



THREE FINALISTS NAMED IN CHANCELLOR SEARCH

Candidates will visit several campuses and System Office in January

BANGOR—Three candidates have been selected as finalists for the University of Maine System Chancellor. Earlier this year, current Chancellor Richard L. Pattenaude announced [his intention to step down](#) by the end of June 2012. Pattenaude has served as Chancellor since 2007.

Eleanor Baker of Cape Elizabeth and Gregory Johnson of Harpswell, co-chairs of the search committee and members of the UMS Board of Trustees, made the announcement on Wednesday.

“Our universities are facing unprecedented economic and demographic challenges,” Johnson noted. “These candidates offer the right type of expertise and present innovative ideas on how we can reshape the future of higher education to best meet the needs of Maine.”

“We have an impressive group of finalists with solid experience in higher education, business, and administration,” Baker added. “The search committee looks forward to receiving feedback from the university community and members of the public as the candidates travel the state of Maine and meet with our various constituencies.”

The three candidates, in alphabetical order, are:

- **Meredith Hay** is currently special advisor to the chair of the Arizona Board of Regents for Strategic Initiatives and professor of physiology at the University of Arizona’s (UA) College of Medicine, and formerly held vice president level positions at UA, the University of Iowa, and the University of Missouri System.
- **James Page** is currently principal and chief executive officer of the James W. Sewall Company and adjunct associate professor at the UMaine’s Department of Philosophy, and formerly, president, and senior vice president and chief operating officer of the Sewall Company.
- **Rebecca Wyke** is currently vice chancellor for finance and administration at the University of Maine System, and formerly commissioner of the State of Maine Department of Administrative and Financial Services and chief deputy secretary of state for the State of Maine.

Campus visits by each individual are scheduled to take place between January 17 and 20. All campus visits will begin at the University of Southern Maine in Portland, and also visit the University of Maine in Orono,

the System Office in Bangor, and the University of Maine at Fort Kent. Students, faculty, staff, and local community members at the System's four other universities will have the opportunity to participate in campus visits via the System's videoconferencing system. Additional information about the candidates and schedules for campus visits may be found at www.maine.edu/UMSchancellorsearch.

The search committee includes four UMS trustees, one faculty representative and one student representative. The group has been meeting since August. Once all candidates have completed the campus visits, the search committee plans to meet again and forward a recommendation to the full Board of Trustees.

Established in 1968, the University of Maine System is the state's largest educational enterprise. It has an annual enrollment of nearly 41,000 students and serves over 500,000 individuals annually through educational and cultural offerings. Two-thirds of its alumni—approximately 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.

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[EDITORS NOTE: High resolution photographs of the finalists may be found on the chancellor search web page: www.maine.edu/UMSchancellorsearch.]