

News release

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UMaine celebrates research and creativity during Maine Impact Week

Orono, Maine — Maine Impact Week celebrates University of Maine faculty, students, community and their contributions to the social and economic advancement of the state and beyond.

The public is invited to attend multiple events highlighting the impact of research and creative work produced by Maine's research university the week of April 8–13.

The featured event is the 2019 UMaine Student Symposium (UMSS), held 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Wednesday, April 10 at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor. Several hundred students will present their research and creative works through posters, oral presentations and exhibits. Projects cover a range of topics in the arts, health care, science, engineering and education.

Jordan Miner, a biomedical engineering student from Baldwin, Maine, appreciates the opportunity to share her research on muscular dystrophy with the public.

"I am very excited to present at the UMaine Student Symposium and to learn about more research that's going around on campus," Miner says.

This year, the event will host the top three finalists of the [Three Minute Thesis](#) competition as they perform their winning presentations live on stage.

Stuart Kestenbaum, Maine's poet laureate, will be the keynote speaker discussing the creative process and taking questions from the audience.

A sample of Maine Impact Week events:

Faculty Mentor Appreciation Day luncheon and awards ceremony

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. April 8

Wells Conference Center, Orono

Celebrating all UMaine faculty mentors and those who go above and beyond the classroom to support students. [RSVP](#) is encouraged due to limited seating.

UMaine Student Symposium

9 a.m.–5 p.m. April 10

Cross Insurance Center, Bangor

Free and open to the public

Attendees can interact one-on-one with student researchers and attend multiple events throughout the day.

Accepted Student Day

8 a.m.–2 p.m. April 12

Collins Center for the Arts, Orono

Students accepted to UMaine for the fall 2019 semester will have the opportunity to speak with faculty representatives and current students, learn more about their academic program, and explore various student services and organizations.

UMaine Marine Research and Education Open House

10 a.m.–2 p.m. April 13

Various locations on UMaine campus

Free and open to the public

UMSS is an annual event hosted by the Office of the Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, the Center for Undergraduate Research, and Graduate Student Government.

"The UMaine Student Symposium is reflective of Maine's flagship university at work, a world-class research university dedicated to workforce development and economic advancement benefiting Maine and beyond," says Kody Varahramyan, vice president for research and dean of the Graduate School.

More events and details can be found on the [Maine Impact Week](#) and [UMaine Student Symposium](#) websites.

Related links:

Maine Impact Week: umaine.edu/impactweek

UMaine Student Symposium: umaine.edu/umss

Jordan Miner video: <https://youtu.be/fflyVGVpZJ8>

Three Minute Thesis write-up: <https://umaine.edu/research/2019/03/29/graduate-students-wow-crowd-with-3mt-presentations/>

Stuart Kestenbaum announcement: <https://umaine.edu/umss/2019/02/12/keynote-speaker-maine-poet-laureate-stuart-kestenbaum/>

Faculty Mentor Appreciation event: <https://umaine.edu/impactweek/event/faculty-mentor-appreciation-day/>

Planetarium event: <https://umaine.edu/impactweek/event/habitat-earth-planetarium-program-2/>

Accepted Student Day event: go.umaine.edu/visit

Marine Sciences event: <https://umaine.edu/impactweek/event/marine-research-and-education-open-house/>

About the University of Maine:

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's land grant and sea grant university. As Maine's flagship public university, UMaine has a statewide mission of teaching, research and economic development, and community service. UMaine is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from Maine and 49 other states, and 62 countries. It currently enrolls 11,404 total undergraduate and graduate students who can directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. UMaine offers more than 100 degree programs through which students can earn graduate certificates, master's, doctoral or professional science master's degrees. The university promotes environmental stewardship, with substantial efforts campuswide aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit umaine.edu.



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