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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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### Q. How do you know where to go to college?

**A.** A lot of where you go to college ultimately comes down to what programs they offer. The University of Maine Orono is well known for its engineering program, which is why I go there. — Hunter

Thankfully, there are many resources which are available to help assist you in choosing a school that best suits your learning needs. Such resources include: guidance councilors, the internet, college fairs, college tours, and many more! — Ashley



### Q. Is it fun at college?

**A.** College is SO much fun. You get to make friends with people who have similar interests to you, and get to choose to do things rather than being told to do one thing or another. — Hunter

Yes! There is so much to do at college in addition to your schoolwork. Some of the most fun things I have done at college are: driving to the Coastal Studies Center to jump in the ocean, going to a concert in Portland, making myself a giant ice cream sundae in the dining hall, setting up my hammock on the quad, and just hanging out in the dorms with my friends! — Julianna





### **Q. What is a degree?**

**A.** A degree is a certification that tells employers that you are knowledgeable in a field, but it's more than that. A degree lets the people that you are working for know that you have the ability to learn and adapt to challenges presented to you.  
— Hunter

### **Q. Do you have to have a high school diploma to go to college?**

**A.** Not all colleges require that you have a high school diploma to attend. Many institutions might require placement tests to certify that you have a basic level of knowledge to be admitted to further learning. Although, through personal experience, I have found that my high school attendance has worked to prepare me with a foundation of knowledge and tools to be ready to become a successful college student.  
— Ashley

### **Q. Do you like small colleges or big colleges, because if you go to a small college you won't have to walk as much, but if you go to a big college you will have to walk a lot?**

**A.** I go to a medium-large college, and I love it. The walking isn't that bad, and you get so many fun things to do at a large college, like go to club meet-ups, sports games, or just relax with friends around campus.  
— Hunter

I personally enjoy my smaller sized campus! With a smaller campus I have many opportunities to connect with my professors. A smaller campus also allows me to make friends quicker as I see many of the same people every day—whether in passing or in my classes!  
— Ashley

I love my small school campus. I still walk a lot, but a bike can help with that. It's only tough in the winter when the roads are icy—I've slipped a few times! But it's nice having everything in one place—dining halls, dorms, and classrooms.  
— Julianna

### **Q. What can I do now to prepare for college?**

**A.** The best way to prepare for college now is to focus on your schoolwork. Not only do you need the information from your classes to succeed in college, but you also need to build up good study habits like doing your homework on time and setting enough time aside during your day to study.  
— Hunter

Here's my advice: find something you are passionate about and pursue it. Learn, work hard, and take on leadership roles.  
— Julianna

