Dear Orlina,

We were so happy to welcome our 113 new international students at UMaine for an in-person orientation this August. We also welcomed 4 new international students at the University of Maine at Machias who completed quarantine and orientation at UMaine and then transitioned to Machias.
Remember the International Social the first night on arrival - we enjoyed the beautiful day to social distance outdoors and play a fun icebreaker.
What is life in Maine without getting in a boat? The gracious hosts of the Orono Paddlers Association taught our new students how to paddle, and they ran a race on the Stillwater River. Couldn't have asked for a more beautiful time on the river after a super hot day!
Our students joined the President’s Dinner on the Mall on Friday afternoon to make new friends and play games!
It was an absolute joy to host the first International Coffee Hour on Friday, September 3 outside of Stodder Hall. We also offered bags of pre-packaged shelf-stable foods from our UMaine food pantry on campus to address food insecurity at U.S. college campuses.
Making delicious Chilli for the Coffee Hour today!!!

YUMM :)
The ISA Board and Sarah Joughin, OIP Chef Extraordinaire, prepared delicious vegetarian chili in the OIP kitchen for the third Coffee Hour on September 17. Regardless of where folks hail from, a warm chili can soothe homesickness!

The International Coffee Hour has now returned to its traditional spot in the Memorial Union. ISA offered a Kahoots trivia game to much joy and laughter from a fully masked, audience of international and American students.

Our UMaine community is thrilled to be back on campus, and we are enjoying seeing our students in person at events and in the office. OIP continues to offer opportunities to create friendships and support our new and continuing international students this fall with three Career Center presentations, a trip to Acadia National Park, Fort Knox, and Portland, and more!

Tomorrow, we will be hosting our in-person Cultufest outdoor at the UMaine Mall. Stay tuned and we will be sending out more wonderful updates throughout the semester.