



### CHANCELLOR NAMES FOUR FINALISTS FOR UMAINE PRESIDENCY

BANGOR—University of Maine System Chancellor Richard L. Pattenaude today announced that a search committee he formed last year has identified four finalists for the presidency of Maine's flagship university in Orono.

The person chosen as the 19<sup>th</sup> president of UMaine will succeed current president Robert Kennedy, who announced his [plans to step down](#) in June 2011.

"We've narrowed the search to four outstanding finalists who will travel to UMaine in upcoming weeks to meet with students, faculty, staff, and community members," explained Eleanor "Ellie" Baker of Cape Elizabeth, who leads the 14-member search team, serves as a University System trustee, and is a graduate of both the University of Maine and the University of Maine School of Law. "Our committee is very pleased with the clear leadership skills and extensive experience of the candidates."

The finalists and their most recent employers are (in alphabetical order):

- **Donald J. Farish, Ph.D., J.D.** – of Woodbury, New Jersey. Farish has served as president at Rowan University (NJ) since 1998.
- **Paul W. Ferguson, Ph.D.** – of Glen Carbon, Illinois. Since 2006, Ferguson has worked at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville where he currently serves as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs and professor.
- **Daniel J. Julius, Ed.D.** – of Fairbanks, Alaska. Julius has served as vice president for academic affairs at the University of Alaska System of Higher Education and as professor at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks since 2007.
- **James H. Page, Ph.D.** – of Old Town, Maine. Page has worked at the James W. Sewall Company since 1997 where he has served as principal and chief executive officer, president and senior vice president and chief operating officer.

"The University of Maine is an extraordinarily important institution in this state, and with these challenging times it is essential to have an outstanding leader," noted UMS Chancellor Richard L. Pattenaude. "The

university provides superb educational opportunities, critical research and tremendous support for Maine businesses. Therefore, it is imperative that we select an individual who is ready to move this great university forward.”

Each of the applicants will meet with members from the university community during separate visits to UMaine, which will occur between January 24 and February 9. In addition, each finalist will meet with Chancellor Pattenau.

Following the visits, the search committee will review community feedback and present their impressions to Pattenau, who will recommend one candidate to the UMS Board of Trustees for approval. UMaine’s new president is expected to take over in early July.

Information about the four candidates, including resumes, photos, and itineraries for campus visits may be found at [www.umaine.edu/presidentsearch/finalists/](http://www.umaine.edu/presidentsearch/finalists/).

### **About the University of Maine**

The University of Maine, founded in 1865, is the state’s largest public university, located in the town of Orono. It is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from across the U.S. and more than 60 countries. It currently enrolls 12,000 total undergraduate and graduate students who can directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. Students are offered 88 bachelor’s degree programs, 64 master’s degree programs, 25 doctoral programs and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship on its campus, with substantial efforts aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about the University of Maine visit [www.umaine.edu](http://www.umaine.edu).

### **About the University of Maine System**

Established in 1968, the University of Maine System is the state’s largest educational enterprise. It has an annual enrollment of more than 42,000 students and serves over 500,000 individuals annually through educational and cultural offerings. Nearly two-thirds of its alumni—nearly 120,000 people—live in Maine. The University of Maine System features seven universities—some with multiple campuses—located across the state, as well as nine 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).