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Closing Out LGBTQ+ History Month

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UMaine Office for Diversity and Inclusion <robert.jackson@maine.edu>

Wed, Oct 27, 2021 at 2:10 PM

Reply-To: UMaine Office for Diversity and Inclusion <robert.jackson@maine.edu>

To:



Hello friends!

October is on it's way out and we are winding down our celebration of LGBTQ+ History Month! It feels like this month has absolutely flown by, but I hope you were able to make it to at least one of the great events held on campus. If not, I hope you can join our friends at Maine Bound for Climb with Pride and a special showing of the film 'They/Them.' I've seen the film and while it tackles some very heavy (and potentially triggering) topics, it is a great watch and I highly encourage you to join if you're able to. A huge thank you to the Chris, Beth, and the entire Maine Bound team for being such great partners this month and year-round!

Looking ahead, this weekend is Halloween, and many of us will be celebrating with friends and loved ones. Of course, I'll add my voice to the many calling for all to be safe and make good choices, but I want to draw our attention to another issue we don't often discuss around the holiday: cultural appropriation. It never fails that some folks decide to take things too far and don a costume that parodies or mocks an entire community of people. Costumes denigrating indigenous, Black, Asian, and Latine (and often specifically Mexican) culture are still widely available, and it's not hard to find costumes making a joke of trans folks, incarcerated folks, or minoritized religious groups. Beyond being lazy and lacking in creativity and originality, these costumes are offensive and painful for many. Be thoughtful this year when choosing a costume, and speak up when you see somebody wearing another person's culture for a costume. That's what allyship looks like.

Next week, we'll kick off Native American Heritage Month, and while our focus may be shifting to another community in need of our support and attention, let's not forget that any effort to dismantle prejudice and systems of oppression **MUST** be intersectional, and we must continue to center marginalized folks across multiple identities if we want to see true progress toward justice. I hope you'll join me in continuing the important work of understanding our privilege and identifying the ways in which we can use it to push back against oppression and discrimination wherever we see them.

All the best,
Rob Jackson (He/Him)
Staff Associate for Diversity



United Cultures of Bethel, White Allies subgroup presents: "My Culture is Not your Costume." Learn about the how and why of cultural appropriation, and what to do in light of Halloween.



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Student Life

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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.

UMaine Maine Bound and ODI Presents

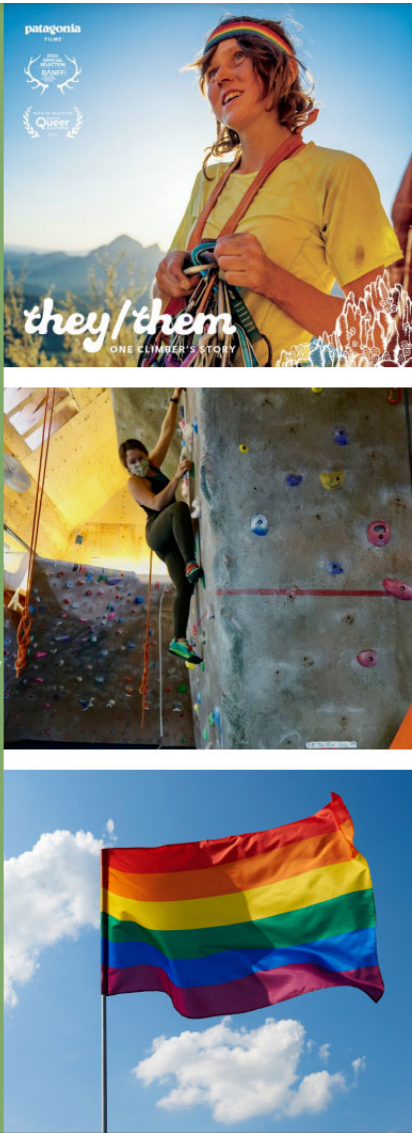
CLIMB WITH PRIDE AND THEY/THEM FILM

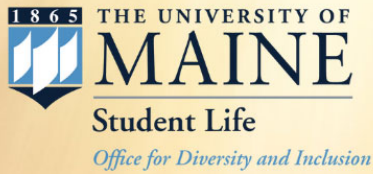
October 28 5:30p-7:30p
In the Maine Bound Building
-100% Free
-Free Shoe Rental
-Free Harness Rental
-No experience is necessary

"Content Warning: This film includes discussions of eating disorders, body dysphoria, self-harm, sexual assault, and suicide. While we have done our best to explore these topics conscientiously, remember that we are looking through the lens of a single person's experience. Please take care of yourself as you watch and use the resources provided below to find support if you are struggling with any of these topics."

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Intersectional Feminist Brunch

Bunch:

**Jewish feminist liberation and
right to prayer**

Guest Speaker: Rachel Pellis



Wednesday November 3rd

12-1pm

Memorial Union Room 312

Multicultural Resource Center

**Celebrate the new Hebrew
month and the holiday of Rosh
Chodesh with free refreshments**

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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





YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS!



