

# COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENTS

## Maine Maritime Academy

CASTINE — Maine Maritime Academy will hold its 2016 Commencement at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 7, at Alexander Field House, graduating 241 students.

Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr., chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will be the keynote speaker.

Because of the large number of students in the graduating class, this year's commencement will be a ticketed event to assure that families of graduates are able to have priority seating. Others may watch the ceremony on large screens in real time in the Margaret Chase Smith Gymnasium, connected to the fieldhouse complex.

Other commencement events include an awards ceremony at 9 a.m. in Delano Auditorium and a commissioning ceremony at 2 p.m. at Leavitt Hall, with Delano Auditorium the alternate site in the event of rain.

## Maine College of Art

PORTLAND — Maine College of Art will celebrate the graduation of students from its Bachelor of Fine Arts, Master of Fine Arts and Master of Arts in Teaching programs at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 7, at the State Theatre, 609 Congress St.

Ruby Lerner, founding executive director and president of Creative Capital, will deliver the commencement address and receive an honorary degree. Lerner's organization supports artists across the country with funding, counsel and skills-building workshops. Lerner was executive director of the Association of Independent Video and Filmmakers and Publisher of Independent Film and Video Monthly, among other leadership positions. Lerner is a frequent speaker on innovation in the arts and serves on advisory boards for the Headlands Center for the Arts, the Ackland Art Museum, the Thomas S. Kenan Institute for the Arts, the McColl Center for Art + Innovation, and Light Industry, among others.

The college also will confer honorary degrees on David Shaw, founder of IDEXX Laboratories, who also is involved in more than a dozen public and private companies in health care, energy, technology and e-commerce; and artist, educator and humanist C. David Thomas, founder of Indochina Arts Partnership, which conducts cultural exchange programs between the United States and Southeast Asia. Thomashas taught at Emmanuel College and Massachusetts College of Art.

On First Friday, May 6, "In Sensorium," a four-part exhibition from the graduating BFA senior class showcasing thesis works from 11 disciplines across three floors of the Porteous building and two adjacent galleries, will be on view. Exhibition closes Saturday, May 21. Two additional exhibitions also open on First Friday: The MFA Thesis Exhibition runs through May 27 in the ICA at MECA; and the MAT Capstone Exhibition is up through May 7 in Porteous 120.

## Husson University

BANGOR — U.S. Sen. Angus King will deliver the 117th Husson University commencement address to the Class of 2016 at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 8, at Cross Insurance Center, 515 Main St.

King was sworn in on Jan. 3, 2013, as Maine's first independent United States senator. He began his career as a staff lawyer for Pine Tree Legal Assistance in Skowhegan. In 1972, he served as chief counsel to U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Alcoholism and Narcotics in the office of former Maine Sen. William Hathaway.

In 1975, he returned to Maine to practice law with Smith, Loyd and King in Brunswick. In 1983, he was appointed vice president of Swift River/Hafslund Co., an alternative energy development firm working on

hydro and biomass projects in Maine and New England.

Six years later, he founded Northeast Energy Management Inc., a developer of large-scale energy conservation initiatives at commercial and industrial facilities in Maine.

In 1994, King was elected Maine's 72nd governor. During his two terms in Blaine House, King focused on economic development and job creation. He also achieved reforms in education, mental health services, land conservation, environmental protection and the delivery of state services.

He was re-elected in 1998 by one of the largest margins in Maine's history.

King was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1966 and from the University of Virginia Law School in 1969. He is married to Mary Herman and has four sons, Angus III, Duncan, James and Ben; one daughter, Molly; and six grandchildren.

Husson's graduation ceremony will recognize individuals who have completed their degrees from Husson University's College of Business, College of Health and Education, New England School of Communications, School of Pharmacy and the School of Science and Humanities. At this year's commencement, Husson will award 775 degrees including 21 associate degrees, 484 bachelor's degrees, 185 master's degrees and 85 doctorates.

