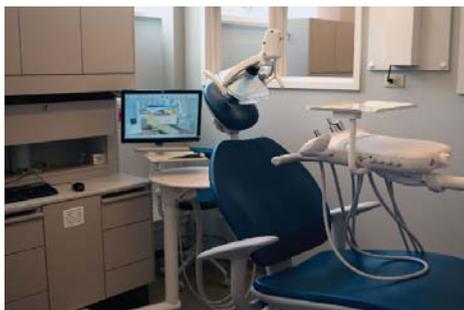


UMA Bangor Celebrates New Dental Health Clinic



BANGOR – On August 24 UMA Bangor unveiled its brand new state-of-the-art Dental Health Clinic in the campus' College Center building.

The new 24-chair clinic, which replaces UMA Bangor's older 18-chair clinic, will both significantly enhance the education of UMA Bangor's dental assistant and dental hygiene students, as well as improve the quality of care provided to patients who use the University's low-cost public clinic. Each year over 2,000 Bangor area residents make use of the Clinic. The new clinic began serving patients on September 7.

Higher Ed Center Marks 10th Anniversary

HOULTON – Community members and education officials gathered recently for the [Houlton Higher Education Center's](#) anniversary celebration which marked the Center's first decade of providing close-to-home educational opportunities for the region.



The official program included a Native blessing, the unveiling of a new granite installation at the building's entrance, and a keynote

address by U.S. Congressman Michael H. Michaud.

The Center brings a wide variety of educational programs under one roof, giving local residents a chance to prepare for college, earn their associate's and bachelor's degrees, take refresher courses, or participate in lifelong learning activities.

UMaine Offers New Nurse Educator Certificate Program

ORONO – The UMaine School of Nursing just launched a new Nurse Educator's Certificate Program, which is expected to help ease the shortage of nurses by producing more nursing clinical instructors in Maine. UMaine also received a Maine Department of Labor Health Care Sector grant of nearly \$80,000 to offset tuition and other expenses for the first 10 nurses enrolled in the program.

The students are registered nurses possessing either a B.S. or M.S. in Nursing who are interested in becoming nursing instructors. For more information, contact Ann Sossong at 581-3427.

UMF Begins Annual Month of Service

FARMINGTON – As the new academic year begins, UMF students, faculty, and staff will join hands in the university's annual Month of Service on September 10, 17 and 24. Developed by the UMF Student Life and Center for Student Involvement offices, the Month of Service provides students with a positive way to come together with campus and community volunteers to work on community service projects throughout the Farmington, Wilton, and Industry areas.

Of special interest this year is the university's close collaboration with United Way of the Tri-Valley Area. Campus and community volunteers will help with storm-window construction, weatherization, and community garden and grounds clean-up efforts.

As in the past, this year's program has scheduled service projects at local schools, churches, food pantries, public service providers and non-profit agencies. For more information call 778-7347.



UMFK Debuts Maine's First Early College High School



Gov. Paul LePage greets students at the Pleasant Street Academy at UMFK.

FORT KENT – Before classes even began, twenty high school juniors were earning college credit at the Pleasant Street Academy thanks to a collaborative effort between UMFK and the local school administrative district.

The students are a part of the state of Maine's first early college high school. While they continue their paths towards a high school diploma, they will also be earning college credit toward an associate or baccalaureate degree at UMFK or elsewhere.

Early college high school is a bold concept in education. It blends high school and college in a rigorous, yet supportive program, compressing the time it takes for a student to complete a high school diploma and their first two years of college.

UMaine Holds 1st of Eight Session Research Workshop Series

ORONO – UMaine offered the first in a series of interdisciplinary research workshops of the academic year on September 9.

Members of the UMaine and surrounding communities and campuses were invited to attend the first session, titled "Challenges to Interdisciplinary Research and Lessons Learned." This was the first in an eight-session series of interactive discussions designed to build, support, and grow UMaine's interdisciplinary research strength.

Goals include promoting interdisciplinary research on campus and highlighting new research opportunities; supporting campus-wide education to share experiences and strength across multiple research arenas and themes; creating new opportunities to network across disciplines; and enhancing UMaine's ability to garner interdisciplinary research funding from a variety of sources. For upcoming workshop dates, call 581-1435.

Angelica Sanchez Quintet Plays at UMA

AUGUSTA – UMA's Jazz and Contemporary Music Program brought a cutting edge, world-class jazz performance to the regional community. The concert took place at UMA's Jewett Auditorium on Tuesday, September 13.

This performance event was a "must see" for anyone who appreciates creative jazz in its most progressive and adventurous form. Ms. Sanchez' group featured some of



the most acclaimed musicians currently performing in the international jazz scene. A free master class was offered earlier in the day for those interested in the process of composition and related issues.

Emery Community Arts Center Opens at UMF

FARMINGTON – Campus and community members joined in the celebration as the Emery Community Arts Center came to life with a gala opening of art, theatre, and musical performance at UMF on September 7.

The curtain-raising event brought together close to 200 artists and art-lovers from the community. The opening featured performances by local musical groups, performance readings, and the exciting debut of Emery's gallery featuring a traditional and new media exhibit. The 15,000-square-foot facility for the visual and performing arts in Maine was made possible by an anonymous benefactor. To learn more visit <http://emeryarts.umf.maine.edu/>.



