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UMF PRESIDENTIAL FINALISTS NAMED
Current president has served UMF for 18 years

BANGOR – Three persons have been named as finalists for the presidency at the University of Maine at Farmington.

One of the finalists will be selected to take the place of current President Theodora J. Kalikow, the longest serving UMF president since the Farmington school became a four-year college in 1945. Kalikow announced last year that she will retire as president of UMF at the end of June, after 18 years with the institution.

A presidential search committee was formed late last year to begin working on the national search. The fourteen members of the committee include three University of Maine System Board of Trustees, as well as UMF faculty, staff, students, and local community members.

UMS Trustee Marjorie Medd of Norway is chair of the search committee and today announced the following finalists for the UMF presidency:

- **Christopher Ames**, Ph.D., Special Assistant to the President at Washington College in Chestertown, MD (April 1-3)
- **Charlotte Borst**, Ph.D., Vice President Academic Affairs/Dean of Faculty at Whittier College in Whittier, CA (April 3-5)
- **Kathryn Foster**, Ph.D., Visiting Fellow at the Brookings Institution, based in Washington, D.C. (April 5-7)

“The University of Maine at Farmington is recognized as fulfilling a unique role and liberal arts mission in our University System,” Medd explained. “In addition, the University has a longtime tradition of educating Maine’s future teachers—and that’s one of its most important roles.”

Medd noted that the search committee was very thoughtful and focused in its approach to finding candidates who would complement the university’s well-established role and mission, as well as bring new and exciting possibilities to the Farmington campus.

The candidates’ campus visits will give members of the UMF community a chance to meet the finalists and provide feedback to the search committee. Each of the finalists will meet with students, faculty, staff, and others, including alumni and business leaders, in a series of meetings and public forums.

Following the visits, the search committee will review all feedback and present its impressions on each candidate to the University of Maine System Chancellor. One candidate will be recommended to the full Board of Trustees for approval. The new president is expected to start this summer.

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Complete information about the candidates, including itineraries for their visits, may be found at <http://www.farmington.edu/president-search/finalists.php>.

Founded in 1864, the University of Maine at Farmington is a nationally-recognized public liberal arts college known for its commitment to student success. It has been named as one of “America’s Best Colleges” by the U.S. News & World Report for 15 consecutive years and was one of just 20 colleges and universities across the country featured in “Student Success in College: Creating Conditions that Matter,” a book that identified schools that serve as models of educational effectiveness. UMF offers top quality baccalaureate programs in the arts and sciences, teacher preparation, and pre-professional studies along with the recent addition of Master of Science in Education programs in educational leadership and early childhood. UMF is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and its teacher education programs are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE.) Located in the heart of Maine’s four-season outdoor recreational region, UMF is a welcoming, close-knit academic community that prepares students for engaged citizenship, enriching professional careers and an enduring love of learning. For more information, visit www.umf.maine.edu.

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.