

EEDC Groundbreaking Virtual Event Comments

Bill and Leslie Riviere:

WOW! What a big day for the University and the great State of Maine! Congratulations to everyone associated with bringing this superb project to fruition and special kudos to Dean Humphrey for his exemplary leadership of the School of Engineering and this project. I've always been proud to be a UMaine Engineering alumnus and this landmark project heightens my pride immensely. Well done!!

Joanne Van Voorhis:

Nice to see progress and new beginnings at UMaine! Thank you for sharing!

Mark Cross:

Congratulations. The Ferland Engineering Education Design Center at The University of Maine, will be an incredible competitive advantage for the University and for the entire State of Maine. I look forward to how this project continues to roll out and more importantly how the students impact our world in the future.

Michael Davis:

Congratulations to Dean Humphrey and the College of Engineering on this wonderful occasion! I know how hard Dr. Humphrey and the team worked to make this happen and am proud to know their efforts will help train and educate future engineers of Maine and America.

Congratulations from all of us at the Black Bear Army ROTC Battalion!

MARSHA TRAUB:

Congratulations. What a terrific project and addition to the UMaine campus.

Thanks for doing this virtually. As I live in PA, I would not have been able to participate in person. This virtual groundbreaking gave me a chance to participate in this event.

I hope similar events are done virtually (at least in part) in the future.

Russell Williams:

Great Day.

Chris Joyce:

Congratulations and Thank You to Dana for your outstanding dedication and energy to

carry this opportunity through to this unique Groundbreaking. Despite the COVID-19 challenge, the UMaine spirit and excitement resonated throughout this ceremony. We are looking forward to when we can all see this standing tall and proud. Best Wishes, Chris Joyce, '80.

William A. Brewer (1964 EE), Sandy E. Brewer

GO MAINE! Congratulations to everyone who made this project possible. This building will provide opportunities for all U MAINE students for study and research. We are proud to be connected with this great endeavor and all the wonderful people in the College of Engineering and the University of Main Foundation..

John Booth:

After I sent the below message I was able to join the presentation.

Very impressive.

One question, is Covid-19 making any changes to the design necessary?

jlb

I was disappointed that I could not watch the event as the website resource limit was reached.

Please post once the event is over.

jlb

Ann Vashon

Congratulations and best success in this building endeavor of the Ferland Engineering Education Design Center. Go Blue!

Carlton A Brown

Thank you Doctor Humphrey for all you have done to help make the Ferland Engineering Education Design Center a reality.

Alexander Wheelock

As the Structural Engineer of Record for this project I want to say thank you to the University of Maine for the Education they provided me and thank you to the design team for all their hard work and dedication to get to this milestone. Congratulations to the University of Maine on the groundbreaking of the UMaine EEDC!

Karen J. Horton

The Mechanical Engineering Technology community is very excited about the new opportunities for learning, collaboration, fabrication, and outreach the EEDC will offer students in the program. This virtual ground breaking moment was made possible by the vision, determination, persistence, and generosity of many people who love the University of Maine College of Engineering. I particularly appreciate the gifts supporting the Pratt & Whitney Tool Lab Suite and the Mechanical Engineering Teaching Laboratories, where the Mechanical Engineering Technology students will spend much of their time. Congratulations to the leaders and team members involved in the visioning, development, design, and construction planning. We look forward to joining

Dean Dana Humphrey for the opening of the building in 2022! Prof. Karen J. Horton, P.E., Professor and Coordinator of Mechanical Engineering Technology.

Masoud Rais-Rohani

Congratulations to the University of Maine and the College of Engineering for achieving this great milestone toward advancing educational opportunities for all future engineering and engineering technology students at UMaine..

Daniel Burne

It was our sincere pleasure to serve as structural engineer for this great project. It is very rewarding as professional engineers to work on such a great project that will directly benefit the engineers of the future. We look forward to the upcoming construction phase. Well done U Maine!.

Andrew McGarry and Laurie Liscomb

Congratulations on this wonderful achievement. Not only is this great for the University and the College of Engineering, the aesthetics of the architecture adds to the dignity of our University.

From: **Hunt, Catherine** <Hunt@ellenzweig.com>

Date: Tue, Apr 28, 2020 at 2:04 PM

Subject: Congratulations!

To: Monique Mace-Hashey <monique@maine.edu>

Cc: Lauber, Michael <LAUBER@ellenzweig.com>, Mitchell, Eric <Mitchell@ellenzweig.com>

Monique, you did it! Congratulations on putting together this impressive, and if I may say – *groundbreaking* – Virtual Groundbreaking!! We watched and listened on YouTube, and couldn't have been more delighted as we followed along. We're all so proud of this project and appreciate very much being included in the celebration.

Hunt, Catherine comments continued:

This was a sophisticated, professional production on your part. So many excellent components---all the dignitaries that participated, team member contributions, and Alison Bessette representing the students. The "virtual" shovels breaking ground were a stroke of genius, and perfectly coordinated (as was everything). And, of course, the wonderful, rousing finish with the Stein Song---brilliant!

Kudos to you, Monique---it was great!

