LOOKING UP

Even the Leaves Change Colors!

October has definitely arrived; bringing with it many fall festivities. Apple cider, pumpkin carving, spooky decorations, hayrides, corn mazes, dressing up & colorful leaves will be some of the great things for us to enjoy this month. We may all have different ideas of what to do during this season, but we can agree that fall is a favored season, and a great way to wind down before a chilly winter.... (YUCK!)

School is in full-swing again, and some of you are really branching out - How Awesome! This month is a great time to really get a solid footing for your academics, especially! (Well, so is any other month, but take each month as an opportunity to do better than the last!)

I know that it’s a common thought that people never change, but if something as natural as the leaves change so beautifully you can’t expect me to believe humans can’t find ways to improve every day. That’s my challenge to you all - to find a few ways to improve yourself, your study habits, anything at all, THIS SEMESTER and then do it! There is no better time than the present!

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October Birthdays

Keith Crockett-Harrington (10/1)
Clyde Riggs (10/2)
Katelyn Campbell (10/3)
Stefanie Dizney (10/8)
Danika Morin (10/9)
Caitlynn Gregoire (10/13)
Andrew Marden (10/14)
Elliott Eno (10/15)
Shawn Bennett (10/16)
Alisha Fox (10/16)
Faith Paglierani (10/17)
Natasha Blake (10/18)
Mallory Toothaker (10/22)
Marcelo Mazariego (10/23)
Ceilya Cooley (10/25)
Brandon Choate (10/27)
Ashlee Athinson (10/28)
Calvin Downey (10/29)

November Birthdays

Mario Gerardi (11/1)
Phillip Collins (11/4)
Shanea Nile (11/22)
Brett Stuard (11/24)
Linda Dudley (11/26)
Katelin Carey (11/29)
Kaylee Piccolo, Tiffany Camire, and Summer Libby are all cheering for Madison Area Memorial High School!

Misty Waters took her driving test recently and failed it. BUT, the second time she wore her “I Got This” UB t-shirt and she passed!!

Devin Mercier is Class President for the sophomore class at Madison High School!

Ashley Avery and Phil Collins are in the Madison High School Production of “What I Want to Say But Never Will”!

Tiffany Camire is the leader of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and secretary of the senior class for Madison High School!

Kara Libby is Vice President for the Senior Class at Buckfield High School!

Allison Bernier and Emily LaFleur are in Spruce Mountain High School’s rendition of “The Emperor’s New Clothes”!

Raymond Richard is serving as a Junior Firefighter with the Volunteer Fire Department in Phillips!

Jerusha Caldwell plays steel drums in the Western Mountain Trash Can Band!

Alisha Fox is starting clinical work for her CNA program at SCTC!

Faith-Anne Gould got a 140 lb. doe on the first day of the season!

Clyde Riggs has begun knitting!

Heather McDonald and Isabela Navarro were in Revenge of the Space Pandas!

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There is a Clefnotes Concert at the Emery Community Arts Center, Nov. 22 at 7:00 pm. If anyone wants to come they can meet Elyse at the Look House at 6:45 to go to the free concert. RSVP to Elyse elyse.pratt@maine.edu

Have you read a sweet book recently? Send me or Elyse a review, like Duncan Grant has done and it may end up in the newsletter!
New England Student Leadership Conference 2013

The trip to Vermont for the 2013 New England Student Leadership Conference was a huge success, and students were given a tour at Dartmouth College on the way!! Representing the University of Maine, Farmington Upward Bound Trio program were Macee Qi, Tiffany Camire, Anthony Boueher, and Michael Hilton. Here is what they thought about the conference:

“At the conference we did so many activities that were meant to push ourselves outside of our comfort zone. It was a surprise to me because going into the weekend I had no clue what we were going to do. They taught us so much about ourselves, and about how special each and every one of us is. But most of all, I learned more about trust, communication, vision, service, and risk taking.” – Macee Qi

“This weekend I learned a lot about what it means to be a leader. Leadership is many things: risk taking, trust, compassion, service, and so much more. I’m more than thankful that I had the opportunity to travel to Vermont for the weekend to participate in the New England Student Leadership Conference. TRIO WORKS!!” – Tiffany Camire

