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President's Message to the Community: Oct. 13

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Let me extend a special invitation to you.

Homecoming Weekend is upon us and I don't recall a more spectacular period of full fall color for this landmark UMaine event. I hope you will take advantage of the great weather and amazing lineup of events. The Alumni Association has the full schedule [online](#) — from campus tours on Friday to the annual Craft Fair and Maine Marketplace, and multiple athletic and alumni events.

This year, Homecoming includes an Open House on the Mall for prospective students and their parents, who will join us for academic presentations and tours, lunch and the football game versus Albany. Alumni and other members of the UMaine community will have the opportunity to welcome them with a particularly hearty Maine hello.

Saturday also is the dedication of the Professor Michael H. Lewis Painting Studio in the Wyeth Family Studio Art Center. The event begins at noon in Stewart Commons, and will include an announcement about the Professor Michael H. Lewis Art Scholarship Fund in the University of Maine Foundation honoring Professor Lewis, who retired in August after a 50-year teaching career.

In the coming weeks, other familiar faces will return to campus for their own benchmark events. Sen. George Mitchell will be here for the annual lecture series named in his honor. This year's Mitchell Lecture on Sustainability on Oct. 20 will be by Ruth DeFries of Columbia University.

Alumnus Stephen King will launch his newest book at a campus event Nov. 7 — a volume based on his UMaine student experience and that of his classmates. "Hearts in Suspension" is published by the University of Maine Press. And three days later, Sen. Angus King will join us for the Senator Margaret Chase Smith Lectureship on Public Affairs.

Join us to enjoy and engage in all that UMaine has to offer in the coming weeks.

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