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Congratulations to the STRIVE U Class of 2012!

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Mission Statement

To assist tweens,
 teens and young
 adults with
 intellectual and
 emotional disabilities
 in utilizing resources
 within their
 community so they
 can participate as
 viable members of
 the community.

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STRIVE U Graduation Ceremony

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the University of Southern Maine’s Hannaford Hall on Saturday, June 23rd for the STRIVE U Class of 2012 Graduation! Congratulations to the seven students on their hard work and success and thank you to all the families and friends who supported the students over the past two years.

STRIVE was honored to have Elliot Cutler deliver the Key Note Speech along with Susan Campbell, Chief Student Success Officer at USM, presenting the Certificates on behalf of USM.

STRIVE gave two Partnership Awards to community partners—MEMIC and Pro Search, Inc. Thank you to Michael Bourque for accepting on behalf of MEMIC. We truly appreciate these important partnerships.

Welcome Class of 2014!

A huge welcome and congratulations to the STRIVE U Class of 2014! The new students moved in on Sunday, June 24th and are settling into life at STRIVE U.

Good luck to the Class of 2014!

STRIVE NEWS

STRIVE Bayside: A Team Centered Approach to Independent Living

PSL's STRIVE Program is opening a new Program (Using Section 29 or private pay) dedicated to expanding independent living capacity and community connections for people with developmental disabilities! This program will utilize the STRIVE U curriculum which has been used over the past ten years to assist young people with disabilities to live and work in their communities. The main goal of STRIVE Bayside is to work with participants over a two year period to expand their abilities to live a more Independent life.

This program will run from 9:00am—1:00pm Monday to Friday and will be two years in duration. We are now accepting applications!

The Bayside program will begin September 17th. STRIVE has secured an apartment at Back Bay Tower and will use this as the "base" for the program. We will be hiring a Program Coordinator in the near future and have purchased furnishings for the space. We have had a lot of interest in the program and will continue to take applications until all slots are filled.

If you have any questions or would like to sit down and discuss the program please contact Bill Hughes or Peter Brown at (207) 774-6278 or info@pslstrive.org.

Next STEP Update: STRIVE's Transitional Education Program

Over the last few weeks Next STEP has had several participants move on to new experiences and although it is hard to see friends leave, we are very proud and excited for them!

Next STEP has four new people starting in the next few weeks which is exciting! The group has been enjoying the nice weather—a visit to the Gray Animal Farm, hiking, the beach, parks, the Old Port, the library, volunteering at the Root Cellar and much more! One of our participants, who is an excellent juggler, recently met a young woman who was juggling in the Old Port who he was encouraged to speak with. This conversation lead to him learning about and joining a weekly juggling group in Deering Oaks Park! This just shows that there is something for everyone in Portland!

If you would like more information about Next Step please contact Bill Hughes at 207-774-6278 or bhughes@pslservices.org.



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STRIVE U News

Applications for the 2012 STRIVE U Experience are available! The weekend long seminar will be a snap shot of a typical week at STRIVE U and is being held September 28th-30th at Camp Tall Pines in Poland. The cost is \$285. For more information contact Erin Berg at (207) 774-6278 or eberg@pslservices.org

The annual STRIVE U Open House is set for Saturday, September 8th! Our campus is located on Nye Street in Portland. The event runs from 10am-2pm. You'll have a chance to tour an apartment and meet staff. Applications for the Class of 2015 will also be available at that time. For more information, contact Erin Berg at (207) 774-6278 or eberg@pslservices.org.

STRIVE U Works: Seeking Employment Partners Who Thrive at STRIVE!

STRIVE U is seeking employment partners who are in need of motivated, reliable, hard-working, capable and eager to learn employees. Most students work a Monday, Wednesday and Friday schedule from 9 – 15 hours per week with starting pay at \$8.00 per hour. Most businesses choose the convenience of using our partner Pro Search for payroll processing of these temporary placements. After meeting with prospective employment partners to identify their needs, we then find the right student based on their abilities and interests in order to make a successful match like the one at Woodard & Curran. Supervised by Human Resources at this Portland-based engineering firm, our student works with a variety of departments from Accounting and Reception to Office Support and Engineering. In addition to helping with mail distribution, scanning documents and data entry, this successful STRIVE U student helps to keep things organized in production and conference rooms as well.

