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Greetings from Orono, Matthew!

This month's highlights:

• Homecoming 2023 Recap
• Alfond Arena Receives New Scoreboard
• Kalamazoo Wings Sign Mariah Fujimagari '17 to PTO
• 2023 Robert Talbot Speaker Series
• UMaine's 3D Printed House Passes Crucial Test
• Maine to Host American East Softball Championship

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Thank you for an Amazing Homecoming 2023!

UMaine Homecoming 2023 was a weekend filled with memorable events! The Alumni Village Tailgate tent drew a great crowd, providing a space for alumni and friends to reconnect over food and conversation. The weekend's highlight came with the football team's 24-13 victory over LIU, a thrilling moment that left the crowd in high spirits. The weekend was a testament to the enduring sense of community at UMaine, reminding everyone of the special bonds they share. The weekend festivities would not have been possible without support from our sponsors: The University of Maine Cooperative Extension, UCU Maine, The University of Maine Foundation, Eaton Peabody, and UMaine Online! To see photos from the weekend, click here!

Join us for the 2023 Robert Talbot Civil Rights Speaker Series on Nov. 2

The 2023 Robert Talbot Civil Rights Speaker is the Honorable Rachel Talbot Ross, a highly
respected, Maine-based Civil Rights advocate and leader. Learn more about Talbot Ross and this year's topic [here].

Mariah Fujimagari '17 Makes History With First Win by a Female Goaltender in ECHL in the Past Two Decades

Mariah Fujimagari '17 signed a PTO (Professional Tryout) agreement last month with the Kalamazoo Wings and saw her first minutes in a game as she replaced Jonathan Lemieux in the third period of the Wings' final preseason tilt. Her 14 saves, including five in overtime, secured the win when Erik Bradford scored the overtime-winning goal. Additionally, Fujimagari '17 earned the third star of the game for her efforts.[Read more]

Upcoming Events

- **October 30**
  - Greece Island Hopper: Alumni Travel Program Webinar
- **November 30**
  - UMaine Women's Basketball in Portland Pregame Gathering
- **December 9**
  - UMaine Men's & Women's Hockey in Portland Alumni Gathering

[See more events]
UMaine's Bio-Based 3-D Printed Home Has Passed a Crucial First Test

According to housing forecasts, Maine needs more than 84,000 homes of all kinds by the end of the decade, and The University of Maine is hoping that bio-based 3-D printed homes will play a role in easing this housing crunch. Making it one step closer to that goal, the 600-square-foot modular home – unveiled last fall in Orono – has successfully survived its first winter. [Read More]

UMaine Reveals New Digital Displays at Alfond Arena

The Alfond Arena has undergone renovations to its scoreboard and digital displays just in time for an exciting season of men's and women's hockey! When returning to the arena, fans will be greeted by high-definition displays and additional LED end zone displays for enhanced viewing opportunities. Read more about these exciting upgrades here.

Stay Connected with Us!

Follow us on social media to see upcoming events and what other #UMaineAlumni are up to! If you have alumni news you'd like to share, or had a get-together with other alumni, email lauren.turcotte@maine.edu to be featured on social media!
UMaine Researcher who Helped Reshape Marine Science in Maine Retires

When Bob Steneck came to the University of Maine in 1982, there were few marine ecologists in the state, and none interacted with fishermen. He was among the first in Maine to work with lobstermen on research, traveling with them on their boats, diving to the seafloor to study lobsters and sharing his findings with them.

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Maine to Host America East Softball Championship in 2024, Baseball in 2025

The University of Maine softball complex will serve as the host for the 2024 America East Softball Championship and Mahaney Diamond will host the 2025 America East Baseball Championships, it was announced by the America East conference on Oct. 4. [Read More]