

MAINE WORD ABOUT COLLEGE

The Maine Word About College

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

Today's writers

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Offered by Maine College Circle and the Mitchell Institute to great young students throughout Maine.

Q. Where do I go to be a game warden? What do I have to study and for how long? How should I start preparing now?

A. I am currently a senior at Unity College studying Conservation Law Enforcement and Psychology. I had the privilege of working as Deputy Game Warden on Sebago Lake this past summer for the Maine Warden Service. From my personal experience, I would suggest that you go to a college that specifically offers a Conservation Law major. Criminal justice, although extremely helpful, is not going to give you the wildlife background that is crucial for this job. Even if you know how to enforce fish and game laws, if you don't understand the science and management practices behind them, it's hard to be an effective game warden. It's important to be able to explain to the public why the laws you're enforcing are the way that they are. I would also suggest that you go to a Conservation Law program that has been established for a period of time. Most Conservation Law majors range from 2 - 4 year degrees, Unity College offers a 4-year bachelor's degree.

There are many things you can do now to prepare yourself for a job in Conservation Law Enforcement. You can call local game wardens to do ride-alongs. It's important to note that if you are able to do a ride along to look and act professional. These wardens are taking time out of their day to bring you with them. Be ready to





Q. Are you more likely to get a better job if you go to college?

A. For the most part I would say that going to college does help you get a better job. Going to college not only shows that you have invested in your education, but also that you have developed time management skills, are able to complete tasks, work as a team, and stay committed to a goal. I think it's important to stay focused on your goals outside of the classroom, especially if you are studying in a competitive field. A college degree is not going to secure you a job anywhere; it is a foundation that you should be building upon every chance you get. Don't miss opportunities outside of the classroom to further your education, and get yourself ahead.

—Emily

Q. Can you study for more than one job at a time?

A. For most programs it can be easy to study for multiple jobs at once. My advice would be to broaden your education as much as you can. Not only will this give some options in your career, it will make you a well-rounded employee.

—Maria

answer a lot of hard questions and really think about why you want to be a game warden. I also suggest that you start getting in shape, maintain good grades, get real life experience in the outdoors, and most of all be kind and respectful to others. You can be taught how to write a ticket, but you cannot be taught how to be a good person.

—Emily

Q. What about a cook?

A. The field of culinary arts is very interesting compared to most traditional career paths. It is one that you can start working towards at a very young age. The easiest place to start is in your own kitchen. Even making dinner for your family is a great place to start. You should start experimenting with new recipes and techniques. From there, you can get a job in a kitchen or bakery to gain more experience in the field. Most colleges offer an associate's degree in culinary arts, which takes about two years to complete. At Johnson & Wales University that involved a mix of mostly labs, some academic, and an internship. The labs were where we explored different techniques and were in the kitchen for most of the day, with academic components mixed in. For my strictly academic classes we took the typical math, English, and sciences, and then a nutrition course. After completing your associate's at JWU you have the option of getting a bachelor's in the program, or in a business and nutrition program.