Tickets are not required. Those who arrive first get to choose their seats first. Individuals with special needs should call 941-7129 or email greenj@husson.edu so Husson University can make the appropriate arrangements. Those who cannot attend are welcome to view the ceremony streamed online. Information about the streaming video and ceremonies is available at [www.husson.edu](http://www.husson.edu).

Danielle M. Violette will be the Class of 2016's salutatorian. Violette earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration and a Master of Business Administration while maintaining a grade point average of 3.977.

For the first time in Husson's history, three students are being named valedictorian.

The students include Stephen A. Coston of Bar Harbor, who earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration. Other students being named valedictorian include Sarah M. Smith of Calais, who earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology, and Mikala Elizabeth Varela of Westbrook, who earned a Bachelor of Science in accounting and a Master of Business Administration. All three of these members of the Class of 2016 had a grade point average of 4.0.

## New England Bible College

BANGOR — New England Bible College will hold its graduation ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at Thrive Youth Center, Crosspoint Church, 1476 Broadway.

The Rev. Rex Garrett, director of chaplaincy services at Eastern Maine Medical Center, will be the guest speaker.

This completes the college's 15th year. One student will graduate and one will receive recognition during the ceremony.

## Thomas College

WATERVILLE — Lawrence "Larry" J. Sterrs, former chief executive officer of UniTek and its telecom subsidiary UniTel Inc., will be the keynote speaker at Thomas College's 122nd commencement at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 14, in the Harold Alfond Athletic Center.

Sterrs will receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Sterrs is board chairman for UniTek and UniTel and provides executive management and strategic planning functions for UniTek's consolidated telecommunications operations. He is a board member and former president of the Telecommunications



Members of the class of 2014 during the 112th commencement ceremony at the University of Maine in Orono on May 10 2014.

Association of Maine and former executive vice president of the Telephone Association of New England.

Outside the telecommunications industry, Sterrs is best known for his role as board chairman and CEO of the Unity Foundation, a public charity that provides strategic grant making, executive and board development assistance to nonprofit organizations throughout Maine. He also is board chairman of Waterville Creates! and board member of Camden National Corp. He has served on a number of boards of area nonprofit organizations including Thomas College and Good Will-Hinckley.

George Spann will be recognized with an honorary degree at this year's commencement ceremonies. He served as Thomas College president from 1989 to 2012. In 1999, Thomas launched its Guaranteed Job Program, the first college in the nation to do so. In 2000, Thomas expanded its academic programming beyond its acclaimed business offerings and today offers a full complement of additional academic offerings including elementary education, psychology, criminal justice, and computer science, along with a number of new graduate and accelerated degree offerings.

During his 23-year tenure, Spann stabilized the school's finances, doubled student enrollment, broadened and strengthened academic programming, oversaw a building boom, and grew the college's endowment to \$6.5 million. Spann will receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Kathie Leonard, president and CEO of Auburn Manufacturing Inc., a specialty textile maker with plants in Mechanic Falls and Auburn, will receive an honorary Doctor of Science in business administration. A leading developer, manufacturer and marketer of textile products with hundreds of extreme temperature industrial applications throughout the world, AMI employs approximately 50 people in the Lewiston-Auburn area. Leonard was a Thomas College trustee 1996-2005 and in 2009 she was recognized as one of six "Women to Watch" by Maine Biz. Leonard will receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Science in Business Administration.

Thomas College features students from each division to speak at commencement on behalf of their peers. Representing the Undergraduate Day Division at this year's ceremony will be Hollie Kozlowski of Bancroft, who will receive her Bachelor of Arts in psychology with a minor in cyber security.

Representing the Undergraduate Evening Division will be Nina Brickett of Rome, who will receive her Bachelor of Science in accounting, graduating magna cum laude. Brickett works in the Financial Services Office as Thomas College's general ledger accountant.

Representing the Gradu-

ate Division will be Eric Brooks, originally of Columbia Falls, who is employed at Belgrade Central School and will receive a Master of Science in educational leadership.