If you or someone you know would like to benefit from the many rewards of working with STRIVE U – hire a productive & professional employee, increase your customer base, enhance your community profile, share the spotlight with one of Maine’s most well-known and respected organizations to serve people with developmental disabilities, call or email us today!

To find out how to become a STRIVE U Employment Partner, please contact MaryAnn Schwanda, Employment Coordinator: mschwanda@pslservices.org or call 207-774-6278.

Millcreek Shaw’s Yard Sale

July 21st

9:00am-2:00pm

Millcreek Shaw’s

180 Waterman Drive, South Portland

Millcreek Shaw’s is holding a huge yard sale with the proceeds benefiting STRIVE! Items donations accepted at the Customer Service Desk!

Maine Mall Farmer’s Market Cookout

Roll up those sleeves and get ready to shop, chop and grill a fresh lunch with fresh ingredients!

Join STRIVE members, the Maine Mall & the Farmer’s Market on Tuesday, July 3rd for a fun event with great food!

11:00am—3:00pm

Maine Mall Farmer’s Market

Volunteer & Member News

Camp STRIVE—There is Still Time to Sign Up!

Important Information

- ◆ Camp runs daily from 9:00am - 5:00pm.
- ◆ Early Drop off & Late Pick Up are available for an additional cost of \$7 per day and needs to be set up in advance.
- ◆ Daily Schedule to include at least one field trip, craft and physical activity.
- ◆ Activities & Field Trips are subject to change depending on the weather. Please dress accordingly.
- ◆ Don't forget to pack a lunch and bring a water bottle!
- ◆ *** Added Bonus for TWEENS*** Fridays include Tweens Social Program from 3:30 to 5:30pm!
- ◆ **Contact Information:**
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Camp STRIVE July Schedule

	2	3	4	5	6
Made in Maine	Desert of Maine	Light House Tour	Happy 4th of July! Camp STRIVE Closed Today!	Beach Tour	Casco Bay Ferry Rides *Wear a Maine or local shirt
Fun With Food	Make Your Own Pizza & Cookbook *Bring a recipe to share!	Tour a Local Farm	Portland's Farmers Market & Make your own Bread	Picnic & Games in the Park	Freeport Food Tour
Sports Fan	Basketball & Kickball at the Park *Wear Celtics gear!	Soccer Game at Fort Williams	Sea Dogs Game *Wear Red Sox or Sea Dogs gear!	STRIVE Olympics	Yarmouth Clam Festival
Art & Soul	Make Tie Dye *Bring something to dye	Color Me Mine Pottery	Watercolor Painting at the Beach	Tour of the Portland Art Museum	Pottery Class
Fun & Games	Deering Oaks STRIVE Olympics	Arcade Games at Old Orchard Beach	August 1 Back Bay Challenge	August 2 Sea Dogs Game *Wear Sea Dogs or Red Sox gear!	August 3 Kickball at Payson Park

Camp STRIVE August Schedule

	6	7	8	9	10
City Search	Scavenger Hunt in Saco	Site Seeing in Kennebunk	Old Port Walking Tour & Farmer's Market Visit	Visit to the Capital & Tour of Augusta	Explore L.L.Bean & Freeport
Made by ME	Movie Making at the Park	Painting at Fort Williams	Mask Making	Create a School Year Calendar	Jewelry Making at Caravan Beads
Island Adventures	Games & Treasure Hunt at Fort Williams *Dress like a pirate!	Explore Macworth Island	Hula & Leis *Dress in a Hawaiian Shirt!	Trip to the Beach & Ice Cream	Last Day of Camp STRIVE! BBQ & Games



***STRIVE Theme Night:
American Ball!***



***Friday, July 6th
6:00-9:00pm***



**Member Spotlight:
Camp STRIVE Counselors!**



Let us introduce you to our amazing counselors:

**Jennifer Abdallah from Austin, Texas
She is a Licensed Social Worker**

**Jessican Harriman from Gorham, Maine
She is a student at Plymouth State University**

**Mia DeWaters from Portland, Maine
She is a student at New Hampshire Institute of Art**

We are so happy to have you with Camp STRIVE this summer!



