

The Partnership Press

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Partnership Program and Staff Expanding

To effectively accommodate the Partnership's continued growth and to expand its capacity in line with the goals of UMF's Strategic Plan 2020, the Partnership is increasing its staffing. This increase is being achieved both through internal re-organization at the University and through funding provided by a grant awarded to the Partnership by the Davis Educational Foundation last December to help build the program's capacity.

This summer, Kirsten Swan (*photo on the right*) will be joining Lorraine Pratt, the Assistant Director for the Partnership, in the Partnership's office. Swan, who has worked at UMF for 28 years, is transitioning from her current position as the Director of Student Involvement with UMF's Office of Student Life, to the role of Director of Student Leadership and Service with the Partnership. Swan brings a strong background of training and experience in volunteer and leadership programming to her new position with the Partnership.



Two part-time positions, funded through the Davis Educational Foundation grant over the next two years are also being added: a student position to assist with on-campus outreach, marketing, and day-to-day program operations; and a Community Outreach Coordinator.



Ms. Kelsey O'Connor (*photo on left*) has been hired to fill the student position during this summer. A 2015 graduate of UMF with a major in Geology, Kelsey brings experience with the Partnership's internship program to her new position. Kelsey interned with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's Environmental Assessment Division last summer, working with Maine DEP's Environmental Geology Program staff on Geographic and Hydrologic analysis activities.

The Partnership is also currently seeking applicants for the Community Outreach Coordinator, which will be filled on a contractual/consultant basis. This position will be charged with significantly expanding the Partnership's community outreach efforts during the next two to three years to establish broader-based connections and partnerships, from both geographic and academically-related perspectives.

Since launching its internship program in the summer of 2012, UMF's Partnership for Civic Advancement has grown at a much faster rate than University leaders had anticipated. Having experienced increases in activity of approximately 300% during each of its second and third year of operations, the Partnership is anticipating strong growth again during its fourth year, as well as expansions in its programming.

Through their initial community outreach efforts during the fall of 2011 and spring 2012, Partnership staff formed 15 new partnerships with community organizations and businesses and collaborated with them to develop 18 new internship opportunities for UMF students for its first summer of operations in 2012. As of this spring, the Partnership had collaborated with 110 community partners in the development of 225 internship opportunities.

In addition to this growth in its internship program, the Partnership began phasing in its volunteerism and leadership education and training components during the past year. Planning on the undergraduate research and service learning components, as well as faculty development opportunities is also underway.

"We intentionally started out small and have phased in components of the Partnership over the past three and a half years," states Celeste Branham, UMF's Vice President for Student and Community Services and Director of the Partnership. "We wanted to make sure we had an organizational structure and processes in place that would effectively support this important work long term."

The structure of the Partnership was designed to effectively develop, manage, and support a wide variety of community-based experiential learning opportunities in a manner that would be mutually beneficial to both our students and our community.

Where Are They Now?

Wondering where students go and what they do after UMF? Here's a brief update on where a few of our UMF alumni from the Class of 2013, who were also Partnership interns while at the University, are and what they are doing now.

Nicholas Camic: Class of '13

Interned for Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust, Summer 2012

Nicholas is currently enrolled at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine in Hartford, Connecticut.

Jordan Graffam: Class of '13

Interned for Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, Fall 2013

After graduating, Jordan volunteered with the Greater Franklin Development Cooperation through the spring of 2014. He is now the Financial Representative at Modern Woodmen of America in Windham, Maine.

Ty Hughes: Class of '13

Interned for Somerset Woods Trustees, Summer 2012

& Maine D.E.P., Spring 2013

Following graduation, Ty took a position in Boston as the Seasonal Stormwater Engineering Aid with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. He is now working as an Environmental Specialist III with Triumvirate Environmental in Boston, Massachusetts.

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Meet the Interns—at work in our Community



Kimberly Arthurs—A Junior from Plymouth, Massachusetts, Kimberly is majoring in Creative Writing. During the spring of 2015, Kimberly interned with **Alice James Books**. Through her internship, she was engaged in a variety of activities, including design of the organization's newsletter, social media relations/marketing efforts, processing manuscript submissions, and

designing magazine advertisements, as well as general business functions and activities. Kimberly's internship work was supported through a UMF-Bangor Savings Bank Intern Award.



Nathan Chase—A Junior majoring in Outdoor Recreation and Business Administration, Nathan was selected as the Promotions, Events and marketing Intern for Saddleback Ski Resort during the winter of 2014 and spring of 2015. Through this experience, Nathan was able to be involved in all aspects of **Saddleback's** public relations and marketing programs and

activities, as well as in planning, implementing and evaluating events.