UMPI Awarded \$29,000 Grant for GIS Laboratory

PRESQUE ISLE – UMPI’s Geospatial Information Technology Center has received a grant of \$29,000 from the Quimby Family Foundation to complete non-motorized trail mapping efforts in the region using GIS and GPS technology.

The grant will support the ongoing project entitled Mapping Non-motorized Trails and Developing the Interactive www.goarostookoutdoors.com website with GPS and GIS Technologies to Promote Outdoor Recreation in Aroostook County.

The project’s mission is to foster healthy, active, non-motorized, outdoor recreational opportunities and promote ecotourism in Aroostook County, through the sharing of outdoor information and experience.

Sports Law Symposium Held at USM

PORTLAND – A leading sports agent, an Olympic swimming champion, and local sports law attorneys were among the panelists who addressed the rights of athletes in Olympic sports at the “Sports Law Symposium: Law and the Olympic Movement.”

The UMaine School of Law and Preti Flaherty’s Sports Law Group hosted the event on September 13 at USM’s Abramson Community Education Center in Portland.

Specific topics addressed included the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, the World Anti-Doping Code, and the athlete’s right of publicity.

USM Study on Fast Food, High Schoolers, & Obesity

PORTLAND – A USM School of Nursing study investigated whether the proximity of fast-food restaurants and convenience stores selling sugary snacks impacts the weight of high school students in Maine.

Their study, published in the *Journal of Nutrition, Education, and Behavior* this summer, surprisingly found that there was no significant relationship between student obesity risk and nearby fast food restaurants and stores selling junk food and soda.

The implication of the study is that the obesity problem of Maine students needs to be attacked from multiple fronts, at home, at after-school events, as well as during the school day.



UMM Focuses on Energy Savings with Recent Renovations

MACHIAS – UMM used the summer months to make energy upgrades to several buildings on campus. Among the projects was a \$475,000 renovation to Kilburn Commons, that involved replacing the facility’s old steam boiler with an energy-efficient hot water boiler, installing an energy management system to monitor and control the building’s heating system, and replacing the building’s aging roof.

All of the single-pane windows in the dining hall were also replaced with smaller, energy-efficient ones.



The renovations to Kilburn Commons were made possible by a \$26.5 million bond approved by Maine voters in June 2010. The bond was aimed at providing energy independence, efficiency, and green jobs. \$15.5 million of that bond went on to fund energy improvements at Maine’s public universities and colleges.

UMFK & Fort Kent Chamber Host Homecoming Weekend

FORT KENT – UMFK and the Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce will combine forces for their respective Homecoming and Scarecrow Festival celebrations for the weekend of September 15-18 in Fort Kent.

The four, fun-filled days will feature many events, including a Friday Family Fun Night, soccer and volleyball games, and the popular Homecoming/Scarecrow parade. The UMFK Homecoming weekend will kick off at 4:30 p.m. on September 15 with a Bengal pig roast, pep rally, luau, and dance on the quad. Join UMFK to celebrate the reunion of alumni, students, athletes, faculty, staff, and friends. To learn more, call 834-7557 or visit: <http://www.umfk.edu/alumni/homecoming/>.



UMaine Extension Experts Give Gardening & Fall Landscaping Advice

ORONO – A cool, wet spring contributed to a late start getting established for some garden vegetables around the state, but the harvest is now well under way. As fall progresses, there is still plenty of gardening and landscaping to be done before the weather turns cold.

UMaine Cooperative Extension gardening, compost and soils experts are available to discuss how to put the garden to bed for the winter, how to get a head start on next year's garden, and what to include or exclude from backyard compost piles.



For tips and advice on fall landscaping and preparing gardens for winter, call 581-2949.

UMS Trustees to Meet September 19

BANGOR –The UMS Board of Trustees will meet at the System Office headquarters in Bangor on September 19. Following a series of committee meetings, the official Board meeting begins at 11:00 a.m. in the Rudman Board Room on the third floor of the 16 Central Street facility.

At the meeting, Trustees will review and consider many items, including implementation of recommendations of the Employee Health Plan Task Force for designated groups of employees. Trustees will also review and consider an annual report on gifts and fund raising for the entire University System during fiscal year 2011, and two appointments which require Trustee approval. All Board meetings are open to the public.

The complete agenda for the September meeting may be viewed at:

<http://www.maine.edu/pdf/agendaforwebsiteBOTmtgSept.192011.pdf>.

Chancellor Search Under Way

BANGOR – A web page has been created for the University of Maine System Chancellor Search which is now under way. The page provides information for potential applicants and keeps the UMS community informed about the search status. The search process is being led by UMS Trustees Eleanor Baker and Gregory Johnson. For more information, visit www.maine.edu/UMSchancellorsearch.

UMM to Host Speaker on Environmentalism and Freedom

MACHIAS – UMM will host Dr. Robert Nelson as its first Koch Speaker on Environmentalism and Freedom at 4 p.m. on October 6. The lecture will take place in the Portside room of Kimball Hall.

Nelson is a professor at the University of Maryland, senior scholar with the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, and a senior fellow at the Independent Institute. He is the author of eight books on environmental and economic policy issues, including last year's award winning book, *The Holy Wars: Economic Religion Versus Environmental Religion in Contemporary America*.



For more information about the event, call 255-1242.

Meet the Editor



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