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My grandson graduated from high school in 2024 and entered YCCC through the Maine Free College program. Going to YCCC was so helpful to him because it acclimated him to college life while earning college credits at the same time. In the fall, he will attend USM in the engineering program, feeling strong, confident, and ready as a Presidential honors college student. I have another grandson graduating this year and this program would be so beneficial to him as well. Like his older brother, this one is also an excellent student and YCCC will be lucky to have him, but having to pay for 6 years of college for each child would put such a financial strain on the family. That's why I hope this free community college program can continue, and keep helping to send well educated individuals into our Maine society. Thank you!