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## Dr. Hemant Pendse, PhD., Receives Alumni Award

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Congratulations are in order for Dr. Pendse, Chair of the Chemical and Biomedical Engineering Department, who was honored with the Distinguished Maine Professor award by the Alumni Association.

This award has rigorous criteria to meet and was presented to Dr. Pendse for his deep abiding care as a teacher, his world-changing research running the Forest Bioproducts Research Institute, for running the Biomedical Engineering Department, and his engagement and support of the University and greater community.

“He’s a mentor, a guide. He’s there to challenge students to grow and to make massive impacts—just like he does” said Dr. James Beaupre, ’07 UMaine Innovation Engineer and UMaine Pulp and Paper Foundation scholarship recipient, of Dr. Pendse.

Originally drawn to the University of Maine because of the strong relationship that the Chemical Engineering Department had with the pulp and paper industry, Dr. Pendse quickly found mentors within UMPPF and thrived off the engagement within the industry. This included the Department of Industrial Cooperation, which brought contacts from industry and businesses, spurring many new ideas for further exploration.

“Maine has been good to me. I have had the honor of serving my department in various capacities including Graduate Coordinator, CoOp coordinator, and now as Department

Chair and a Research Center Director. I am most proud of the achievements of my students and staff.”

Congratulations, Dr. Pendse. Thank you for all you do.

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