orientation
blaze your own trail 2015
On behalf of UMF faculty, staff, and current students, welcome to the University of Maine at Farmington. We are so pleased by your presence in our community.

No matter whether you hail from near or far, I imagine that you arrive with a duffel bag of precious belongings: a favorite book, a pair of lucky socks, your high school yearbook, maybe even a tin of home-baked goods. Surely you packed the equivalent of an iPod and iPhone to revel in music you love and keep you connected to the networks of friends. And of course you bring along encouragement and pride—perhaps even much-appreciated financial support—from family and loved ones.

You are wise to bring such items of comfort and joy. They stand to smooth your transition and make you feel at home in your new home in Farmington, a place where everyone—faculty, staff, and community members alike—are ready to help you be successful.

As you begin a new chapter and “blaze your own trail,” let us hope that you have also packed several additional provisions for a successful university experience.

These include an open mind for new people and ideas, intellectual curiosity to explore as-yet-unfamiliar academic fields, diligence and readiness for hard work, a commitment to participate actively in our shared community on and off campus, flexibility to navigate the unexpected, good humor for when things go awry, the courage to ask for help when you need it, and your pledge to treat others with kindness and respect, as you would have them treat you.

As I enter my “senior” year at UMF, I join you in these hopes, delighted to have your company as we make the college journey together. We look forward with enthusiasm to your university transition and to sharing many happy months and years together.

Go Beavers.

Dr. Kathryn A. Foster

President
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Centralized Check-In
Fitness and Recreation Center
Orientation begins here! All new commuter, residential, and transfer students begin the day at Centralized Check-In in the Fitness and Recreation Center (FRC). Students register, pick up their welcome packet, Orientation schedule, Convocation information, room key, laundry card, Student ID, and more. Students complete a housing form, parking decal form, emergency medical information form, and drop off paperwork for the Student Health Center. Transcript analysis is available on site for transfer students. Volunteers from many departments are located at Centralized Check-In to answer your questions.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Commuter/Transfer Centralized Check-In
Fitness and Recreation Center

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Merrill Center Open
Merrill Hall
The Merrill Center includes services such as Financial Aid, Student Accounts, and Records and Registration.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Commuter/Transfer Technology Session
Thomas Auditorium, Preble Hall
Come learn the ins and outs of UMF’s technological side. See demonstrations of MaineStreet, MyCampus, Blackboard, and library technologies.

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Welcome Lunch
South Dining Hall, Olsen Student Center
Join us for a variety of sandwiches, salads, and desserts. There is no cost for new students and guests.

1:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Aramark Student ID Office Open
Olsen Student Center
New students must have picture IDs taken for access to the residence halls, Fitness and Recreation Center, dining services, and Mantor Library.

1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Family and Friends Session
Thomas Auditorium, Preble Hall
Vice President for Student and Community Services, Celeste Branham, will facilitate a panel discussion, including the Director of Public Safety, staff from the Student Health Center, Franklin Academic Success Center, Fitness and Recreation Center, Residence Life, Information Technology, and Academic Services. Learn about campus safety programs, support services, and academic resources. This is a time for families to get information, have questions answered, and learn what the parent’s role is in each student’s transition to UMF.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Welcome to UMF
Matriculation Ceremony
Dearborn Gymnasium
Meet over 500 classmates; President, Kathryn Foster; Farmington Town Manager, Richard Davis; Student Senate President, Nicholas Bucci; Campus Residence Council President, Benjamin Rodriguez; Vice President for Enrollment, Jared Cash; Vice President for Student and Community Services, Celeste Branham; and the UMF Beaver mascot, Chompers. All students, families, and friends will participate in our Matriculation Ceremony immediately following the welcome remarks. This UMF tradition represents a time when the President formally recognizes the students’ entry into the University and students receive their Matriculation cords. Matriculated students will be led by bagpipers to the Roberts Learning Center Courtyard for a brief reception.
**Saturday, August 29**

4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Matriculation Reception
Roberts Learning Center Courtyard

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Italian Dinner
South Dining Hall
Olsen Student Center

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Residence Hall Meetings

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Residence Hall Socials and Community Activities

**Sunday, August 30**

6:15 a.m.
Whitewater Rafting Check-In Location
North Dining Hall, Olsen Student Center
Want to explore the beauty of Maine? Travel down the Kennebec River with the rush of whitewater navigating the legendary rapids “Three Sisters” and “Whitewash”. Continental grab and go breakfast in South Dining Hall. Previous registration and payment required. Check at the New Student Information Center for last-minute open seats!

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast
South Dining Hall, Olsen Student Center

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Aramark Student ID Office Open
Olsen Student Center

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
New Student Information Center
Olsen Student Center Hallway
The New Student Information Center is open to answer questions new students may have. Stop by for a friendly “hello”!

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Brunch
South Dining Hall, Olsen Student Center

12:00 p.m.
Bald Mountain Hike
Check In Location
Fitness and Recreation Center Lobby
Join Fitness & Recreation Center staff who will lead you on this moderately challenging hike that brings you to the top of Bald Mountain with some breathtaking views. No previous hiking experience needed.