Shaun Clancy—A May 2015 graduate with a major in Environmental Policy and Planning, Shaun was the Economic Development Intern for the Franklin County **Network of Networks** during the spring of 2015. Working with the Greater Franklin Development Corporation, Shaun's work involved responsibilities related to an economic planning decisions proposal, such as identifying goals and tasks, meeting with stakeholders, tracking progress, analysis of businesses and their

role in the economic development of the region, testing survey tools, documenting, analyzing and presenting stakeholder feedback. Shaun's internship work was supported by the Network of Networks.



Aimee DeGroat—From Temple, Maine, Aimee is a sophomore majoring in Creative Writing. As an intern with **AmeriCorps Learning Works AIMS HIGH Program** at Spruce Mountain High School, Aimee works with both teachers and administrators, tutors, mentors and nurtures students, develops and executes enrichment activities and lesson plans, develops and implements needs assessments, conducts community and parent outreach, and facilitates a

variety of meetings. Aimee's internship work is supported by AmeriCorps.



Bethany Frazier—A May 2015 graduate from Industry, Maine, Bethany majored in Business Economics and minored in Theatre. In her role as the Public Relations and Human Resource Intern at **Verso Corporation** during the Spring of 2015, Bethany was involved in various aspects related to Public Relations and Human Resources, from improving HR marketing, recruiting and retention of new hire applicants, to developing a leadership and management training tracking system and

helping improve the image of the mill within the regional communities. Bethany's internship work was supported by Verso Corporation.



Arielle Harding—A Junior from Falmouth, Maine, Arielle (second from right) is majoring in Sociology and Communications. As the Social and Digital Media Coordinator for the **United Way of the Tri-Valley Area** during the spring of 2015, Arielle strengthened the United Way's presence in the community by updating the organization's website to make it more engaging and

interactive and by coordinating its social media presence with LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, blogging, Pinterest, etc. Arielle's internship work was supported through a UMF-Bangor Savings Bank Intern Award.



Dillon Hough—A May 2015 graduate from Yarmouth, Maine, Dillon majored in Outdoor Recreation and Business Administration at UMF. As Mechanical Operations and Assistant to the Manager intern with **Titcomb Mountain** during the spring and summer of 2015, Dillon is involved in a wide variety of tasks related to the operation and maintenance of the Mountain, from learning to operate, repair and maintain the equipment, to marketing and assisting with the

membership and volunteer programs, and assisting with the planning, and implementation of special events and fundraising activities. Dillon's internship work is supported through a T.H.E.O. Fund Intern Award.



Kevin Hubbard—A May 2015 graduate from Cornwall, Connecticut, with a major in Outdoor Recreation and Business Administration, Kevin was selected for the Mechanical Operations and Assistant to the Manager intern with **Titcomb Mountain** during the fall and winter 2014 and spring 2015. Kevin was involved in a wide variety of tasks related to the operation and maintenance of the Mountain, from learning to operate, repair and maintain the equipment, to

marketing and assisting with the membership and volunteer programs, and assisting with the planning and implementation of special events and fundraising activities. Kevin's internship work was supported through a T.H.E.O. Fund Intern Award.



Jaclyn Kandler—A May 2015 graduate from Canton, Massachusetts, Jaclyn majored in Community Health, with concentrations in Nutrition Education and Child and Adolescent Health. Interning as the Wellness Coach for the **Western Maine Community Action** agency during the spring of 2015, Jaclyn developed and implemented a variety of health-related activities, including, for example, wellness and nutrition seminars, training courses, customized care plans, and developing health and educational materials. Jaclyn's internship work

was supported through a T.H.E.O. Fund Intern Award.

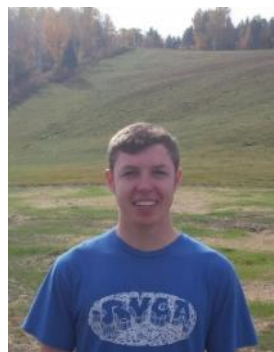
Update: Following her internship, Jaclyn was offered and accepted a position as a Rural Educator Advocate with Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services (SAPARS).



Chelsea Lear-Ward—from Levant, Maine, Chelsea graduated in May 2015 with a major in Community Health and a minor in Environmental Studies. As the Recycling Program intern for the **TerraCycle** program during the spring 2015 semester, Chelsea was responsible for maintaining the operations of this relatively new recycling/upcycling program. Her responsibilities also included collaborating with UMF's Sustainable Campus Coalition, the United Way of the Tri-Valley Area (which oversees this program and receives funding through it), and community members, as well as advocating for recycling throughout the campus and the community. Chelsea's internship work was supported through a UMF-Bangor Savings Bank Intern Award.



