

Making a Difference

A monthly sampler of educational, cultural, and economic contributions of Maine's public universities

UMaine School of Law Conference Addresses Data Security

PORTLAND - The Center for Law and Innovation at the University of Maine School of Law is hosting a daylong conference, "Data Security and Management in Global Commerce II," on July 28. The conference takes place from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., on the Portland campus.

The Center for Law and Innovation of the University of Maine School of Law supports Maine's investments in science and technology by studying and teaching about the role of intellectual property law in economic development.

Breakout session topics will address the latest state, federal and international privacy-related legislation; how data privacy and security controls are embedded into IT; best practices for data management policies; and duties, compliance, insurance and PR after a security breach.

For more information, call (207)228-8430 or (207)228-8435.

UMaine & USM Collaborate on Cruise Ship Tourism Webinar for Merchants



ORONO – Tourism officials in Maine expect more than 270,000 cruise ship passengers will visit Maine harbors this season, spending more than \$20 million—or more,

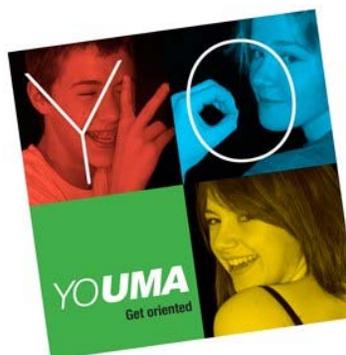
depending upon retailers' marketing approaches.

A free, online webinar called "Capturing the Day Tripping Tourist – Cruise Ship and Destination Event Visitors" was launched to help merchants tailor their marketing toward this growing tourist population.

UMaine faculty members and USM's Small Business Development Center collaborated with CruiseMaineUSA, and Discover Portland and Beyond to produce the 20-minute webinar which offers Maine businesses information, marketing tips, and ways to strengthen tourism development.

The new online resource includes interviews, charts, graphs and easy-to-overlook information.

The webinar may be viewed here: <http://sbdweb-3.doit.usm.maine.edu/cruiseship/>.



YOUMA: Summer Camp with College Credit

AUGUSTA – The YO [Youth Oriented] program is a summer interdisciplinary immersion program on the UMA campus for aspiring sophomore,

junior, and senior high school students.

The 2011 program takes place the last week in July and the first week in August

Students will select among classes that focus on the arts, business or social science. Large group sessions will take place in the afternoon. Afternoon sessions will include field trips, sports, games, and other events.

The YoUMA program will award college credit to students who successfully complete the program. Students will be evaluated on their participation in morning sessions, journaling throughout the week, and the final presentation of their work.

UMA will honor these credits for students who enter UMA degree programs. Interested students can register for the YoUMA by [clicking here](#).

UMM Art Galleries Feature Local Art

MACHIAS – UMM's Art Galleries are featuring the works of three area photographers during July and August. Ray Beal, Holly Garner-Jackson, and Kris



Larson will display their landscape and portrait photographs through August 22 in an exhibit titled "Three Photographers: Three Visions."

The UMM Art Galleries, located on the first floor of Powers Hall, are open weekday afternoons or by appointment. For more information, call Art Gallery Director Bernie Vinzani at (207)255-1279.



From Sun Journal

Finishing touches put on UMF's Emery Community Arts Center Plaza

FARMINGTON – Work at the Emery Community Arts Center Plaza on the campus of the University of Maine at Farmington is nearing completion.

The 15,000-square-foot arts center will be finished in the next couple of weeks. UMF will start taking occupancy of the building in the middle of August, and the center will open in September. An anonymous donor donated \$5 million to build the center.

Partnership between UMPI and Carleton Project A Great Match

PRESQUE ISLE – When Kate Sirois was a high school student at Carleton Project, she was able to complete a biology internship doing college level research while fulfilling her senior project requirements for graduation.

And when UMPI social work students needed to learn more about some the challenges that high school students face, they were able to have a candid conversation with Carleton Project students.

These are just two of the ways the University and Carleton Project have been able to work together since entering into a partnership in February 2009.