12:00 p.m.
Ceramics
North Dining Hall C, Olsen Student Center
Join Joan Lewis, a local ceramics artist, in the craft of ceramics. Finish some handy items for your room or express your creativity with UMF memorabilia.

12:00 p.m.
Crafts
North Dining Hall A&B, Olsen Student Center
Decorate your apartment or residence hall room with a variety of simple crafts, such as doormats, message boards, door bricks, and much more! This is an opportunity to personalize your new home.

12:00 p.m.
“Game On” Electronic Gaming
The Landing, Olsen Student Center
Join the Landing staff for Xbox, PlayStation3, and Wii games along with giant Jenga, Cribbage, and other popular board games.
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Farmington Scavenger Hunt
Explore the downtown Farmington area. Discover how close a few great escapes are to UMF, such as Bonney Woods and the Sandy River.

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Mt. Blue State Park
Check-In Location 110-A
Olsen Student Center
Join Orientation Leaders and travel to this Western Maine mountain gem, Mt. Blue State Park, located on Webb Lake in Weld. Participants have the option to swim, relax on a grassy lawn, canoe, and paddleboat or take short hikes on well-marked trails. Bring your swimsuit, towel, and Frisbee for this afternoon excursion.

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Canoe or Kayak the Kennebec
Check-In Location
Fitness and Recreation Center Lobby
Join Jim Toner, Director of the Fitness and Recreation Center and experienced canoeist, for a trip down the Kennebec River. Canoes, kayaks, paddles, and life jackets are provided by UMF. No experience necessary—just a desire to explore the river’s ecosystem.

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Trail Riding/Mountain Biking
Fitness & Recreation Center Lobby
No previous experience needed for this fun activity! Join Fitness & Recreation center staff who will lead a group on some great area biking trails! Get some fun physical activity in while biking about the scenic trails in the Farmington area.

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Inclement Weather
Olsen Student Center
In case of inclement weather, check the full slate of activities being offered at the Fitness and Recreation Center. Whitewater rafting is still offered rain or shine.

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Southern BBQ Dinner
South Dining Hall, Olsen Student Center
Relax after your trips and activities and enjoy a southern barbeque fare with new friends.

7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Popcorn Cinema: Jurassic World
Lincoln Auditorium
Roberts Learning Center

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast
South Dining Hall

For Campus Conversations and the All Campus Assembly, please report to the following locations:
Residents of Scott South and Dakin Hall = Lincoln Auditorium in Roberts Hall
Residents of Scott North and Commuters = Thomas Auditorium in Preble Hall
Residents of Scott West and Mallett = C23 in Roberts Hall
Residents of Stone and Purington = Bjorn Lobby in the Education Center
10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Campus Conversations
Attendance Required
Being present for academics + hands on learning + campus involvement = The formula for success at UMF. Engage in a discussion with current students and key members of UMF to learn about facing adversity, the opportunities and resources available to you. This is your time to blaze your own trail!

11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Lunch
South Dining Hall

1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
All Campus Assembly
Attendance Required
Join your fellow students for this interactive presentation produced by UMF faculty member, Jayne Decker. “If” explores an episode of binge drinking at an off-campus college party and a traumatic event occurs as a result of alcohol abuse. This discussion will help students understand the effects of alcohol as well as the perception of situations.

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Clubs & Organizations
North Dining Hall A & B
Olsen Student Center

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
UMF Town Shuttle Cash Cab
Olsen Student Center

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Dinner
South Dining Hall

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Orientation Bonfire
Prescott Parking Area
Join your peers, Residence Life staff, and Orientation staff at the bonfire located near Prescott Field Snack Shack. Enjoy a s’more before walking to Dollar Movie Night at Narrow Gauge Cinema!

9:00 p.m.
Dollar Movie Night
Narrow Gauge Cinema

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Breakfast
South Dining Hall, Olsen Student Center

8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Academic Convocation
Dearborn Gym
Attendance Required
Small Group Discussions
Various Locations
Attendance Required
Immediately following Convocation, students will engage with faculty and their peers in a spirited session related to the Convocation address. Your building and room location are highlighted for you on the yellow index card you received at Centralized Check-In.

11:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Convocation Lunch
South Dining Hall, Olsen Student Center
The Convocation luncheon with faculty and staff features a buffet-style meal offering a wide variety of choices. Department meetings and advisor meetings begin immediately following the luncheon.
1:30 p.m.
Academic Department and Advisor Meetings
Various Locations
Attendance Required
Following the Academic Department meeting new students will meet with their academic advisor. This is an opportunity to meet new advisors, review schedules, and resolve any schedule issues. Students may refer to their USB drive or refer to the listing below. The Orientation staff will assist students with room and building assignments.

