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I am a graduating senior and I have many friends who are graduating. We all plan to walk in the 2020 Commencement, whenever that happens, but we all want to know when/where we are supposed to buy our caps and gowns now that the Grad Fair did not happen.

Caps and gowns can be purchased online from University Bookstore. Any shipping charge indicated during online check out will be waived before the payment is processed.

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Is _____ open?

Information regarding UMaine campus services for students and employees has been moved to a FAQ page focused on the topic.

Will UMaine and UMM have in-person Commencement ceremonies in May?

All University of Maine System universities and the Law School will be awarding degrees on schedule and recognizing the academic achievements of our graduating students. While traditional in-person commencement exercises are not possible during the pandemic, each university will determine an appropriate alternative celebration that balances the need to protect public health with the joyful recognition of our students' academic aspirations and achievements.

Traditionally, this point in the spring semester is a time of great hope and anticipation for graduating students. Despite the coronavirus pandemic, our graduating students must remain hopeful and anticipate their bright futures. The University of Maine and University of Maine at Machias understand and share the disappointment of our graduating students and their thousands of family members, friends, colleagues and other supporters at not being able to have the traditional in-person commencement at this time. **The University of Maine and University of Maine at Machias will hold in-person Commencement celebrations for our 2020 graduates, and will announce dates for those events, hopefully to be held this fall, based on health and safety guidance from the federal and state Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.** The Commencement Planning Committee will be reaching out to graduating students. We will be creative and responsive to help ensure that our 2020 graduating students receive the recognition and celebration of their achievements they so deserve.

Is it possible to still buy a gown so I can have personal photos made?

Students may purchase undergraduate and master's academic regalia on the University Bookstore website. Any shipping charge indicated during online check out will be waived before the payment is processed.

Faculty have outstanding orders for equipment and supplies scheduled to be delivered to their offices and labs on campus. How will deliveries be handled on campus during this period?

UPS and FedEx have been notified that UMaine Mailing Services can take delivery of packages. Those items will then be delivered to buildings via campus mail. Members of the university community who want to drop off mail at Keyo Building will need to call ahead: 207.581.3760.

How do I know if a University of Maine Cooperative Extension event is happening in the state?

Check the UMaine Extension cancellations webpage or connect with the contact person for the event.

Are undergraduate and graduate students who work on campus, including work study students, allowed to continue employment?

At this time, yes. Those student employees are those living off campus or have received exemptions to remain living in residence halls. Student employees should report to work at the direction of their supervisors.

Are UMaine museums, art galleries and Emera Astronomy Center open?

Our museums are closed to the public as of noon, March 13 until further notice. Lord Hall Gallery and Emera Astronomy Center also are closed. All on-site public programming is canceled through April 30. Updates will be made as information becomes available. The Zillman Art Museum, Hudson Museum, and Page Farm and Home Museum each has online content, and continue to explore ways to provide other online engagement with their collections.

UMaine faculty and staff, including those with emeritus status, are welcome to visit the ZAM by appointment, Tuesday–Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

What is the status of summer camps and other events?

Decisions are forthcoming.

What happens if students have packages coming in to the campus Postal Center after March 22?

Student mail and packages will be forwarded to the address listed in MaineStreet. Students also can make special arrangements with the Postal Center if the package is already en route.