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About Educate Maine

Educate Maine is focused on increasing career readiness and advancing educational attainment for Maine people. Founded in 2011, we believe all students and adults should have the foundational skills necessary to thrive in postsecondary education and the workforce. Our strength lies in our ability to work with K-12 schools, higher education institutions, and employers to help address education and workforce development challenges.

We currently facilitate four signature programs. Through the Maine Teacher of the Year program, we partner with the Maine Department of Education to honor the contributions and elevate the voices of Maine's classroom teachers. Project>Login is the state's leading resource for anyone interested in computing and IT, and we work specifically to expand computer science education, particularly for girls and other underserved populations. Through the Education Leaders Experience (ELE) program developed and funded by Unum, we partner with the Maine Principals' Association and UNE Online to convene a cohort of educators to engage with business and policy leaders to better understand the workforce challenges and opportunities for students. Maine Career Catalyst (MCC) is focused on growing experiential learning opportunities and supporting interns, apprentices, and cooperative education students with professional development opportunities, social experiences, and networking events to ensure they have the skills and supportive connections they need to begin and grow their professional careers in Maine.

Message from the Executive Director

2022 was Educate Maine's biggest year on record. We gathered with longtime friends and partners to belatedly celebrate our 10th anniversary. We welcomed the latest group of 16 County Teachers of the Year with Governor Janet Mills at the State Capitol. We wrapped up the Kappa Class of the Education Leaders Experience Program and, just a month later, welcomed the Lambda Class, comprising 27 educational leaders from around the state. We continued our efforts to close the gender gap in computer science careers by hosting Girls Who Code camps, introducing students to computer science, robotics, and coding, and further expanding Maine's focus on computer science education by training dozens of teachers in related fields.



Over the course of the year, we doubled our staff, expanding our capacity and our efforts to increase the educational attainment and career success of Maine people. We launched new initiatives focused on increasing apprenticeships throughout the state, and we gathered in person once again for the annual Education Symposium, bringing enriching learning opportunities and lively discussions to more than 400 attendees.

During the summer, we engaged more than 350 summer interns in professional development and networking events through our Maine Career Catalyst program, encouraging emerging professionals to make Maine their future home.

Thanks to federal funding directed by Maine's congressional delegation, we're working with partners to launch a mobile learning lab to boost STEM education efforts in rural Maine. We're serving as the state lead on a Jobs for the Future and US Department of Labor grant to expand apprenticeships for youth and young adults and further boost apprenticeship efforts with the support of the Maine Department of Labor.

We know there is so much more work to be done, and we're just getting started. We are also proud of what we accomplished in 2022 and hope you enjoy this snapshot of our highlights and successes from the past year.