Thank you, and all the best from all of us at Ellenzweig.

-Catherine and our UMaine team

From: **Ray Feasey**
Subject: New Engineering building
To: Pat Cummings

I just watched the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Ferland engineering building and must say I was impressed. If you see Dana, please convey to him my thanks for being able to observe the ceremony and what a great job he has done.
Ray

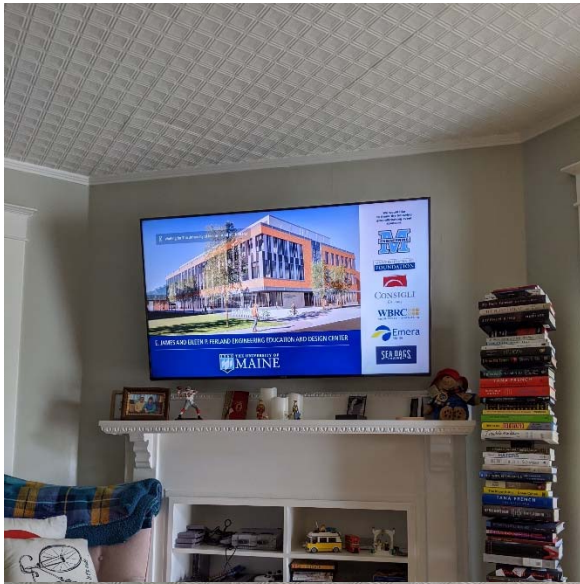
From: **Katie Lattari**
Date: Tue, Apr 28, 2020 at 1:43 PM
Subject: Great job on the groundbreaking!!
To: Patricia Cummings <patricia.cummings@maine.edu>, Diane Woodworth <diane.woodworth@maine.edu>, Monique Hashey <monique@maine.edu>, Heidi Bambrick <heidi.bambrick@maine.edu>

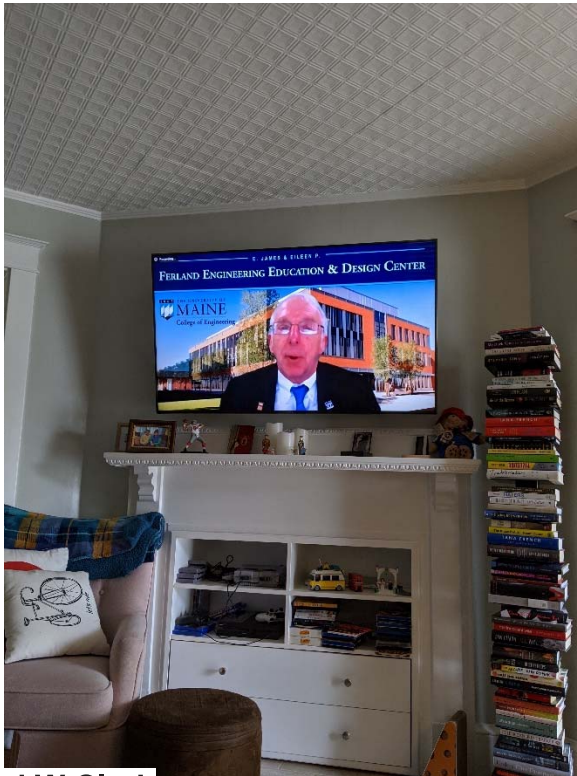
Yay, you guys!!!! Congratulations on all of your work and on that awesome and inclusive virtual groundbreaking event! We cast it onto our TV and really enjoyed it. Loved the demos and videos and Dana did a great job as emcee. What a great opportunity for people far and near to be involved. I refreshed the YouTube link on my phone several times and saw a peak of 370 viewers!

You all should be super proud :)

See below for a few shots from our TV.

Congrats again!





Richard W Clark

This will be a suburb addition to a your great engineering department. I'm delighted that my granddaughter, Maddie WILLIAMS WILL HAVE An opportunity to study biomedical engineering there. Richard Clark '56.

Pat Cummings:

The Ferland Engineering Education and Design Center has reached this milestone through the collaborative efforts of a wonderful team!

Thank you to the more than 500 private donors who have invested in a bright future for our UMaine Engineering students.

Together, we'll fulfill this tremendous project of Destiny.

Your friendship and support are a blessing to us!

Pat Cummings '89, '44H

UMaine Foundation

Al Ehrenfried '44

Subject: Congratulations! Well Done.

Smilebox response:

The groundbreaking for *Ferland Engineering Education and Design Center* went well, and you should be proud after all the good effort you have put in.

It looks very Project oriented, with collaboration encouraged, and with lots of supporting facilities.

I remember my senior project in Engineering Physics (under Skip Bennett). I built it out of "junk" from the Department Junk Bin.

The project was published in the *American Journal of Physics*, patented, and licensed for manufacture!

I hope Ferland has a good Junk Bin of “surplus equipment.”

We anxiously await the formal opening in 2022! Best wishes, Al

Mike McLaughlin '68

I would like to congratulate Dean Dana Humphrey and everyone involved in the entire Ferland Engineering Design Center project. The groundbreaking virtual activities were amazing, so professional! The project, when completed, will be a great asset to all engineering students, to the professors, and to the entire student body for generations to come. Good work everyone! I can't wait until the project is completed in 2022.

