

## **Sumner Memorial High School**

### **Marine Pathways Grant**

We had a private donor read about our Marine Pathways initiative in the Ellsworth American. They were really interested in the idea of offering educational opportunities to students in unique ways. They donated \$15,000 to the program.

Funds acquired for Marine Pathways has been used for field trip costs, transportation costs, job shadowing, internships, college courses, certification courses, equipment for field-based work, and supplies for Project Based Learning opportunities. We did not spend \$7000 of the funds donated. It was our first year and we were still designing and promoting it last year.

This year, we are doing much more with it. It is fully integrated into our Pathways programs. We are offering many different opportunities including navigation, boat building, trap building, scuba diving, and many other marine opportunities based on student needs and interests. The private donor has donated an additional \$10,000.