Leadership Institute, and her message as a young leader is inspiring!"



Mikenzie Parker—a Class of 2018 alumna—was recognized as a Zag Field Hockey / National Field Hockey Coach's Association (NFHCA) Division III Scholar of Distinction. She is the only athlete from Husson University to earn this honor and the fifth freshman in her program's history, and she did so by achieving a GPA of 3.9 or higher during her first semester of college while thriving in her sport.



Skyler Lewis—a Class of 2018 alumna—recently participated in the Maine NEW (National Education for Women) Leadership Class of 2019—a summer program through the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center at the University of Maine. Skyler is currently attending Thomas College as a first-generation student, where she hopes to earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in business and communications. She is also a Mitchell Scholar, a Student Ambassador, and participates in 10 extracurricular clubs.



The last monthly meeting of each school year is bittersweet, but this cake brought by Brandi Meisner—a sophomore Olympia's Leader Advisor at Skowhegan Area High School—made this year's a little sweeter. In addition to volunteering as an OLA, Brandi works at Skowhegan Savings Bank, is an Executive Board Member for the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce, is Board Vice President for Main Street Skowhegan, and does sales and marketing for both Skowhegan Wooden Rule Co. and Maine Cedar Hot Tubs. In April, she received the chamber's Rising Star Award for her superior leadership, business success, and community involvement.



Frieda Hanlon—senior Olympia's Leaders Advisor at Medomak Valley High School and member of the Institute's Advisory Network—launched her first annual Spring Proceeds event at Stars Fine Jewelry and donated a portion of the proceeds to the Institute. Stars Fine Jewelry collaborated with local businesses to celebrate the changing of seasons with food, fashion, and giveaways. Lincoln County News highlighted the event.

Heather Pouliot—junior Olympia's Leader Advisor at Cony High School, Owner of Core Marketing and Design, and President of the Augusta Downtown Alliance—spoke at a panel discussion as an area employer hiring recent graduates, written about by the Kennebec Journal. Heather said skills needed to run your own business include math and accounting, creative thinking, leadership ability, and problem solving. She encouraged mentorship programs in schools. "Not everyone is a natural born leader, but you can be taught leadership skills in high school and college. Mentorship is huge; it really gives them the confidence to do a lot of different things. And teach kids that failure is okay, and that you can actually thrive after you fail."

In May, the Maine Human Resources Convention hosted members of the Institute to share the power of mentoring and how to create a similar model within a business. Speakers included Christina McAnuff—Executive Director of the Institute, Tonya Ballard—School Contact at Belfast Area High School, Heather Treneer—advisor at Oceanside High School, and Krista Butler—junior Olympia's Leader at Oceanside High School. The annual event was organized by Strategic HR US.

In early May, Susan Pye—advisor to both the sophomore and junior classes "Boost Your Blue High School" spoke at a Maine Women's Network "Boost Mount Blue" breakfast in Portland; her lessons covered investing, saving, and retirement. Susan is a Financial Advisor and Vice President of Investments for the Danforth Group of Wells Fargo Advisors. In addition, she is a State Board Member for the Maine Women's Network, Board Vice President of Women Standing Together, and leads a monthly workshop for local women contemplating or pursuing divorce.

Natalie Harker Kenley—a senior Olympia's Leader Advisor at Spruce Mountain High School—closed her three-year term volunteering with the Institute by writing advice to her 18-year-old self. She dedicated it to her former Olympia's Leaders: Gabrielle B., Moreland B., Natalie L., Julia P., and Emily W. Read her advice on Medium.

A benefit of being on the Institute's Leaders Network is participating in exclusive quarterly events, such as the most recent professional development workshop on Executive Presence with Eda Roth of Boston. More than 100 women gathered at Unum to enjoy coffee and breakfast; network with peers; and develop their professional voice, expression, and presence.

In April, KeyBank Foundation presented a \$50,000 check to the Institute; the gift was eligible to be matched dollar for dollar by a grant to the Institute—making KeyBank's contribution worth \$100,000! Any new or increased corporate donation also qualifies for a match. To speak with the Institute about making your gift worth more, please email us or call 207-536-3069.