“The trip was an awesome experience! I’ve learned so much about how to be an effective leader. I’ve also learned the necessary skills that make a good leader. I participated in activities that help me develop these skills. I did activities such as the eclipse challenge, which made me more aware of how challenging it is to balance the federal budget. I also did a challenge by choice ropes course where I had a blast. The staff was extremely supported and the food was amazing. I loved meeting kids from all over New England! They were all awesome and I had a great time!” – Anthony Boueher

“The leadership conference was a great experience for me. There were so many amazing people there! That all came from very diverse backgrounds and each person added something unique to the conference. The staff that were there were also great and there to help us in any way they could. Most importantly though I learned a lot about how not only be a leader but an effective one. It’s something you have to work at all the time and push yourself do better. Overall I loved going on the trip; the people, location, experience, and the uniquely Upward Bound atmosphere made it an amazing weekend!” – Michael Hilton
Picture a large, nameless city. The government is tyrannical, not letting anyone within to know about the world outside. The mayor commands the vicious school system with an iron fist, commanding it to oppress the students in the many districts as a way of control.

Tack, a fifteen year old student in said city, lives through his day to day life in pure torture, from bullies at school, his teachers, and even his Educator father. But his life changes when bullies chase him into an abandoned district to meet Umasi, a vagrant child who quit school and runs a lemonade stand in said district. He agrees to teach Tack to protect himself from his troubles, in return for his friendship.

But things go downhill when Zyid, the mysterious leader of an anti-educator organization called the Truancy, accidentally kills Tack’s younger sister in the crossfire of a duel with the Educators. Zyid claims she was merely "collateral damage." Tack vows to avenge his sister the only way he knows how; by joining the Truancy and finding Zyid. But his growing sympathy for the group gets in the way of his desire. Will Tack get his revenge? Or will he stand by Zyid until the city ends.

Truancy by Isamu Fukui is the title of this book, and it happens to be, to me, the best book ever written. It's filled with scenes akin to action movies - explosions, hand to hand combat, helicopter chases, even gunfights. Even Tack's devotion to his training leads to awesome events on occasion. A definite read for those big action movie buffs. This is the first book in a series of three, followed by Truancy Origins, a prequel that explains Umasi and Zyid's origin and how the Truancy formed, and Truancy City, the aftermath of the events in Truancy.
TUTORS

Do you find yourself struggling to get the grade you want in a particular class? Do you think you could benefit from some time with a tutor?

If so, contact your academic counselor to be set up with one of the UB Tutors! We have mostly peer tutors, but also some college students and experienced tutors available to help the UMF UB students help themselves succeed!

Tutors gathered on Saturday the 2nd of November for a training session with the one and only, Camille. The training session covered resources and, well, how to best provide tutoring to students who are as awesome as UMF UB students are.

It was an awesome day, and all of the tutors are surely well prepared to assist students set themselves up for success in their courses. If you want any sort of academic assistance, be sure to get in touch with your academic adviser, Camille, Mary, Lynn, or Elyse, and you will be set up with one of our superb tutors!
The University of Maine at Farmington may be celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, but that does not mean it is exempt from campus alterations, by any means! I recently visited with a friendly face in the University Store, to get the insider opinion on the new location of the University Store. Mary Sinclair, who you all know and love, splits her time between UB and the Book Store, so I knew she is the expert on all things Look House!

Mary, explaining the cause for the change, there is a new, fresh look and new feel with a lot of new items for UMF’s 150. The Campus Store is now more available to the Farmington Community, and brings more importance to this side of campus. President Foster wants the Campus Store to be a part of the economic bridge between the Farmington community and the University’s community. Upgrades to the building, as you may have noticed, are wheelchair accessibility and a new porch. The Campus Store has also increased its hours of operation and Mary and I predict there may be a new sign added to advertise the Campus Store.

Business is trickling upward on the first floor of Look House, and Mary says that the University Store is offering many new apparel items, and she is certain the bestseller at UMF. The building offers a very casual and homey atmosphere for its visitors, and the warm lighting and fireplace within the Campus Store only add to that vibe. Mary told me one of her favorite things about the new location may be the environment of the new store, as it allows for conversations. It must be interesting to hear what people’s majors are, classes they’re in, and what they’re doing at the Campus Store!

If anyone is swinging by campus, or has friends that are doing so, take a few minutes to check out the newest addition to the Look House’s newest addition, and be sure to say hi to Mary! Also, be sure to “Like” the ‘UMF Campus Store’ Facebook page for more updates!☺
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