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Happy October, friends! This month is notoriously busy on campus. It feels like the last chance to plan an outdoor event before the harsh Maine winter descends and it feels like we've all settled into our routines on campus. There is no shortage of fun, educational, and engaging events to attend on and around campus, and the Office for Diversity and Inclusion is no exception!

October is LGBTQ+ History Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and October 11th is both Indigenous Peoples Day AND National Coming Out Day. Out of respect for Indigenous Peoples Day and for Fall Break, we will be celebrating Coming Out Week the following week, October 18-22. We will have a finalized list of events with dates, times, and locations in our next newsletter, but we're excited to have our pride button and painting events confirmed, as well as a visit and HIV/Hepatitis C testing with our friends at Health Equity Alliance!

Next week's newsletter will have a special focus on Indigenous Peoples Day, but I wanted to be sure to share some special events happening that day for any who would like to plan to attend:

-From Passamaquoddy Wild Blueberry Company: "We're so excited to announce this collaboration with Luke's Lobster, Portland Pier in Portland, ME! They are hosting an Indigenous Peoples' Day dinner highlighting us, Passamaquoddy Maple and MicMac Farms. Proceeds from the event will be donated to Wabanaki REACH. If you're in
the area on October 11, purchase your tickets here: [https://bit.ly/3uic43o](https://bit.ly/3uic43o)

-Sign Up to watch the Emmy Award winning documentary films [Dawnland](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dawnland-american-aboriginal-film-society-tickets-21669447691) and [Dear Georgina](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dear-georgina-american-aboriginal-film-society-tickets-21669447677) for free at [eventbrite here](https://www.eventbrite.com).

As always, stay tuned to our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com) pages for more updates and photos from our events! Additionally, thank you to all who have utilized our new [newsletter submission form](https://www.eventbrite.com) since we rolled it out. It has made organizing this newsletter MUCH easier and I'm so appreciative for your efforts. Please continue to use the form to submit your events, training opportunities, scholarships, and other information that might be of particular interest to our community.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy week to come!

All the best,
Rob Jackson
Staff Associate for Diversity and Inclusion
PAINT WITH PRIDE

OCTOBER 20TH
6P–8P
MEMORIAL UNION ROOM 312

"The University of Maine is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution."
JOIN US WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS AT 3PM ON ZOOM FOR LGBTQIA+ SUPPORT GROUP

Starts on September 29th, 2021

SIGN UP BY EMAILING JULIA TANER AT JULIA.TANER@MAINE.EDU

THIS GROUP IS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OFFICE FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE COUNSELING CENTER. THIS GROUP IS A PRIVATE, NON-CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT GROUP.
Maine Bound Adventure Center and the Office for Diversity and Inclusion invite you to participate in the Black Bear Outdoor Leadership Diversified (B BOLD) program, a weekend (overnight) full scholarship retreat for Students of Color. We hope to create a comfortable space where students can explore and grow in their leadership skills developed in the outdoor activities.

Scan here for the application!

Contact: beth.jackson@maine.edu or anila.karunakar@maine.edu

*This program is made possible with generous support from the Alton ’38 and Adelaide Hamm Campus Activity Fund.
BIPOC Focused Leadership

Engage in critical conversations around BIPOC leadership and how to navigate marginalized social identities in relation to leadership roles in white dominant spaces.

DATE: OCT 6 / MULTICULTURAL STUDENT CENTER / TIME: 3-4PM

Please contact sabrina.murray@maine.edu if interested!

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In 2021, by an act of humanism, solidarity, and reparation, the Passamaquoddy tribe has been reunited with 140 acres of their unceded Ancestral territory – part of the largest island in Kci Monosakom, (Big Lake) Maine. To the Passamaquoddy people, it's more than land return; it is the return of a stolen family member. In this short film, we join Passamaquoddy community members who are finally able to reunite with their non-human Relative.

Originally known as Kuwesuwi Monihq (Pine Island), and renamed "White's Island" by settlers, this place has deep historical and cultural significance to the Passamaquoddy community.