The Carleton Project is a private alternative school that offers students in grades 9 through 12 the opportunity to obtain their high school diploma in a non-traditional setting. Project officials work individually with students to meet their academic potential and map out a college plan. Most Carleton Project graduates go on to a two- or four-year college. Carleton Project has 5 schools as of this fall—in Presque Isle, Houlton, Winthrop, Bangor, and Lincoln.

For more information about Carleton Project, visit www.carletonproject.com.

Eight Maine Students Accepted Into USM Pioneer Scholars Program

PORTLAND – Eight high school graduates from Biddeford to Caribou have been accepted into USM's new Pioneers Program, the state's first collegiate honors program for students in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) disciplines.

Students accepted into Pioneers receive a full tuition scholarship for four years, paid internships and a notebook computer. They also will have opportunities to work directly with USM faculty on research projects designed to expand their knowledge in STEM fields and prepare them for careers after graduation.

USM's Pioneers Program is made possible through a start-up grant from the University of Maine System's Strategic Investment Fund, which, in part, was created to support new curricular developments that align academic programs with Maine's changing economy. In addition,

USM is raising private sector, foundation, and federal funding to sustain the program. Find more information at www.usm.maine.edu/aset/pioneers.

UMFK Hosts Upward Bound High School Students



FORT KENT – The UMFK campus recently played host to thirty Aroostook County high school students enrolled in the Upward Bound program as part of their introduction to postsecondary education opportunities.

The students, all of whom will be entering their sophomore year of high school from all across The County in the fall, spent one week on the UMFK campus as part of their residency component.

Upward Bound provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their pre-college performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits.

Upward Bound serves high school students from low-income families, and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in, and graduate from, institutions of post-secondary education.

Teacher Workshop Goal to Improve Science Classes

ORONO – In an effort to improve and strengthen science teaching in Maine middle and high schools, UMaine presented first Summer Academy of the Maine Physical Sciences Partnership June 27-July 1.

The academy was supported by a National Science Foundation grant enabling the partnership, and takes place at the Schoodic Education and Research Center on Schoodic Peninsula on the Maine coast.

It provided a weeklong opportunity for middle and high school teachers to get together with resource coordinators, teaching partners from the University of Maine and others to learn new ways to make science interesting and meaningful for students.

More than 70 people attended, including curriculum developers and publishers whose work was used.

UMA's New Dental Clinic in Bangor

BANGOR – This summer, UMA Bangor's Dental Health Programs will be getting a new dental hygiene clinic.

The Dental Health Program at UMA Bangor has outgrown the old Texas Avenue location that has been open since 1997. After pursuing grants and other funding, UMA was able to put together a proposal for \$3 million in renovations that will expand the existing 11,000 square foot facility to 14,000 square feet. The project will also provide significant upgrades for the clinic's existing dental equipment and computers. Additional support came from area dentists and dental hygienists who made contributions to fund the clinic.



Patients served by the UMA Bangor clinic are generally low-income or do not have dental insurance. The newly renovated facility will allow patients more privacy by having separate patient rooms, just like a general dental practice. Students at the clinic provide services such as dental cleanings, x-rays, and fluoride treatments under close faculty supervision. In August, an event will be held to celebrate the grand opening of the clinic, which is expected to start serving the community by September.

UMM Offering Summer Papermaking and Photoshop Courses



Bernie Vinzani making paper

MACHIAS – UMM recently offered a hands-on course in papermaking and a digital media course using Adobe Photoshop July 18 – 23.

The UMM campus is home to a fully-equipped Book Arts Studio that houses two Vandercook printing presses, a C&P Old Style press, and etching and lithography presses. Papermaking equipment includes a Reina Hollander Beater and a hydraulic papermaking press.

The six-day digital media workshop explored image capture and photo processing while learning various means of enhancement, color correction, and manipulation to create unique compositions.

To learn more, visit www.machias.edu/summer-courses or call (207)255-1223.

