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It's the last week of classes 🥳

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Happy last week of classes, Black Bears!

It goes without saying that the 2020-2021 academic year will go down as one of the most challenging and unique years most of us will ever experience, but we are just a couple short weeks away from summer and, for some, a welcome reprieve from class, exams, and homework. This week is crunch time for many of you, and you may not have access to the same social and institutional supports that are often made available to you here on campus. PLEASE reach out if you are struggling or need help as you complete your final assignments and prepare for final exams next week.

Last week, the ODI staff were fortunate to spend some time with members of the team at [Student Accessibility Services](#). Sara, Mandi, and Amy shared some great strategies for making our web presence more accessible, and I'm excited to implement their advice, starting with this newsletter. I encourage any of you who work with communications, social media, or organizing events and programs to reach out and connect with the SAS team to learn how you can ensure there are no barriers to accessibility in the work you do.

Lastly, I hope you are able to make the time to participate in this Wednesday's Maine Day activities in some way. The ODI team will be helping to clean up the space around Hannibal Hamlin Hall and Dunn Hall, but if you're not in Orono, consider taking a couple hours to beautify the place you are. Rake leaves, plant flowers, pick

up litter. It can be a great way to get some fresh air now that the weather is warming up, and it's good for the environment and your community, too!

Wishing you all the best as we work to finish strong and welcome Summer 2021!

Wear your mask,

Rob Jackson

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**ODI Events
Grand
Prize!**

**Attend any event put on
by The Office for
Diversity and Inclusion
and get entered to win a
brand new smart TV!**

**The more events you
attend the more times
you are entered to win!**

**The Office for Diversity
and Inclusion includes:
The Multicultural Student
Center, The Intersectional
Feminist Resource Center,
and The Rainbow Resource
Center!**

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Our very own work study staffer, Abdelrhman Attia, was recently featured on the UMaine News blog! Check out his story and how he came to choose UMaine for his studies on [the UMaine News website!](#)



Maine Day Schedule:

Wednesday, April 28th

Service – 9 a.m.

Tool pick up for jobs will be on the Mall. If you and/or your group want to participate in Maine Day service, fill out our survey here: <https://forms.gle/jmMqdPJN5K6Ay85b6>

BBQ – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Stop by one of our several BBQ locations to pick up your traditional Maine Day bbq! Location details will be announced based on if you are a residential, off-campus, or faculty/staff. Check back for specific details.

Lawn Games – 1 – 4 p.m.

Join us on the Mall for safe and socially distanced lawn games, music, and grab'n go snacks!

Black Bear Bash – 6 – 9 p.m.

This is the most anticipated event of the semester! Our bash will include safe and socially distanced events such as soccer darts, blacklight mini golf, Virtual Reality games, and more. Locations will vary all across campus and locations will be limited to no more than 45 students at each. Dinner will be provided by UMaine Student Government in the form of food trucks.

For more information on Maine Day and the schedule of events, check out <https://umaine.edu/studentlife/maineday/>



Our neighbors and elected leaders on Orono town council are seeking input on the best ways to implement policy and structural change to allow for the town to address inequity within town policy and procedure. Our neighbors in Bangor have recently assembled an advisory committee, and town leadership here in Orono would like input on what kind of group or committee might be most helpful in providing feedback and insight from a diversity, equity, and inclusion

perspective here in Orono.

If you would like to be part of this conversation (all members of the Orono/University community are welcome, including students, staff, and faculty), please reach out to council member Meg Gardner (mgardner@orono.org) or Staff Associate for Diversity and Inclusion Rob Jackson (robert.jackson@maine.edu) to be included. We welcome all voices with suggestions and input, but want to be particularly mindful to engage with marginalized folks specifically, including BIPOC, immigrants/new Mainers, LGBTQ+ folks, and our neighbors with disabilities.

By taking part in these conversations, you are not bound to any kind of ongoing commitment to this work, and you are free to engage as much or as little as your energy, interest, and comfort will allow. Please feel free to share this call for input with other members of the broader Orono community who may be interested as well!



MSC GIVES YOU

FINALS WEEK GOODIES

Come to the Multicultural Student Center, **Third Floor of the Union**, to receive some small affirmation goodie bags to encourage the rest or even the end of your finals week.

We have goodie bags full of twizzlers, sourpatch kids, gummy bears and hershey's kisses and more!