Cecilia Natale—a Junior majoring in Community Health Education, Cecilia is from Winchester, Massachusetts. As the After School Program Activity Leader at the **Mercer Community Club** for the fall 2014 and spring 2015 semesters, Cecilia assisted with the organization's After School Program, serving children aged 6 to 11. In addition to helping manage activities for the children, including games and physical activities both indoors and outside, Cecilia developed and implemented a play during the spring semester. Cecilia's internship work was supported by a donation from a generous donor to UMF's Partnership for Civic Advancement.



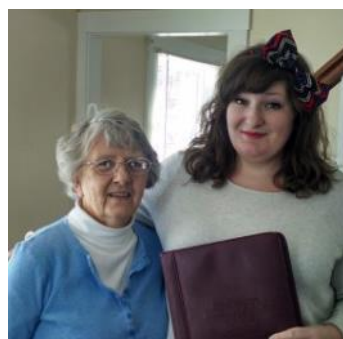
Seth Noonkester—a May 2015 graduate from Acton, Maine, Seth majored in Outdoor Recreation and Business Administration. As the Mechanical Operations and Assistant to the Manager intern with **Titcomb Mountain** during the summer and fall of 2014 and spring of 2015, Seth was involved in a wide variety of tasks related to the operation and maintenance of the Mountain, from learning to operate, repair and maintain the equipment, to marketing and assisting with the membership and volunteer programs, and assisting with the planning and implementation of special events and fundraising activities. Seth's internship work was supported through a T.H.E.O. Fund Intern Award.



Christopher Roberts—from Arundel, Maine, Christopher is in his Junior year at UMF, working on a degree in Psychology and Elementary Education. Christopher is planning to pursue a career in Counseling Psychology. Selected as the Expressive Arts Therapies Intern at **Belgrade Central School** during the spring of 2015, Christopher worked under the supervision of the Guidance Counselor and Psychotherapist at Belgrade Central. Working with children aged 4 to 11 in the school setting, Christopher gained valuable experience and skills in using a variety of therapy methodologies and materials and in how to observe children's behaviors. Christopher's internship work was supported through a UMF-Bangor Savings Bank Intern Award.



Katrina Smith—from Boothbay, Maine, Katrina graduated in May 2015, with majors in both Anthropology and Sociology. During the spring of 2015, Katrina interned with the **Franklin County Animal Shelter**. In addition to assisting with the care and medical treatment of the animals in the Shelter, Katrina's responsibilities also involved helping to coordinate volunteers and assisting in the planning, organization, and implementation of community events to raise awareness of and financial support for the Shelter. Katrina's internship was supported through a UMF-Bangor Savings Bank Intern Award.



Katherine Turpen—a May 2015 graduate from Windham, Maine, Katherine majored in History and Secondary Education, with a focus on Social Studies. Starting as the Archival Intern for the **Temple Historical Society** in her Junior year during the fall of 2013, Katherine's responsibilities involved working members of the Historical Society in scanning and creating a permanent archive of its photographs and other local information on the Town of Temple's history. Katherine's internship work, which was extended through the fall of 2014, was supported through a grant from the Maine Community Foundation and a UMF-Bangor Savings Bank Intern Award.



Zachary Vincent—from Standish, Maine, Zachary graduated in May 2015 with a major in Business Psychology. Zachary has served as the Marketing and Social Media Intern for **Franklin County Adult Education** since the fall of 2014. In this role, he has developed, updated, and implemented social media and marketing strategies for the organization and assisted staff in learning the required skills to maintain those strategies. Zachary's internship work was supported through a T.H.E.O. Fund Intern Award.



Sarah Winchenbach—a Junior from Rockport, Maine, Sarah is majoring in English and Creative Writing and minoring in both Spanish and Anthropology. During the spring of 2015, Sarah interned with **Alice James Books**. During her internship, she was engaged in a variety of activities, including design of the organization's newsletter, social media relations/marketing efforts, processing manuscript submissions, and designing magazine advertisements, as well as general business functions and activities. Sarah's internship work was supported through a T.H.E.O. Fund Intern Award.