Assisting the graduating class this year as marshals will be Taylor Bergeron of Lyman and Zahayra Razo of El Centro, California. Bergeron will graduate magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in communications with a concentration in public relations and marketing. Razo graduated magna cum laude in December 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology with a concentration in forensic psychology. Razo works in the Student Success Center as Thomas College's peer tutoring coordinator.

For information on commencement activities, visit [thomas.edu/commencement](http://thomas.edu/commencement).

## Northern Maine Community College

PRESQUE ISLE — U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin, R-Maine, will deliver the Northern Maine Community College commencement address during the ceremony to be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at The Forum, 84 Mechanic St.

He serves on the House Financial Services Committee, which is charged with providing oversight of the financial services sector and helping to expand the economy. Poliquin also serves on several caucuses including the Military Veterans Caucus, the Cybersecurity Caucus and the Rural Health Care Caucus.

This year's graduating class has 200 students. The largest group will graduate from the Trade and Technical Occupations Department, from which 76 students will earn associate degrees in programs ranging from automotive collision repair to building construction technology, diesel hydraulics technology to wind power technology.

NMCC's Student of the Year Crystal Condo of Presque Isle will deliver the student address on behalf of the Class of 2016.

A reminder to those planning to attend, be aware that large bags will not be allowed inside the forum because of increased security measures.

## University of Maine at Augusta

AUGUSTA — Maine Sen. Roger Katz will be keynote

speaker at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 14, at the University of Maine at Augusta's 48th commencement to be held at Augusta Civic Center, 76 Community Drive.

Graduates from UMA's Augusta and Bangor campuses, online programs, and University College Centers across the state will walk across the stage to receive associate and baccalaureate degrees from UMA.

Katz is serving his third term in the Maine Senate, representing the people of Augusta, China, Oakland, Sidney and Vassalboro. He also served as mayor of Augusta for two terms. Katz has long been active in his community, serving on many local boards and committees.

Regina Anderson Northouse, a 2003 graduate of UMA and current executive director of Food Recovery Network, will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award, and graduates Donna Davis-Rankin of Manchester and James Christie of Rockport will both receive Distinguished Student Awards.

In addition, UMA Professor Emeritus Barry M. Farber will receive an honorary degree, and recently retired UMA faculty members Sheila Bennett, Jill Robinson and Grace Leonard will be awarded the distinguished ranking of UMA Professor Emerita.

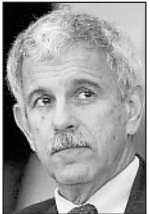
For information, visit: [uma.edu/about/commencement](http://uma.edu/about/commencement).

## Eastern Maine Community College

BANGOR, Maine -- U.S. Sen. Susan Collins will serve as Eastern Maine Community College's commencement speaker for the graduating class of 2016.

The 49th annual commencement will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, May 13, at Cross Insurance Center in Bangor.

"Senator Collins shares EMCC's passion for invigorating Maine's workforce and economy, and enhancing the quality of life for Maine people," said EMCC Interim President Joseph Cassidy, in a press release. "She has been a resilient ad-



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vocate for Maine's community colleges. I can think of no one better to serve as commencement speaker during our 50th anniversary year."

EMCC was founded in 1966 as Eastern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, originally serving just 60 students. Now in its 50th year of operation, the college enrolls more than 2,700 students each year in more than 30 one- and two-year academic programs.

Collins toured EMCC in April 2015 and met with a dozen students training for new careers after having been laid off from the Verso Paper mill in Bucksport.

First elected in 1996, Collins has been recognized by Elle magazine as one of the most powerful women in Washington. Her record demonstrates accomplishments in homeland security, national defense, disaster response, education, business development, health care and issues of interest to our nation's seniors.

In the Senate, Collins has been an advocate for education and supported efforts to help make postsecondary education more accessible and affordable for all families, regardless of income. As a member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, Collins continues to lead efforts to increase funding for Pell Grants and the federal TRIO programs. During her entire time in the Senate, Collins never has missed a roll-call vote, casting more than 6,000 consecutive votes.

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