## CAMDEN HILLS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

**CHIP** 

## WHY INTERNSHIPS MATTER

- US News and World Report: (January 2022)
  - <a href="https://www.usnews.com/education/kl2/articles/the-rise-of-high-school-internships">https://www.usnews.com/education/kl2/articles/the-rise-of-high-school-internships</a>
    - "Working and interacting with various employees and being exposed to the basics of what a future career in the industry would entail gets students out of their high school bubble,"
    - "Through the internship experience, high schoolers gain the confidence to succeed in their chosen path,"
    - "This points to an exciting opportunity to change the narrative around work-based learning experiences," the American Student Assistance report says, adding that, "We must find more opportunities for students to learn AND earn."

## OVERVIEW OF CAMDEN HILLS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (CHIP)

- Started 2018-19 school year // 14 interns placed
- 2019-20 All internships stopped due to Covid-19
- 2021-22 CHIP is restarted
- Partner agreements 42 different organizations:
  - Samoset Camden Real Estate Farnsworth Aldemere Farms Bangor Savings Hurricane Island
     Foundation Camden Hospital / Pen Bay Vet Coastal Mountain Land Trust Maine Sport Camden Premier
     Inns Compass Light Productions Five Town CSD CRMS- CRES CHRHS, and many, many more....
- 17 Interns placed

## HATCHERY

- The Hatchery is an innovation center at Camden Hills Regional High School begun in 2019. It is as much a concept as it is the two physical spaces in the high school it will occupy. The Hatchery includes coursework, a makerspace, community events and the promotion of an innovative mindset. The Hatchery embodies a different structure for learning by creating time, space, and resources for students to pursue questions and find solutions.
- Apprentice program Another way to look at internships