## CKB CHALLENGE #1

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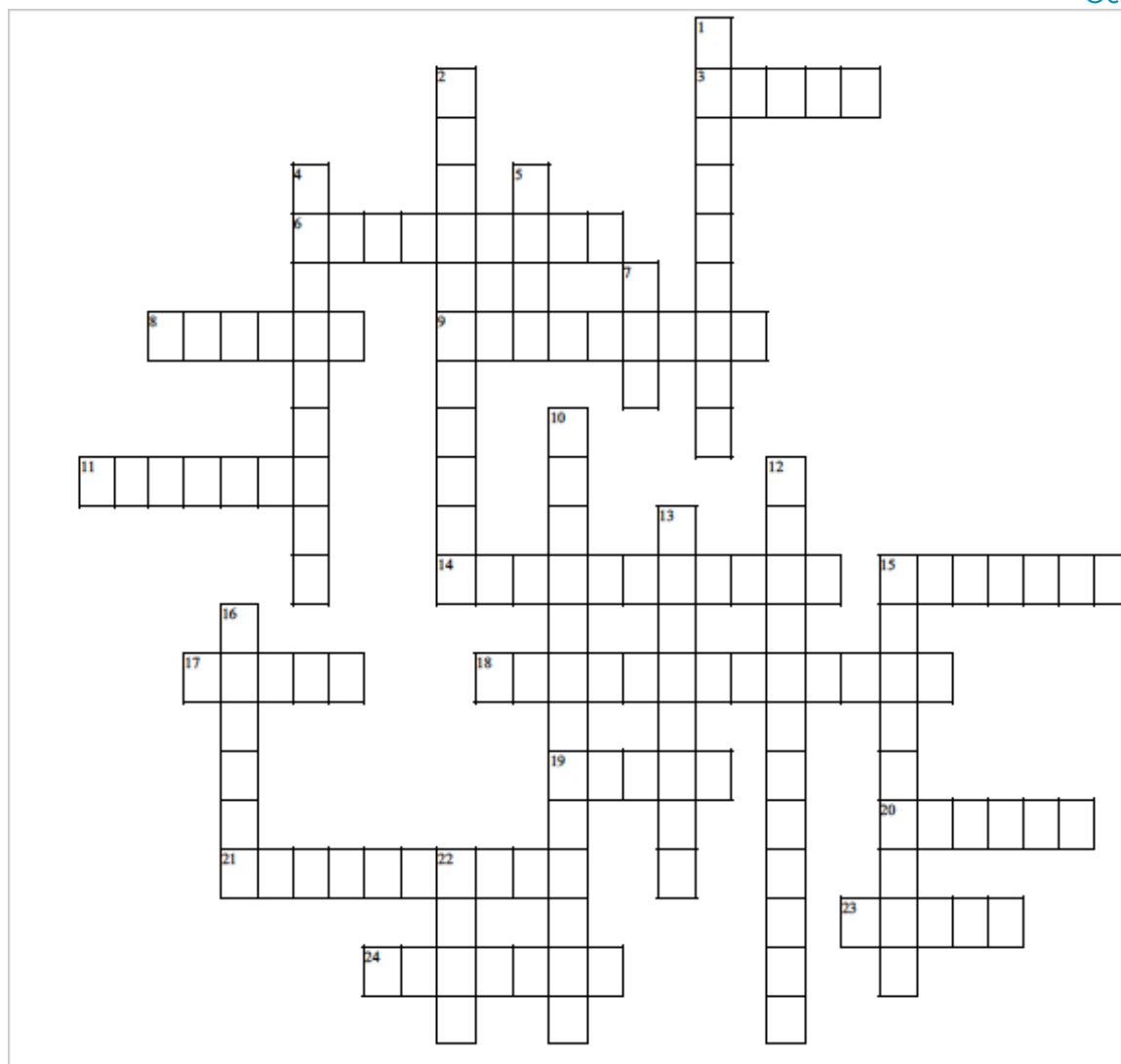
Every month we will provide a crossword & challenge question to help you start prepping for the College Knowledge Bowl in the spring!

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For your first challenge, check out **Maine College Circle's website**: <https://collegeanswers.weebly.com/>. There you will find the answers to many of the questions you have asked about college, as well as some videos of college life from our YouTube channel! We will upload all CKB crosswords and challenge questions there.

Navigate over to the “Who Are We?” tab, where you can learn a little about *who* is answering your questions. You'll see our emails listed so choose one of us and **send us an email about anything**. We are happy to answer any questions and we want to get to know you better!

See the next page for your first practice crossword. Give it a try!



### Across

3. where Stephen King attended college
6. second year college student
8. college with strong programs in forensic science and criminal justice
9. the school that gave a person his/her degree
11. university of Rob Gronkowski
14. town of UMPI
15. the study of living organisms
17. focus of a student's college studies
18. most famous basketball player from UNC
19. small Maine college with strong forestry and environmental science programs
20. person who manages college bills
21. college of Senator Susan Collins
23. federal form to complete if you want financial aid

24. the teaching and administrative staff at a college

### Down

1. mascot of Bowdoin College
2. money awarded to help pay for college
4. degree granted after two years of study
5. where students sleep at night
7. test commonly used in college admission process
10. home state of Tufts
12. college major in the study of dinosaurs and fossils
13. half of an academic year
15. mascot of UMO
16. town where Washington County Community College is located
22. a community college with a strong radiology program (abbr.)