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## **USM PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES BEGIN VISITS ON JANUARY 22**

### **Four candidates to meet with USM campus communities**

BANGOR – Candidates for the presidency at the University of Southern Maine will meet with various members of USM's campus communities beginning next week.

The candidates will meet with students, faculty and staff, and members of the public at the three USM campuses located in Portland, Gorham and the Lewiston-Auburn area.

According to USM Presidential Search Chairman Joe Wishcamper, the itineraries for each candidate are identical and also include meetings with union leadership, representatives from USM's board of visitors and foundation board, and with Chancellor Richard Pattenaude.

Candidate visit dates (in order) are as follows: Bob Smith, January 22-24; Selma Botman, January 23-25; David Belcher, January 27-29; and Nancy Kleniewski, January 28-30.

Detailed itineraries for each candidate visit may be found at: [www.maine.edu/USMsearch](http://www.maine.edu/USMsearch).

Established in 1968, the University of Maine System is the state's largest educational enterprise. It has an annual enrollment of more than 44,000 students. It features seven universities – some with multiple campuses – located across the state, as well as 10 University College outreach centers, a law school, and an additional 75 interactive distance learning sites. For more information, visit [www.maine.edu](http://www.maine.edu).