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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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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 in Social Work. She will be graduating with Summa Cum Laude.

POLICY ACHIEVEMENTS

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**

SENATE AWARDS

UMSG recently announced its third annual senate awards. This year’s 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!

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