EVENTS CALENDAR

2015 Fall Semester

| September | | October | | October (Continued) | | November (Continued) | |
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| 4th | Employment & Volunteer Fair 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Olsen Student Center | 2nd | Intern Gathering 11:45 a.m.—1:00 p.m. CR 123, Olsen Student Center | 26th | Intern Workshop (Business) 12:00 noon—1:00 p.m. North Dining Hall C Olsen Student Center | 16th | LinkedIn Workshop II—Beyond the Basics 2nd Session 12:00 noon—1:00 p.m. Technology Commons Lab 102 |
| 14th | Intern Workshop (ORBA) 12:00 noon—1:00 p.m. NDH C, Olsen Student Center | 5th | Intern Workshop (ORBA) 12:00 noon—1:00 p.m. NDH C, Olsen Student Center | 30th | Intern Gathering 11:45 a.m.—1:00 p.m. CR 123, Olsen Student Center | 20th | Intern Gathering 11:45 a.m.—1:00 p.m. CR 123, Olsen Student Center |
| 18th | Intern Gathering 11:45 a.m.—1:00 p.m. CR 123, Olsen Student Center | 7th | INTERNSHIP FAIR 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Olsen Student Center | 30th | DEADLINE: Intern Award Applications for Spring 2016 Internships due no later than Midnight | 10th | December Partnership ANNUAL DINNER Event North Dining Halls A, B, C Olsen Student Center |
| 25th | Intern Workshop (All Majors) 12:00 noon—1:00 p.m. NDH C, Olsen Student Center | 9th | Intern Workshop (All Majors) 12:00 noon—1:00 p.m. NDH C, Olsen Student Center | November | | 11th | Intern Gathering 11:45 a.m.—1:00 p.m. CR 123, Olsen Student Center |
| 28th | Intern Workshop (EPP Majors) 12:00 noon—1:00 p.m. NDH C, Olsen Student Center | 16th | Intern Gathering 11:45 a.m.—1:00 p.m. CR 123, Olsen Student Center | 13th | LinkedIn Workshop I—Basics 1st of 2 sessions 12:00 noon—1:00 p.m. Technology Commons Lab 102 | | |

Welcome New Community Partners!

The Partnership is pleased to welcome 29 businesses and organizations as new community partners since December 2015.

These businesses and organizations represent a variety of sectors throughout Maine and offer diverse community engagement/ experiential learning opportunities for our students. At least half of these new partners are located in central and western Maine including, for example:

Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, Bethel, ME
 Big Brothers Big Sisters, Farmington & Wilton, ME
 Dog Not Gone, Kingfield, ME
 International Firefighters, Police, & Military Winter Games, Rumford, ME
 Kennebec Historical Society, Augusta, ME
 Kennebec Savings Bank, Augusta, ME
 Kimball Family Farm, Wilton, ME
 Magic Falls Rafting Company, The Forks, ME
 Maine State Archives, Augusta, ME
 Nezinscot Farm, Turner, ME
 Phillips Public Library, Phillips, ME
 Pine Tree Camp, Rome, ME
 Sandy River & Rangeley Lakes Railroad, Phillips, ME
 Shiretown Bookers, Farmington, ME
 Town of Temple, Temple, ME
 Town of Wilton, Wilton, ME
 Upcountry Artists Gallery & Learning Center, Farmington, ME

New partners from other areas of the state include: Burgunder LLC, Council on International Education Exchange, Senator Angus King's Offices, Liquid Dreams Surf Shop, Maine International Trade Center, Maine Maritime Museum, Portland Country Club, Representative Bruce Poliquin's Offices, and the West End House Camp.

UMF's Partnership for Civic Advancement gratefully acknowledges the support of our sustaining partner, Bangor Savings Bank Foundation, as well as the generous support of the Davis Educational Foundation.

Where Are They Now?

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Sarah Lavorgna: Class of '13

Interned for the Western Mountains Alliance, Spring and Summer 2013

Sarah is employed as an Environmental Specialist with Triumvirate Environmental in Framingham, Massachusetts.

Kyle Norweg: Class of '13

Interned for Western Mountains Alliance, Summer and Fall 2012

Kyle is currently the Sustainability Officer and a member of the Graduate and Professional Student Government at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

Jediah Scott: Class of '13

Interned for TerraCycle (United Way), Spring 2013

Jediah is employed as an Aerial Sensor Operator with the Sanborn Map Company in Sanborn, Maine. He is also the Senior Consultant and Co-Founder of S/G Consulting in Portland, Maine.

Andrew P. Sherrill: Class of '13

Interned for the Greater Franklin Development Corporation, Summer 2013

Andrew is currently employed as a Reservations Agent at Vail/Beaver Creek Resort Properties in the Denver, Colorado area.

Sarah Spencer: Class of '13

Interned for Western Mountains Alliance, Fall 2012 and Spring 2013

Following graduation from UMF, Sarah moved to California. She is currently employed as the Manager of Digital and Social Media for the Advocacy and Management Group, Inc., in Sacramento, California.

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