—Maria

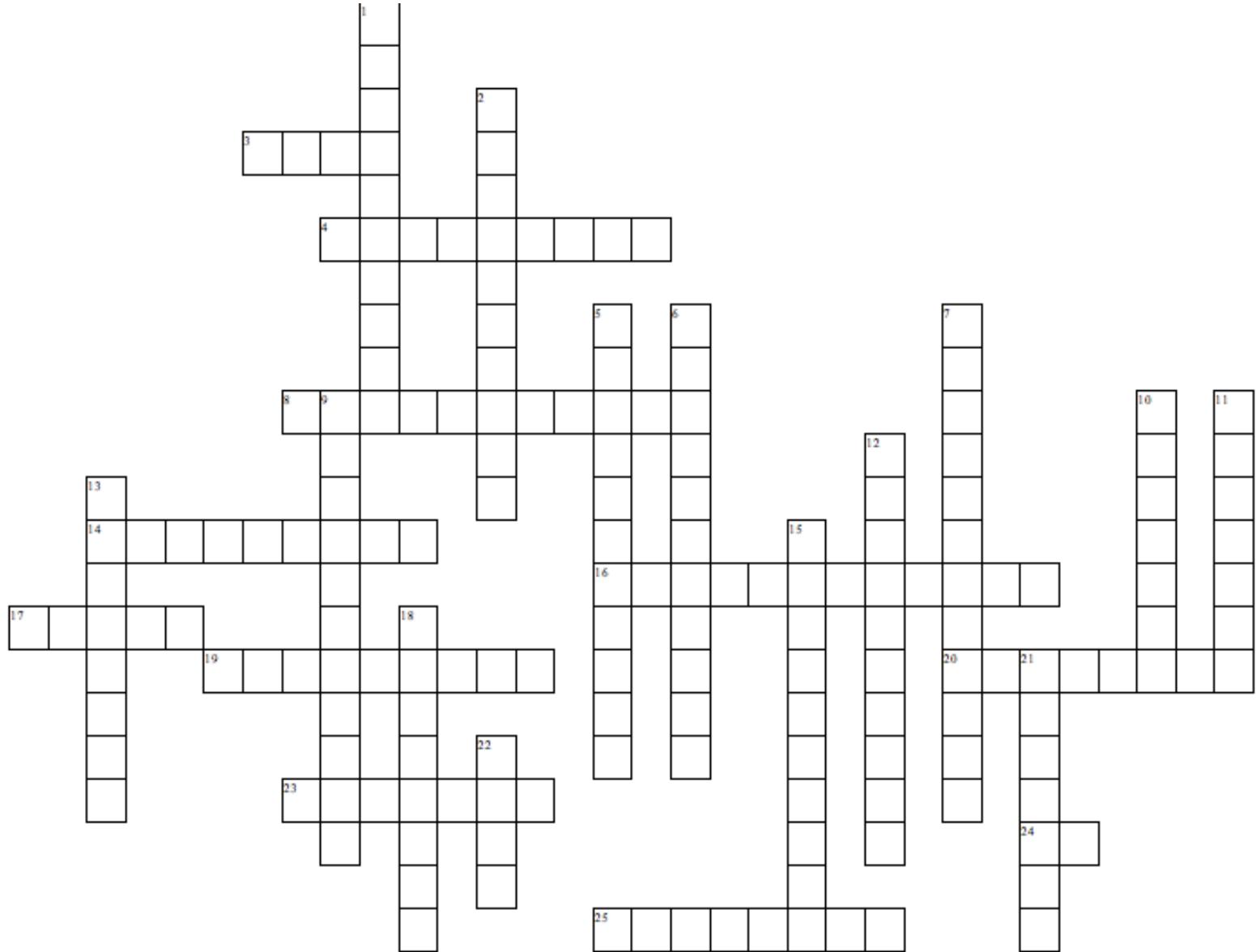
CKB CHALLENGE #2

Every month we will provide a crossword & challenge question to help you start prepping for the College Knowledge Bowl in the spring!

For this month's challenge, you will be conducting an (informal) interview! Find an adult in your life who went to college (it could be a relative, teacher, doctor, coach, barber, anyone!), and ask them about their experience:

- (1) Where did they go to college?
- (2) What did they study? Why?
- (3) Did their college studies influence what they are doing for work now?

It is an added bonus if you email one of us about what you learned in the interview (check our website for our emails: <https://collegeanswers.weebly.com/who-are-we.html>)



Across

- 3. Lawn in the middle of campus
- 4. Hometown of the College of the Atlantic
- 8. Mascot of the University of California, Santa Cruz
- 14. UMPI county**
- 16. College major combining biology and chemistry**
- 17. Building where students gather to hang out or study**
- 19. New Hampshire Ivy League college**
- 20. University of Tom Brady**
- 23. Boston music college**
- 24. Challenging high school test and courses, often worth college credit**
- 25. Smart college major for students interested in logging**

Down 1. III

1. When students finish college and receive their diplomas
2. Tests that students take at the end of the semester
5. When students spend a semester in a different country
6. College major in the study of hair design
7. Someone trained to draw blood
9. Program offered by community colleges to study motor vehicle repair
10. Common major to become an RN
11. College of George Mitchell
12. Place on campus where students eat their meals
13. College of Steph Curry
15. Group of professors who teach the same subject
18. Town where UMFK is
21. New York university for whiter teeth
22. College administrator