

UMaine Student Government Newsletter Vol. 2

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UMSG INC

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THE VOTES ARE IN:

TRIPP & PETERSON VOTED STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT, VP



Keegan Tripp, a sophomore political science student from Winn, Maine, and current Vice President was elected to serve as President for the 2024-25 academic year. He will serve alongside his running-mate, Memphis Peterson, a junior Political Science student of Islesboro, Maine. This past year, Memphis has served as the Policy and Procedure Committee Chair. Together, Keegan and Memphis hope to focus their administration on campus connectivity, campus safety and security, and accountability.

An induction ceremony was held on Tuesday, April 16th in the Bangor Room of the Memorial Union to celebrate our new President, VP, and Execs.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Owen McCarthy ('10) who served as President of UMSG in his senior year, was recently named a 2024 Presidential Leadership Scholar. A program by the presidential centers of George W. and H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and Lyndon Johnson, the PLS program is revered and highly selective. Owen was one of just 60 Scholars from around the country recognized in this year's class for their leadership potential and projects aimed at improving social good by addressing a problem or need in their community, the country, or the world.

After studying biological engineering at UMaine, Owen went on to earn his MBA at Harvard University. He is now the president and co-founder of MedRhythms, Inc., a medical device company that uses music, sensors, and technology to help people improve their walking following a range of neurologic injury and diseases.

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Owen is a dedicated alumnus, currently serving on the University of Maine System Board of Trustees, as a past Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Visitors, and recently, as a judge at the 2024 Student Symposium. At UMaine, Owen was also in SigEp, Senior Skulls, Team Maine, and his class council. Owen grew up in Patten, ME and now resides in Gorham, ME with his wife Holly and two children, Oliver and Theodore.



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STUDENT GOV'S HOCKEY BUS TO TD GARDEN

Upon Maine Hockey's defeat of UNH (5-0) in Hockey East Tournament play, UMSG funded a coach bus to the semi-final game at TD Garden on March 22nd. Though Maine lost to Boston University, the Garden was full of Black Bear pride. Our 56 students were happy to make the 4 hour trip.



UMSG SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

Paige Allen

VP for Financial Affairs

Paige is graduating with Highest Honors with a BA in Sociology. She will be attending Maine Law in the Fall on a full-tuition scholarship. She was also awarded the Outstanding Graduating Student in Sociology and the Servant Heart Scholarship.

Tim Burgartz

Senator

Tim is graduating as a Psychology and Sociology double major. After graduation he will be moving to Hawaii to work at an outdoor behavioral health treatment program. Tim was on the Dean's list all four years and played on the UMaine Football team.

Hope Carroll

Director of Communications

Hope is graduating with Highest Honors with a BA in Communications, earning Outstanding Graduate for the program. She plans to move to upstate New York after graduation and work in PR.

Jacob Chaplin

VP for Student Leadership

Jacob is graduating with Honors with a BA in Political Science. He will be working in project management in non-profits working on sustainable development. He is graduating with the Servant Heart Scholarship and Robert Q Dana Changemaker Award.



Michael Delorge

President

Michael is graduating as co-Valedictorian with a dual degree in biology and political science. He will be moving to DC to pursue a career in public health policy before earning a Master's in public health and returning to Maine. He is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha and earned Outstanding Student Leader of the year for 2023-2024.

Kate Kemper

Senator

Kate is graduating with Highest Honors with a BA in Human Dimensions of Climate Change. She plans to continue working at the Wilson Center for Spiritual Exploration and Multifaith Dialogue this summer before starting a position as the Common Ground Country Fair Assistant for the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA).

Myles Moore

VP for Student Entertainment

Myles is graduating with a BS in Construction Engineering Technology and will be remaining at UMaine to complete his MBA degree. Myles is a member of the Francis Crow Society and helped lead UMSG in revamping the Maine Event entertainment series to bring Joe Gatto to campus this spring.

UMSG SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

Julian Ober

VP for Student Organizations

Julian will be graduating with a double major in Political Science and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. She will be staying at UMaine to pursue a Masters in History. She is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha and Triota.

Camden Olson

Fair Elections Practices Chair

Camden is graduating with a BA in Political Science and will be staying at UMaine to pursue a Masters in Global Policy with a Security and Foreign Policy concentration. Camden earned the Outstanding Student in Political Science Award, consistent Dean's List, and Pi Sigma Alpha.

Nathalie Poulin

Senior Class Council President

Nathalie is graduating with a BS in Social Work and plans to remain at UMaine to pursue a Masters in Social Work. She will be graduating with Summa Cum Laude.