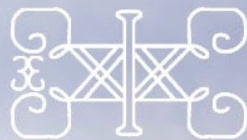

LETTERS OF SUPPORT & ENCOURAGEMENT

Join us to **write letters**
of encouragement to
cancer patients and letters of appreciation
to **oncology workers** at
**Northern Light Eastern Maine
Medical Center**

BUMPS ROOM (MEMORIAL UNION)
NOV.2ND AND 3RD
11AM - 2PM

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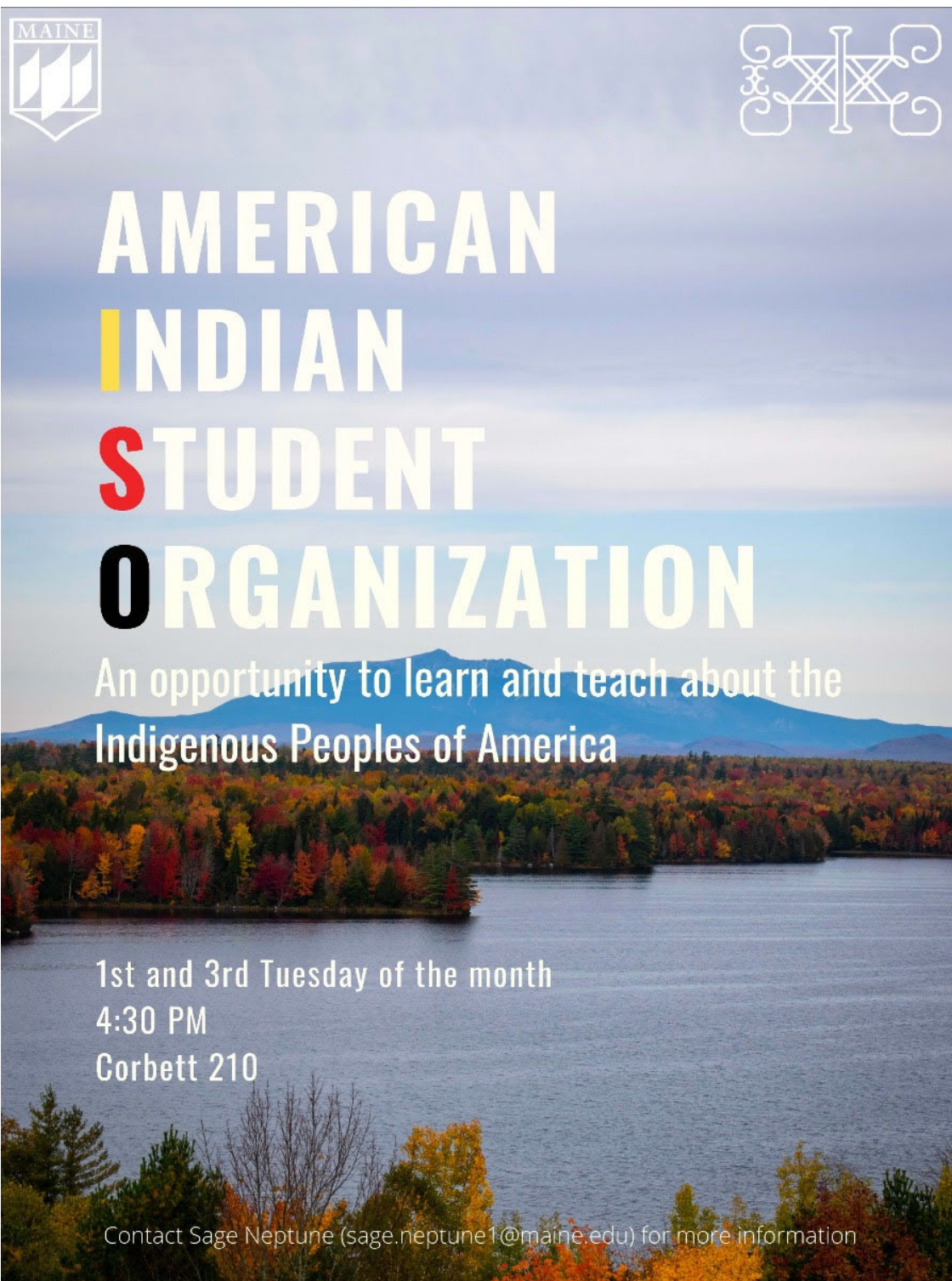


AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION

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

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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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>





Fall 2021
Hebrew
Year 5782

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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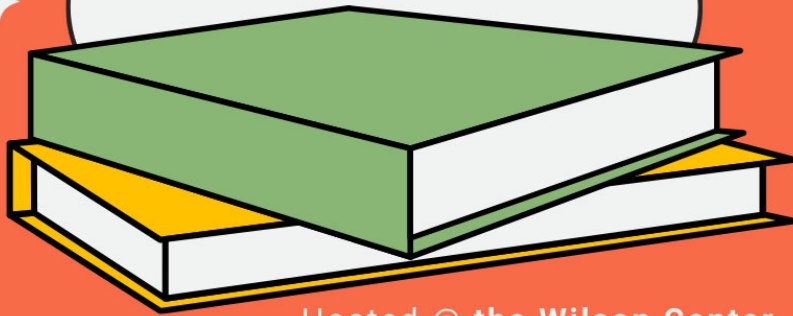


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Hosted @ **the Wilson Center**
67 College Ave. in Orono
Donation bin on the front porch

Are you passionate about spiritual
exploration and multifaith dialogue?

Join the UMaine Interfaith Group!

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MONDAYS @ 6PM
WILSON CENTER, ORONO

Email dominique.dspirito@maine.edu with
questions! We hope to see you there!

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