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Office of the President

Message from President Hunter: May 30

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My fulfilling tenure as University of Maine president will be coming to an end in June 2018 with my retirement. In the coming months, the UMaine community will be preparing for a national search to fill the position.

As you remember, last year it was announced that my appointment as president was extended through that time. I am now entering the second and last one-year extension of what was to have been a two-year term as UMaine president, starting in 2014.

This is not a note of farewell, but, rather, a reminder that the timeline for my retirement still holds and we have a lot of significant work to do, together, in the next 12 months.

This coming year, our community will welcome UMaine's largest incoming class, and we will remain focused on student recruitment and retention, among our many priorities. Other important initiatives include assessing our five-year strategic plan and preparing our self-study for NEASC reaccreditation. We'll also be talking about the leadership role of this flagship institution in the University of Maine System and in the state — discussions that will inform the search and meetings with candidates.

As president of the University of Maine, I have the greatest job in the state. I appreciate the opportunity to work for the people of Maine, and with so many dedicated and talented UMaine faculty, staff, students, alumni, constituents and leadership partners.

I look forward to continuing that good work with you in the coming year.