Community Health and Recreation
Room 110, Education Center

Early Childhood and Elementary Education
Thomas Auditorium, Preble Hall

Early Childhood Special Education
Room 103, Education Center

Humanities
Creative Writing, English, and Philosophy/Religion
C-23, Roberts Learning Center

Liberal Arts Undecided
North Dining Hall B, Olsen Student Center

Johnson Scholars
North Dining Hall C, Olsen Student Center

Math and Computer Science
Math, Computer Science, Health Information Systems, Actuarial Science and Interactive Media (CS emphasis)
Brinkman House

Natural Sciences
Biology, Pre-professional, Geology, and Environmental Sciences
Room 217, Ricker Hall Addition

Psychology
Room 119 A&B, Psychology Building

Rehabilitation Services
Room 107, Education Center

Secondary Education
English, Math, Sciences, and Social Science
Bjorn Lobby, Education Center

Social Sciences and Business
Business Economics, Business Psychlogy, and Outdoor Recreation Business Administration
Room 301, Roberts Learning Center

Geography and Environmental Planning and Policy
Room 307, Roberts Learning Center

History
Room 107, Roberts Learning Center

International and Global Studies
Room 201, Roberts Learning Center

Political Science
Room 105, Roberts Learning Center

Sociology and Anthropology
Room 103, Roberts Learning Center

Special Education
Room 106, Education Center

Department of Sound, Performance, and Visual Inquiry
Art (with a variety of concentrations)
Visual and Performing Arts, Concentration in Art and Visual Culture
Visual and Performing Arts, Concentration in Arts Administration (with separate emphasis in Art and Visual Culture, Music, Theatre, or Individualized)
Visual and Performing Arts, Concentration in Music
Visual and Performing Arts, Concentration in Theatre

4th Floor Piazza, Merrill Hall
**tuesday, september 1**

**3:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.**
**Student Employment Session**
Lincoln Auditorium, Roberts Learning Center
This is a mandatory session for all students new to UMF student employment programs. As a first time employee at UMF, this session will provide you an opportunity to complete the required employment documentation before you may work at UMF. Make sure to review the forms at: http://merrillcenter.umf.maine.edu/financial-aid/student-employment/required-documents/ (You must bring valid documentation to be reviewed for the Federal I-9 form).

**4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
**Dinner**
South Dining Hall, Olsen Student Center
Meal plans begin with dinner tonight. Please have your Student ID ready at the scan station.

**7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
**Residence Hall Meetings**
Assigned Residence Hall Lounges or Area
Meet your Assistant Director for Resident Life, your Community Assistants, gain insight into policies and procedures, and begin to build your new community. This is a required meeting.

**9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**
**Chris Carter, Mind Reader**
Lincoln Auditorium, Roberts Learning Center
Christopher Carter is a legend in the college campus market. For over 18 years Christopher Carter has been one of its most popular performers. Minds are read, predictions come true, and everyone in the audience becomes the star of the show as Christopher begins revealing their personal thoughts to all of their friends.

**wednesday, september 2**

**8:00 a.m.**
**Classes Begin**

**8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**
**Commuter Council Coffee and Doughnut Kick-Off**
Olsen Student Center

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**
**New Student Information Center**
Olsen Student Center Hallway
Members of the Orientation staff will be available to answer questions and provide campus maps. Stop by for a friendly “hello”!

**4:00 p.m.**
**TRiO Alumni Reception**
Look House, Main Street
Alumni of Upward Bound, Talent Search, and Gear Up programs are welcome to attend the TRiO Alumni reception at the Upward Bound office of the third floor of the Look House. Refreshments will be served.

**7:30 p.m.**
**Cupcake Decorating**
The Landing, Olsen Student Center
Join us to decorate and enjoy your own cupcakes right in the Olsen Student Center!

**thursday, september 3**

**8:00 p.m.**
**Trivia Night**
The Landing, Olsen Student Center
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Student Employment and Volunteer Fair
Olsen Student Center Hallway
Looking for ways to earn money and gain experience? At this fair students can learn about work-study opportunities from on-campus employers, volunteer experiences from local organizations, and about local, part time employment from area businesses. Come prepared to meet potential employers. Be sure to bring copies of your resume and your class schedule.

8:00 p.m.
“Game On”
Electronic & Board Game Competitions
The Landing, Olsen Student Center
Spend the evening checking out our Wii U, PlayStation3, or Xbox 360 with some of the newest games. You can also play some of our traditional and new board games like Apples to Apples or the Walking Dead. You could win cool prizes!

11:00 a.m.
Old Orchard Beach Trip
Sign ups begin August 31st at 4 p.m. in the Olsen Student Center.

11:00 a.m.
Smalls Falls Trip
Sign ups begin August 31st at 4 p.m. in the Olsen Student Center.

9:00 a.m.
Boston Red Sox Game
“Boston Red Sox vs. Toronto Blue Jays”
Check-In at the Olsen Student Center
Join the Center for Student Involvement staff on a trip to Boston to see the Red Sox! Tickets will be sold for $25.00 each.

Residence Life Festival
Join your fellow Residence Hall students for a fun day of activities and competition right here on campus!

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
The Homestead New Student Welcome
Bring your friends and join members of the UMF faculty & staff as well as local business owners to celebrate your arrival to UMF with pizza, live music, and photos!

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Student Organization Fair
South Street (Weather Permitting)

Dates to Remember

Days of Service Kick Off
September 19th