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**#STOP
ASIAN
HATE**

**WELLNESS
WEEKLY**

**VOICES IN
RECOVERY**
4/29 from 6-7:30 pm


Trevor Bates


Abby Weigand


Matthew Patterson


Coach P McCallie

Thursday, April 29th at 6:30pm, join Student Wellness via Zoom for Voices in Recovery!

This event features four speakers who will be sharing the stories of their own recovery journey including:

Abby Weigand: Mind Spa Graduate Student

Matthew Patterson: Student at Florida Atlantic University

Trevor Bates: Former UMaine Football Player turned NFL Linebacker

Coach P: Former UMaine Women's Basketball Coach

All four of these individuals will share their story and the struggles they have faced regarding substance use, mental health, bipolar disorder, homelessness, suicidality, and more. We hope you'll join us for this exciting event.

Click Here for the Zoom information: <https://umaine.edu/wellness/>



ASA is starting a raffle- this could be your chance to win some awesome prizes. We are raffling 3 different baskets, so please indicate which basket you would like to have your tickets go towards. The first basket is full of Asian snacks, the second basket is a \$50 gift card from Thai Orchid, and the last basket is a pool of gift cards from different restaurants like Yoshi, Oriental Jade, etc. (This basket has multiple winners). \$3 for 1 ticket and \$5 for 3 tickets (Can venmo @Asian-Association or cash in-person, if you need to use cash, please contact one of the [ASA officers](#)).




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2021

**JOHN M. REZENDES VISITING
SCHOLAR IN ETHICS**

TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY, SOCIAL JUSTICE,

AND BUILDING EQUITY FROM A MAINE TRIBAL PERSPECTIVE



TUESDAY, APRIL 27

3:30 P.M. LECTURE | HELD VIA ZOOM | [HONORS.UMAINE.EDU/EVENT/REZENDES-2021](https://honors.umaaine.edu/event/rezendes-2021)



Maulian Dana is the Tribal Ambassador for Penobscot Nation. She works to represent the Penobscot Nation and advocates for policy changes at local, state, and federal levels of government. She has an extensive background in activism in ending the use of Indian sports mascots and replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous People's Day, both of which have become Maine state laws. She is the co-chair of the state's Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations; co-chair of the Maine Climate Council's Equity Subcommittee; Board President for the Wabanaki Alliance; and serves on many other boards and organizations. She is the proud mother of two daughters.

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From our colleagues at the University of Southern Maine:

"We Exist: Evidence of Maine's Black Families from 1800 to the 20th Century"

We are pleased to announce the release of the digital exhibition **"We Exist: Evidence of Maine's Black Families from 1800 to the 20th Century"** hosted by the USM Digital Commons. The exhibition highlights images from the Gerald E. Talbot Collection, as well as images and oral histories from the African

American Collection, part of the Jean Byers Sampson Center for Diversity in Maine, Special Collections, University of Southern Maine.

"We Exist" is the first in a series of six digital exhibitions on Black inhabitants in the state of Maine that seeks to tell their stories through a variety of institutions. This series focuses on the family. The Black family remains a favorite topic across academia and society at large due to the continuing stigmatization of Black families in America. The concept that the Black family functions at a deficit has led in part to the Black family being pushed to the margins of society, and at times being outright omitted from societal history and the historical record. Through photos, written, and audio interviews, "We Exist" transmits the stories of the lived experiences of Maine's Black families.

We hope the digital exhibit transmits to a wide and diverse audience who may not have otherwise engaged with this aspect of Maine's history. Also, we hope the exhibit serves as a guide for other institutions to follow that want to engage in the larger discussion on Black inhabitants relaying their histories through their own voices.

You can access the exhibit by [clicking this link](#) or the image above.

The Asian Student Association is seeking new members! Our current meeting time is **every other week Fridays at 6pm-7pm** and we meet via Zoom. Check out some of the fun things we've been doing and reach out to our leaders Kelly and Anna at gianyixiao@maine.edu, or anna.bishop@maine.edu for more information or if you'd like the Zoom link for our meetings!

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Website: <https://umaine.edu/shac/asian-student-association/>

Instagram: @asa_umaine

This year we have...

- Hosted Asian Movie Nights
- Played online games together (Among Us, scribbly, kahoot, Scattergories)
- Provided our members with Asian snacks delivered based on COVID guidelines
- Regularly scheduled zoom general member meetings



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