-Jason Judd and the Educate Maine Team

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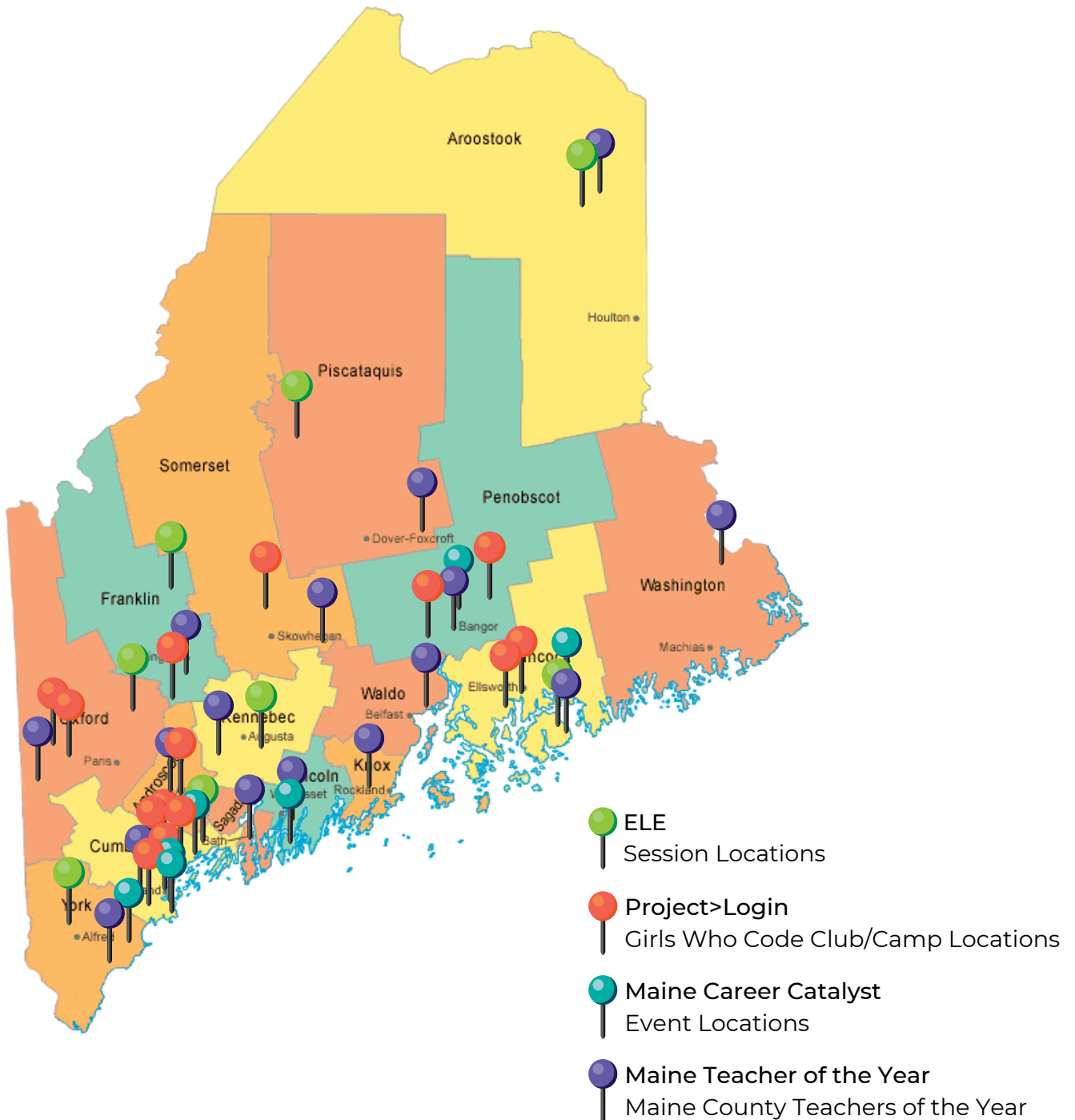
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Our Impact

Educate Maine programs reach all 16 counties across Maine.



Our Work



MAINE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Honors excellence in teaching and elevates the importance of the profession.

16 New CTOYs Announced in May

MTOY 2022: Kelsey Stoyanova,
Penobscot County

MTOY 2023: Matt Bernstein,
Cumberland County



EDUCATION LEADERS EXPERIENCE™

A unique professional development opportunity for educators to engage with community, business, and policy leaders across Maine.

58 participating educators across **2** classes



PROJECT > LOGIN

Engage. Educate. Employ.

The state's leading resource for anyone interested in the computing and IT field.

78 educators trained through Code.org Professional Learning Program

29 districts served through CSforALL SCRIPT workshops

55 students in Girls Who Code clubs

30 new college students in internships



MAINE CAREER CATALYST FIND YOUR PATH. BUILD YOUR FUTURE.

Professional development, social opportunities, and networking for experiential learners working in Maine.

600 participants

19 in-person events

6 summer webinars

Educate Maine Symposium

Hundreds of educators, business leaders, policymakers, and diverse citizens from across our state's communities convene each December at the Educate Maine Symposium. This year's sold-out event featured:

420 attendees, **20** learning sessions, **19** exhibitors

In Action



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Educate Maine invites you to join us as we launch our new membership model. As we work towards our vision that all Maine people will reach their greatest education and economic potential to power a vibrant, globally competitive Maine economy, we know that partnership and collaboration are the keys. Through this new membership model, we aim to build a stronger network of partners to power our shared vision. As a member of Educate Maine, we will work side by side to achieve these important goals.

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