POLICY ACHEIVEMENTS

UMSG has been busy this year advocating for students. Here are some highlights:

- **Advocating** for better **campus dining**
- **Reforming elections** from 1 day to 1 week
- **Updating hiring questions** and **employee job descriptions**
- **Securing storage** for outdoor clubs' gear
- **Reforming Student Legal Services policy** so that students conflicted out of using the UMSG attorney's services still have access to legal consultation and representation
- **Advocating for club sports'** use of D1 athletic facilities
- **Financial support for sports clubs** who "Pay to Play"
- **Added new Special Committees** to address student concerns

SENATE AWARDS

UMSG recently announced its third annual senate awards. This years winners are...

Cynthia Shelmerdine

Student Government Emerging Leader

Cynthia is a first-year Biomedical Engineering student who showed great initiative in rebuilding the Military and Veteran Student Affairs position and better-connected students to ROTC and military issues and events. She took on this position with genuine passion and excitement each week and was also outspoken in her position as a Senator of the College of Engineering and Computing, taking the initiative to hang up posters around each one of their college buildings to notify students that she was their elected student leader and that she is here to help them.

Josh Bohm

Student Government Senator of the Year

Josh is a second-year Ecology and Environmental Science major who showed outstanding leadership as UMSG's Center for Undergraduate Research (CUGR) Liaison. He led the creation of a CUGR Symposium Special Committee which increased undergraduate input into the planning of the research symposium -- an annual event showcasing students' research projects at our R1 research university. Thanks to his efforts, presenting undergrads were provided with free lunch and given the option for financial support when printing their required presentation poster. Each week at our Senate meetings and within committees, Josh sets an example for professionalism and approaches conversations with respect and careful thought to best serve the student body and our organization's goals.

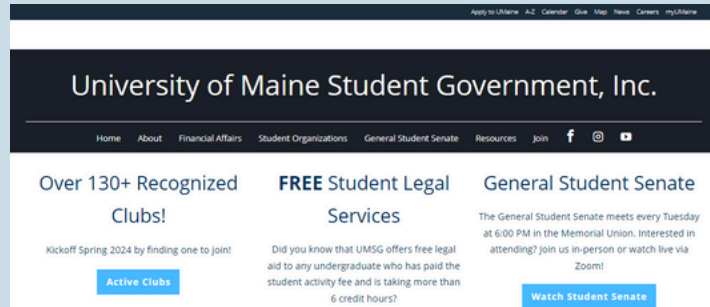
WEBSITE REVAMP

This year, our amazing Director of Technology, Riley Mills, has completely updated the UMSG website. It now has up-to-date information, modern buttons and widgets, and is easier to navigate. The financial affairs and student organizations pages have been completely redone. The website now includes the all-new horizontal UMSG Inc. logo and color scheme!

Check out the new look for your alma mater's student government!

BEFORE

AFTER



Welcome Back Black Bears!

Comments? Suggestions?
Please email us directly at: UMSG@maine.edu

Hi Black Bears! Do you wish to get more involved with your university? We have the perfect opportunity just for you. UMSG Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit funded by your \$53 student activity fee.

We put that to work to plan events, organize advocacy efforts, and represent your voice to the UMaine community. If you are interested in getting involved, contact umsg@maine.edu or visit our offices in the commuter lounge (Wade Center) in the first floor of the Memorial Union.

What We Do

- Financial Affairs
- Student Orgs
- Student Ent.
- Student Senate
- Legal Services
- Other Committees

Meet Our Student Government

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UMSGINC

Welcome Back from Break, Black Bears!

We hope you had a wonderful spring break and are ready to take on the rest of the semester! UMaine Student Government (UMSG Inc.) has so many exciting updates for you.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at UMSG if there is anything we can do for you. We look forward to the rest of a strong semester and to continue serving UMaine's students. Connect with us on our website, on Instagram (@UMSGinc), or by email (umsg@maine.edu).

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Looking to get ahead? Summer University is Open!

As of February 1st, summer courses are open for registration. To learn more, check out UMaine's [Summer University](#) and find a course!

<p>Have a problem, complaint, or concern?</p> <p>Tell us about it! You can contact senators of your college or a specific committee to voice your thoughts. As well as members of representative boards and community associations. OR you can submit the form linked below. Remember, we're here to advocate for YOU!</p> <p>Report a Problem</p>	<p>Want to get involved?</p> <p>You don't need to be a senator to make a difference! Many committees are open for undergraduates to attend their meetings and even join. Of course, you're also always welcome to attend our weekly Senate meetings!</p> <p>Learn More</p>	<p>Know how we can improve our website?</p> <p>We know our website could use some work. That's why we're revamping it! We hope to have some big changes to show, but we need your feedback first. Help us make the UMSG website better by filling out this short survey and tell us what you want to see!</p> <p>Feedback Form</p>
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