Smilebox responses:

Hi Pat,

Thanks for the slideshow. Wow!! This represents an amazing number of contributors for this exciting project. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to making this happen. I also recognize that I am extremely deficient in getting our fundraising off the ground. I still need to do this. I hope this is a case of better late than never and hope we haven't completely missed the bus on it.

I hope you and your family are all well in these crazy times.

Thanks,

Kevin

Kevin J. Cooley, P.E.

Vice President – Director of Engineering

Kleinschmidt

Allan Arch

I watched the very neat groundbreaking today. Kudos to all who put it together. Dana was great and the virtual tours were fun. It will certainly be some building— wish I were a student again!!! Really loved the co-ordinated shovels. Can't wait for the opening in a couple of years. Thanks for including me and for the smilebox. Regards, Allan

Willis and Bonnie Tompkins

Thanks for the Smilebox slideshow. It must have taken a long time to assemble it all. We enjoyed all the photos as well as the sound track.

The virtual groundbreaking was great! The virtual tour of the building by Dana was very nice as well as the virtual construction of the building from the ground up—all a job well done.
Thank you!

Dr. John Alexander:

Thanks for the smile box. So many old friends and students.

Thanks also for all your hard work for UMaine over many years.

Sarah McCarthy

Thank you, Pat. It feels so good to be a part of this project!
Congratulations!
Cheers, Sarah

Peter and Susan McKenney

Great production, Pat!! Very moving music, too! Thanks for the hard work you have put in to make the financing possible. Take care.

David Ellingson

Thank you for sharing! I watched the virtual groundbreaking this morning. There was a 5 second delay in the sound getting here, so I did not focus on the lips moving but rather on the words being said. Well done to all and I appreciate the opportunity to join in from the West Coast.

Dennis Fitzpatrick:

Nice job on the virtual groundbreaking ceremony today. We are still isolated here and Florida and doing fine. Hope all is well with you.

Karl Turner:

Thanks for the pictures. The event was very well done as you know. You and Dana were rightly cast as the dynamic duo.

I remember the day that Dana told me that UNH was building a new engineering center. A UNH grad wrote a \$55,000,000 check and the facility was fully paid on day one.*
The pride the participants in the Ferland Center felt watching the underwriting come together a brick at a time was special. Best regards, Karl
(*The UNH Engineering building was fully funded by the State of NH.)

George Harris

Wed, Apr 29, 10:36 AM (3 days ago)

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND EVERYONE ON
THE GROUNDBREAKING DANA!!!! BRAVO!!

I only wish that it could have been in person and that I
could have attended.

Thank you for all you do for the College of
Engineering!!!

George

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From: Beth Sturtevant

Subject: Re: Dean's Council Meeting and Ferland EEDC Groundbreaking April 27
and 28

Dana and all,

And I will also give my congratulations! It was exciting and moving to witness it
really happening! This morning I was like, OMG we have moved our

engineering building dream to reality! It seemed such a remote possibility all those years ago when we began talking about it. Truly an amazing accomplishment and it never ... NEVER would have happened without Dana. Dana, you had the vision, the dream, and saw the exhausting path to success. This state and the engineers for many years to come, will look to you as the defining leader for engineering at UMaine.

I lit a candle for Rich Higgins this morning. He would be so thrilled with this moment.

Many thanks,

Beth

Sent from my iPhone

Clifton W. Greim

Wed, Apr 29, 10:25 AM (3 days ago)

Well said Beth, I think we all are excited, encouraged and so appreciative of all efforts invested in this wonderful and visionary initiative. Thanks to all of you for your continuing thoughtful council and support. A great day for Maine and the University of Maine system.
Cheers, Clif

On Apr 29, 2020, at 8:23 AM, **Jon Sorenson** wrote:

Dana

A wonderful job yesterday – amazing! Congratulations to you, the College of Engineering and the University of Maine in achieving the ultimate in success – groundbreaking for a new State of the Art, Engineering Building. Your energy is limitless and your stewardship is admired by us all. We are blessed that we have you as a Dean and part of the University Community. This building, this effort would not have happened without you and for that we are forever grateful. Congratulations on your success in achieving this new and unprecedented milestone for the University of Maine.

Thank you and Best Regards!

Jon Sorenson
President and Board of Director
New England Canada Business Council

Patricia Cummings:

Wed, Apr 29, 10:35 AM (3 days ago)

There are so many moments that made the campaign a joyful journey!

The Dean's Council members are all tremendous leaders and advisors.

To paraphrase the lyrics of Neil Diamond "Where it began, I *can* begin to knowin".... It began with you! In Nov. 2013, Peter McKenney, Beth and Rich moved and seconded raising the Engineering Capital Projects fund.

Then we hosted the event at Front Street Shipyard with legislators and donors.

Dana and the board led the Engineering Workforce Summit.

Gene hosted our VIP tour of BIW for donors...

So many great memories! THANK YOU!

We'll celebrate many more milestones together!

Cheers,

Pat