UMaine Receives National Climate Leadership Award

ORONO – UMaine received a prestigious national environmental leadership award for its achievement in promoting, researching and teaching green energy and sustainability at the 5th Annual American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment Summit.



Out of 670 colleges and universities, UMaine was selected as one of just three winners of the Second Nature Climate Leadership Award in the doctorate degree-granting university category.

The award recognizes the university's work, progress and commitment to creating a low-carbon future with UMaine constituents and the public.

UMaine Establishes School of Computing and Information Science

ORONO – UMaine has merged its Dept. of Computer Science with its Dept. of Spatial Information Science and Engineering to create a School of Computing Information Science.

In his March 30 address to the Maine Legislature, University of Maine System Chancellor Richard Pattenaude stressed the importance of providing computing and information degree programs that respond to Maine's workforce needs.

The new UMaine school is well-positioned to help achieve Pattenaude's stated goals of doubling the number of graduates in these areas within four years.

UMFK Partners to Launch Financial Literacy Program for Students & Parents

FORT KENT – UMFK and Acadia Federal Credit Union have formed a partnership that will provide financial literacy education to students and parents throughout the St. John Valley.

The UMFK/AFCU Financial Literacy Program will include three components, which will target elementary, middle school, and high school students.

By combining human and fiscal resources, UMFK and AFCU will strive to address and enhance the financial literacy needs of area students. The partnership with local schools also will provide students and their teachers with curricular tools and presentations on financial literacy. The intent of the program is to involve teachers in the development of the program.

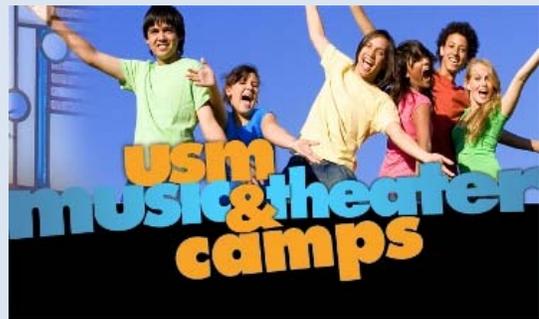
UMPI Team up to Offer Fourth Annual "Music in the Park" Series

PRESQUE ISLE – Riverside Park in Downtown Presque Isle will once again be filled with music on Sunday afternoons this summer as the City of Presque Isle, the Presque Isle Downtown Revitalization Committee and UMPI host the Fourth Annual "Music in the Park" Series.

The free concert series, which attracted average crowd sizes of about 200 people per show last year, includes shows ranging from Peruvian music to African drumming.

Each Sunday afternoon performance features a main act as well as an opening act, giving the community a chance to hear some of the regions finest up and coming local singers and musicians.

The concerts take place on Sundays through August 7, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.



USM Camps Fill Summer with Music

GORHAM – It may be summer, but the USM School of Music's hallways are still filled with sound. While most of the college students are away for the summer, a slightly younger crowd is filling the classrooms. It's time for the annual USM Music & Theater Camps.

The camps offer a week of training, skill developing, and good old-fashioned fun for students in grades 4-12. Four different camp sessions were offered including the Youth Band Day Camp for grades 4-6, the Theatre Academy for grades 8-12, the Junior Music Academy for grades 7-8, and the High School Music Academy for grades 9-12.

The USM School of Music campers, who come from throughout Maine and northern New England, share an intensive musical experience crafting their talents, working with USM faculty, and meeting other musically-inclined youth from throughout New England.

University Trustees Create Strategic Imperatives Board Committee

BANGOR – At their July meeting, UMS Board of Trustees approved the creation of an ad hoc committee for strategic imperatives to undertake special assignments on behalf of the Board.

Newly appointed UMS Board chair Michelle Hood said the committee will be "the 'go to' committee for the Board, when a particular idea comes up that would be a major strategic initiative for the System as a whole."

The committee will include Board members and also utilize the expertise of others in the community to help Trustees outline and evaluate major System initiatives as they arise. Trustee Kevin McCarthy will lead the strategic imperatives committee.

The next meeting of the UMS Board of Trustees takes place on September 19 in Bangor.