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GORMAN FAMILY ENDOWS SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF LEON GORMAN

Fund to benefit Maine community college students

SOUTH PORTLAND, ME – The Leon A. Gorman Endowed Scholarship fund has been created by the families of Leon and Lisa Gorman to support Maine community college students who exemplify Mr. Gorman's long-standing commitment to community service and academic achievement. The fund was established in honor of Mr. Gorman's 80th birthday by the couple's children: Ainslie Boroff, Nancy Cohen, Shimon Cohen, Jeffrey Gorman, Jennifer Wilson, and their spouses and children.

Leon Gorman is Chairman Emeritus of L.L.Bean, Inc. and served as the company's president for over three decades. A longtime supporter of Maine's seven community colleges, he served on the 2006 Governor's Community College Advisory Council. He and his wife were instrumental in the creation of The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges in 2009, and he currently serves as a member of the foundation's Leadership Council. Lisa Gorman is the vice chair of the foundation's Board of Directors.

In explaining his commitment to the state's community colleges, Mr. Gorman has noted: "I believe an investment in Maine's community colleges is the single most important investment we can make in the economic and social well-being of Maine citizens. An investment today will pay dividends for generations to come."

Jane Phillips, the president of The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges, echoed that sentiment in announcing the creation of the scholarship: "We are deeply honored to be able to award a scholarship that pays tribute to Leon Gorman's remarkable contributions to Maine. In supporting students who share his commitment to others, it, too, will pay dividends for generations to come."

The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges is dedicated to ensuring that the state's seven community colleges have the resources they need to provide a high quality and affordable education for Maine people. The foundation seeks to enhance access to education and economic opportunity and to provide Maine employers with a highly trained and skilled workforce. More information about the foundation is available at: www.maineccfoundation.org. Information about the Maine Community College System is available at www.mccs.me.edu.