JULY BIRTHDAYS



Amber Hodgson	July 2	Travis Wheatley	July 20
Tim Carter	July 3	Patrick Madison	July 20
Alex MacMath	July 5	Jennifer Kelewae	July 21
Camden Ryan	July 5	Kristine Fish	July 24
Devin Leonard	July 9	Susie Cloutier	July 25
Katherine Dunton	July 10	William Webber	July 27
Eric Wenstrom	July 10	Scott Small	July 27
Thomas Belanger	July 12	Dan Pietroskil	July 28
Alexandra Hunt	July 16	Joseph Testa	July 29
Steven Boisvert	July 17	Jeremy Roberts	July 30
Brianna Shapleigh-Archer	July 18	Micah Webbert	July 31
Janica Sublett	July 18	Emily Wight	July 31
Christopher Huntoon	July 19		

TWEENS

**Are you between the ages of 11 and 14?
Then join us every Friday afternoon from
3:30 to 5:30 at the STRIVE Center!**

July Schedule:

July 6: Home Run Derby with Portland Sea Dog's Slugger!
July 13: Fun with UNUM
July 20: Salsa Dancing with Maine Ballroom Dance
July 27: Sparks Ark

Thank You June STRIVE Supporters

Bret & Katie Yarrison
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**We would like to thank all
the donors who
contributed to a class end
of the year teacher gift in
honor of their teacher, Lynn
Spadinger! Much
Appreciated!**

STRIVE Annual Auction Update

Join Us for STRIVE's 8th Annual Live & Silent Auction
Ocean Gateway in Portland
October 10th from 6:00-9:00pm

STRIVE is excited to announce that Norway Savings Bank is this year's Live & Silent Auction Title Sponsor! Our other sponsors include Merrill Lynch. The Boyne Sirois Group, Coca-Cola Northern New England, Johnson & Co. CPA, Knowles Industrial Services Corporation, Stone Coast Fund Services and This Thyme Around LLC.

If you would like more information, please contact Kristina Smalley at ksmalley@pslservices.org.

July Meetings & Events

STRIVE Cooking at the Maine Mall Farmer's Market
Tuesday, July 2nd
11:00am—3:00pm

STRIVE Theme Night:
Friday, July 6th
6:00-9:00pm

Member Advisory Board Meeting
Friday, July 13th and 27th at 5:00pm

Kiwanis Aktion Club
Wednesday, July 11th and 25th
Contact Kristina Smalley for more info at 207-774-6278 or ksmalley@pslservices.org.
Last month Aktion Club collected food for Preble Street and sent Thank You cards to our Military Troops!

STRIVE U Open House
Saturday, September 8th
10:00am—2:00pm

Strive FOR 5—5K & Block Party
September 15th

STRIVE U Experience Weekend
September 28th-30th

South Portland Chili's Give Back Night

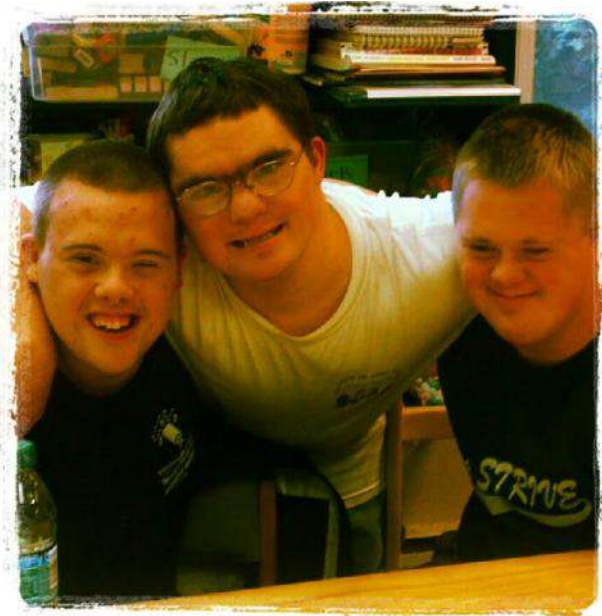
Join us for STRIVE Day at South Portland Chili's!
When: Tuesday, July 10th from 11:00am—11:00pm.
Where: Chili's on 465 Maine Mall Road, South Portland
Why: Because you love STRIVE!

Pick up a coupon from STRIVE or from Chili's that night and let them know you are there to support STRIVE! 10% of your meal will come back to STRIVE!

Thank You Becki Jaques!

A huge thank you to Becki Jaques for leading the Monday Night ZUMBA Wellness Class! We had a great time dancing every week & are appreciative of Becki and her time that she shared with us!

STRIVE PICTURES



Camp STRIVE Friends!



Camp STRIVE having fun at Pineland Farm!



Next STEP Circus Performance!



Face Painting at TWEENS!



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