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Fwd: 2022 - A year full of successes and change!

Summer 2022 international newsletter

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Living and working within the lands of Wabanaki Tribal Nations
Raymond H. Fogler Library in early Summer
Do you remember the feeling of a warm breeze on the mall while enjoying sunny summer days with friends on campus?

Meet the 2022 Outstanding Graduating International Seniors
In order left to right: Chisom Orakwue (Nigeria), Amanda Sandberg (Sweden), Tiana Bucknor (Canada), Jin-young Park (South Korea), and Jakub Sirota (Czech Republic).
Learn all about their accomplishments at this link https://umaine.edu/news/blog/2022/04/13/meet-the-2022-outstanding-graduating-students/
International Graduation Dinner
April 2022

In April we celebrated our graduating seniors and the successes they achieved while at UMaine. On the left, you will see that we had a large group of leaving seniors. Although we are sad to see them go, we wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors! On the right, you will see our Spring 2022 visiting students. The night was full of laughter, praise of their accomplishments, stories about the shock of a Maine winter, navigating classes online, and all the good times our students shared.

Intensive English Institute Summer Outings
This summer we have a new group of students in the Intensive English Institute (IEI) from Chile, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ivory Coast, and Ukraine. English Language learning is so much more than being in the classroom, it is also about cultural exchange, community building and community integration. IEI students toured the Orono Bog Boardwalk with Jerry Longcore, volunteer and leader. They learned about the local ecosystem and how local volunteer involvement creates community. They also gained a whole new vocabulary. The group has also been out to explore the Orono’s Farmers Market, and took big leaps of faith with Maine Bound at the UMaine ropes course.

**Question:** What would you recommend our students check out at UMaine or the surrounding area?

Email us your suggestions at international@maine.edu

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**Summer Programming Collaboration between UMaine Counseling Center & Office of International Programs**
Senior Associate Director of OIP Sarah Joughin and the staff from the UMaine Counseling Center have been offering summer programming for international students, staff, and faculty. The pictures above are from the session titled "The Power of Play." This was a fun-filled program of games that focused on teamwork. They highlighted how important it is to save time in your day to have fun!
UMaine hosts MCI and Delegation from Taiwan

Students and teachers from Maine Central Institute located in Pittsfield, ME and members of the Delegation from Taiwan that visited UMaine for a full-day tour and campus experience on July 11, 2022.
The Office of International Programs had the great honor of hosting Maine Central Institute and their partner institutions from Taiwan for a full day of tours. The group included over 70 students and nearly 30 adults. Including principals, teachers, the Director General of Department of Education - Taoyuan City Government. They explored the Advanced Structures and Composites Center, the World's Larged 3-D Polymer Printer, and learned about the Pulp and Paper Foundation and labs within the Chemical Engineering department. They received a personal guided tour by Dean Dana Humphrey of the brand new (nearly finished) Ferland Engineering Education and Design Center. The students were very animated and had great questions. They were especially excited about experiencing the ropes course, where they had to work in teams to complete each activity. The UMaine and Taiwan delegation exchanged gifts in a formal ceremony. Many of the students and chaperones shared their very positive impressions of the state, UMaine's facilities, and the warm welcome by OIP.
This year Brian Berger (SEVIS Coordinator), Lucy Sommo (Director of International Recruitment), Shania Soler (Temporary Study Abroad Assistant), and Susan Landry (Study Abroad Assistant) left or will soon be leaving OIP to pursue new opportunities. Brian will be teaching middle school humanities starting in late August. Lucy is an ESL teacher working with the refugee and asylum community in Portland. Shania is attending grad school in Scotland, and Susan retired and will be spending more time with her family. We wish them all the best of luck in their new adventures and careers.

We would like to welcome our new staff to the office: Jess Wade (International Admissions Assistant), Katy Schrader (International Admissions Counselor), and Adriana Cavalcanti (Administrative Assistant for the Intensive English Institute). To learn more about our new staff members check out their bios at https://umaine.edu/international/oip-staff/

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Congratulations Class of 2022 Graduates
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