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The Maine Word About College

Questions about college from young Maine students, answered by old Maine students.

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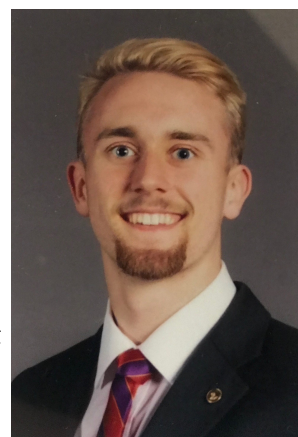
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Q. Who helped you in the college application process?

A. My primary resource during the college application process was my guidance counselor at my high school. She helped me and almost walked me through, step-by-step, the entire process. Filling out the Common App is fairly intuitive, though if you have any questions about what/what not to include, these would be great questions for a guidance counselor, or anyone who has been involved with the admissions process at a college. Talking to anyone who is familiar with college application process is always helpful too. Although I was fortunate enough to go to a small high school with enough resources for two guidance counselors, and I was also lucky enough that both of them were very hard-working and accessible, there should be resources available through your school. These resources may not be as accessible as they were for me, and that can be frustrating; the number one lesson I've learned in college, since I've become a smaller fish in a bigger pond is that you have to advocate for yourself. You need to continue asking questions until you get what you need. Be polite, but be pushy—this is your future! Another important point is to be an easy person to help. Come prepared with specific questions, so





Q. I want to play football in college. What colleges have football?

A. You can play football at most large colleges. There are three levels of skill in colleges, with Division I (one) being the most competitive and time consuming and Division III (three) being a similar time commitment to playing sports in high school. UMO has a football team in Division I, while University of New England and Husson have teams in Division III. Some Division I schools like Alabama and Clemson have a huge number of fans and play in front of thousands of people cheering them on! With hard work, you could be out on the field and playing in front of all those people! —Curtis



they are easy to answer, and you get the information you need. Express gratitude for the help you do get, so you're likely to be helped again. —Dylan

Q. Are you allowed to move up a level if you are smart enough?

A. In college there are lots of different classes at different levels. So usually you start in a class that is more your level, and if you find that that's too easy or too hard you definitely can move up or down. It is really common for people to switch classes during the first couple weeks of school because they want to move up or down a level, say in a math class or a reading class. I would say probably everyone in college has switched a class to move up a level or down a level. —Allison