The island was included as part of the Tribe's Modahkomikuk (Indian Township) reservation in the 1794 Treaty with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as well as the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980. Despite treaty agreements, Kuwesuwi Monihq, or Pine Island, was stolen from the people at some point during the mid-1800s and renamed White's Island. In fact, it seems to have been stolen by renaming it...once it became White's Island on the map, it no longer matched the language of the 1794 treaty, which identifies Pine Island as protected, reserved land. The island fell out of Tribal stewardship quietly as colonizers bought up parcels. Once the island was considered privately owned, the Passamaquoddy people were denied access.

Land dispossession is a barrier to Wabanaki people who are practicing their culture and connecting with their homelands. As Tribal Nations, we are endowed with the Sacred responsibility to protect the lands we come from. In return, these lands protect us. This understanding is at the heart of the #LandBack movement, which has taken off across Turtle Island. Passamaquoddy people can now visit Kuwesuwi Monihq safely, enjoy their kinship connection to the island, and know that they will not be asked to leave.
In efforts to heal the Earth and the damaged relationship between Indigenous & colonizing peoples, the #LandBack movement has already seen the return of millions of acres to tribes. For the Passamaquoddy, the return of their relative, Kuwesuwi Monihq, will help them fulfill those Sacred responsibilities and heal along with the land & water. All our Relations. P'site Elakumukik. #IsLandBack

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INVITES YOU TO OUR WEEKLY

MEDITATION GROUP

Thursdays 6-7PM at The Wilson Center
67 College Ave. in Orono

please bring a mask
all are welcome, beginner and expert

RSVPS APPRECIATED - ZOOM OPTION AVAILABLE BY REQUEST
WILSONCENTERORONO@GMAIL.COM
Please join us in Orono for the inauguration of the Robert Talbot Civil Rights Speaker Series, featuring co-authors of "Fighting Time," Amy Banks and Isaac Knapper. The event will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at Wells Conference Center from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. Registration available here: our.umaine.edu/talbot.
SOLIDARITY MEETING

A SAFE PLACE TO FIND SOLIDARITY! A PLACE TO SHARE AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER AS STUDENTS OF COLOR AT UMAINE

MEETING WILL BE HELD BI-WEEKLY STARTING 9/15/21 AT 2PM SIGN UP VIA ATTACHED LINK

This meeting is offered online for the time being. Students must be physically in Maine to attend.
THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
OFFICE FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
PRESENTS
MAKE YOUR OWN PRIDE FLAG BUTTON

Everybody is welcome!
October 12 & 14
COE Room 11:30a-1:30p

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AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

MONDAYS 6PM-7PM

WHATS OUR PURPOSE?
The purpose of American Sign Language (ASL) Club is to get club members comfortable with signing an introduction of who they are/where they come from in order to feel prepared to engage in conversation with deaf or hard of hearing people. Students will be a part of bridging the gap between hearing and Deaf cultures; they will gain new perspective. This preparedness will also come through learning about Deaf culture and the proper use of ASL.

WHERE?
We are currently meeting in front of the bear statue (on the opposite end of the library). When it gets too cold, we will relocate inside!

CONTACT:
Please direct any questions to our President, Morgan Oehler, or Vice President, Shanna Scribner: Morgan.oehler@maine.edu, Shanna.scribner@maine.edu

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Weekly Meetings

Wednesday @ 5pm at the Multicultural Student Center
3rd Floor, Memorial Union

- Holiday Events and Services
- Jewish Cooking
- Resources and Support
- Shabbat Dinners
- Fun and Games
- Volunteer Opportunities

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To learn more, contact our president at sarah.meyerwaldo@maine.edu or message us on Facebook or on Instagram @umainehillel
WHO WE ARE

We are a student organization who welcomes everyone from different backgrounds to join us for our events.

WHAT WE DO

Join our general meetings for fun games, movie nights, cooking and study sessions. Have fun and make friends along the way!

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67 College Ave. in Orono
Donation bin on the front porch