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Happy Veterans Week!

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To: matthew.revitt@maine.edu
Happy Veterans Week, Black Bears!

This week, our Veterans Education and Transition Services team and student veterans have organized a special slate of events to highlight and showcase the unique experiences and needs of our student veterans on campus. While we may have our different thoughts on the various conflicts we send our military into, it's important for all of us to understand the unique challenges faced by veterans as they return home and transition to civilian life. I encourage you to attend some or all of this week's events, and request a Green Zone training for you and your team or
department if you'd like to learn more about how you can support our students vets on campus.

I'd also like to give a quick shoutout to any and all intersex folks reading this on today, Intersex Day of Solidarity (sometimes called Intersex Day of Remembrance as well). Intersex folks are among the most misunderstood and invisible groups within the LGBTQ+ community, but they are also some of our most vulnerable. The general lack of information on the various ways in which intersex folks may present often leads to unnecessary medical procedures and unfathomable physical and emotional anguish. We encourage you to seek out more information on what it means to be intersex and how we as a community can do better in supporting our intersex friends and neighbors. A great place to start is InterACT: Advocates for Intersex Youth.

We also continue to celebrate Native American Heritage Month here in Orono, and I ask that you continue your efforts to better understand what it means to decolonize ourselves and our communities. In the spirit of moving away from harmful expressions of colonization and genocide, I'm excited to share that we will hold our very first ODI Family Feast next week! A re-envisioned extension of our former Gay Thanksgiving and Multicultural Thanksgiving events, we see Family Feast as an opportunity to come together as a community, regardless of identity or background, and share some great food and celebrate diversity, community, and found or chosen family. I hope you can join us Thursday, November 18th from 5:00-7:00 in the North Pod, Memorial Union. It's sure to be a great time and I'd love to see you there.

In solidarity,
Rob Jackson (He/Him)
Staff Associate for Diversity and Inclusion
University of Maine System Mail - Happy Veterans Week!

ODI HOSTS:
FAMILY FEAST

join us for food and fun!

NOV. 18TH 5-7PM
NORTH POD IN THE MEMORIAL UNION

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**WHAT DOES INTERSEX MEAN?**

Intersex is a general term used for a variety of conditions in which a person is born with a reproductive anatomy that doesn’t neatly fit the "typical" male and female categories.

For intersex people, their anatomy may not match up with chromosomes, external reproductive or sexual organs may not match up with internal ones, and more.

Intersex is a spectrum of conditions that have a variety of expressions ranging from unnoticeable to significantly affecting bodily functions.

**A FEW FAST FACTS:**

**A MAJORİTY OF INTERSEX CONDITIONS** DO NOT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ACTION

**MANY INTERSEX INDIVIDUALS (AND THEIR PARENTS) DO NOT GET ACCURATE INFORMATION FROM DOCTORS ABOUT HOW IT MIGHT AFFECT THEM**

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**The Intersex Pride Flag**

**Some Intersex Activists**

- Pidgeon Pagonis
- Toby Adams
- Charlie Suzi Chapler
- Bo Laurent
- Hanne Gaby Odiele
Lunch and Learn

Diversifying Understandings of Religion

Featuring UMaine's Professor Derek Michaud as guest speaker

Wednesday, December 1st from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the Multicultural Student Center, Room 314 in the Memorial Union
2021 International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day Programs

--- NOVEMBER 17TH-20TH, 2021 ---

Show up for your fellow Black Bears at one of our community programs!

**Remembrance Dinner + Dialogue - Wednesday, 11/17 @6pm at the Wilson Center**
Join us for a filling vegetarian dinner followed up with a rich discussion about how we remember those we've lost facilitated by the Interfaith Group!

**Community Dialogue- Friday, 11/19 @2pm in the Bangor Room, Memorial Union**
This event focuses on the barriers and pathways to cultivating hope, healing, and resilience in the UMaine community through interactive activities and reflective discussion.

**Solidarity Vigil- Friday, 11/19 @7pm in the Steam plant lot**
We invite all Black Bears and members of the local community to join us for a socially distanced vigil to express our solidarity with those who have lost loved ones to suicide, and those who struggle with suicidal ideation.

**Survivors of Suicide Loss Discussion- Saturday, 11/20 @10am at the Wilson Center**
International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day is an event in which survivors of suicide loss come together to find connection, understanding, and hope through their shared experience. To register go to bit.ly/UMISOSL21 or scan the QR code below!

Email dominique.dispirito@maine.edu for more information!
2021 INTERNATIONAL SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS DAY

Survivors' Discussion

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH @10AM
WILSON CENTER, 67 COLLEGE AVENUE IN ORONO

International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day is an event in which survivors of suicide loss come together to find connection, understanding, and hope through their shared experience. Masks will be required.

REGISTER FOR THE EVENT AT Bit.Ly/Umisosl21.
EMAIL DOMINIQUE.DISPIRITO@MAINE.EDU WITH QUESTIONS!

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Robina Asti, a 99-year-old transgender veteran, is fighting for LGBTQ rights. Robina passed away in March 2021, but her words remain powerful and compelling today.
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.
Fidget Toy making program Wednesday, November 17th at noon! We will be providing beads and yarn to make a woven type of fidget toy, to relieve stress and anxiety during Fall Break and Finals Week!
Community Building with Students of Color

Get to know other students of color and staff in an informal community space.
Food provided with great conversation and activities.

DATE: 11/18 / MULTICULTURAL STUDENT CENTER / TIME: 12-1 PM
Contact sabrina.murray@maine.edu for more info!

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THE WILSON CENTER
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
CALL FOR ARTISTS!
$100 REWARD!

Your artwork could hang in the Rec Center and/or Maine Bound for years to come!

Design a banner to showcase the spirit of campus recreation and its diversity, equity, and inclusion values.

https://umaine.edu/campusrecreation/diversity-inclusion/callforartists/

Questions?
beth.jackson
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AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION

An opportunity to learn and teach about the Indigenous Peoples of America

1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month
4:30 PM
Corbett 210

Contact Sage Neptune (sage.neptune1@maine.edu) for more information
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.

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Students should request accommodations a week in advance.
AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

MONDAYS 6PM-7PM

WHAT'S 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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Seeking Survey Participants

Earn a $20 Amazon gift card

Are you from Maine?
Are you LGBTQ+?
Did you leave your rural hometown to live elsewhere?

Zach Davis, Dr. Jessica Leahy and Dr. Kathleen Bell are seeking study participants for one hour Zoom interviews in the Fall of 2021.

Follow this link to an eligibility survey, or scan the QR code:
https://bit.ly/2X4h1ka
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
Asian
STUDENT
ASSOCIATION
6 - 7 PM every other Friday at Room 312,
Memorial Union

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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Instagram: @asa_umaine

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Check out UMaine's new student-to-student

FREE TEXTBOOK LIBRARY!
TAKE A BOOK - LEAVE A BOOK - PAY IT FORWARD

Hosted @ the Wilson Center
67 College Ave. in Orono
Donation bin on the front porch
Are you passionate about spiritual exploration and multifaith dialogue?

Join the UMaine Interfaith Group!

MONDAYS @ 6PM
WILSON CENTER, ORONO

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