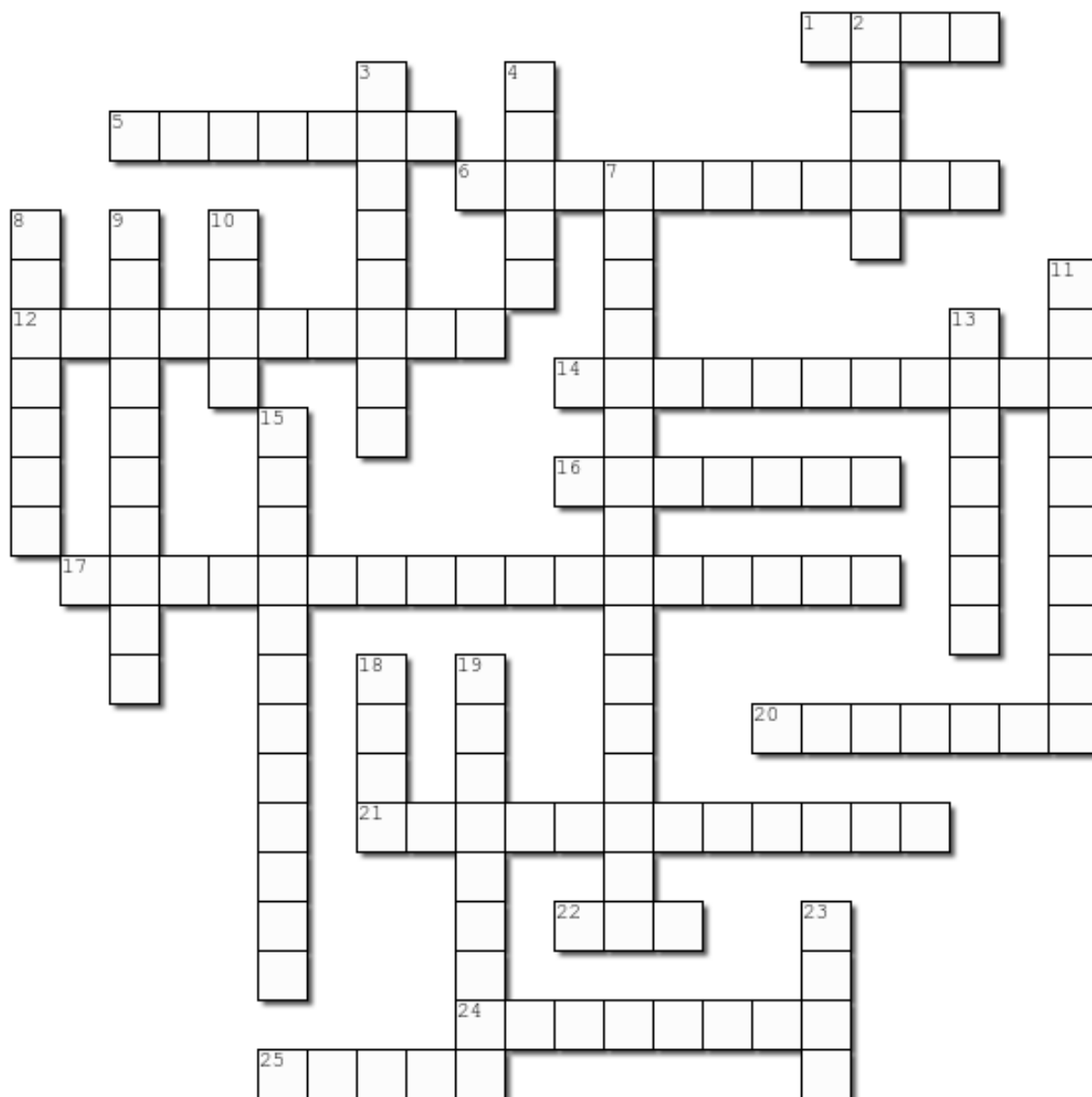
Q. Is there a graduation ceremony?

A. Yes, every college has graduation ceremonies! The graduation ceremonies, sometimes called commencements, are for students who have completed all the requirements for their degree. Commencement typically occurs at the end of the spring semester. Graduating students wear caps and gowns, listen to speeches by their classmates, by the college's administrators, and by special guests, and then walk across a stage to receive their diplomas. At smaller schools like Bowdoin, where I go, all graduating students attend the same commencement, but at larger schools a graduating student may attend a commencement for particular majors or a particular type of degree. Since a student's family and friends often come to commencement, commencement often takes place on the quad or in a sports arena where many people can gather. —Matthew



February 2020 Crossword

Complete the crossword puzzle below!



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Across

1. community college in Auburn, ME
5. college in Boston for music
6. college major for studying the movement of the body
12. sports teams of the University of New England
14. college in Newport, RI whose name is 'Hail to the Queen' in Latin
16. common major for people who want to be an RN
17. a group of students that manages school events, policies, and activities
20. college of diplomat George Mitchell
21. major for future chefs
22. Maine university with a residential campus in Gorham
24. Ivy League university in New York City
25. university for veterinarians that is closest to Maine

Down

2. focus of academic studies in college
3. mascot of Thomas College
4. small Maine college with strong programs in forestry and environmental science
7. activities you do outside of class
8. country with the University of Copenhagen
9. town of UMF
10. a college administrator
11. when students finish college and receive their diplomas
13. what students receive upon graduating
15. college major in the study of dinosaurs & fossils
18. a good community college in Maine for radiology
19. department that manages sports teams at a college
23. short name for lawn in the middle of campus