

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENTS

University of Maine at Farmington

FARMINGTON — Alan Shaw Taylor, one of the nation's premier historians and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, will be the 2016 Commencement speaker at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 14, at University of Maine at Farmington, behind the Olsen Student Center. He also will receive an honorary degree.

A historian, scholar, educator, author and Maine native, Taylor is only the fourth person to win two Pulitzer Prizes for American history since the establishment of the award in 1917. A notable expert on Colonial America, the revolution and the early American republic, he is known for finding new stories in history and looking at them in ways that other historians might not, according to historians in Maine.

Born in Portland, Taylor is a Bonny Eagle High School and Colby College graduate, who returns often to Maine. His first book, in 1990, "Liberty Men and Great Proprietors: The Revolutionary Settlement on the Maine Frontier, 1760-1820," focused on Maine's early settlement, before statehood. Just six years later, he received his first Pulitzer Prize in American history for "William Cooper's Town: Power and Persuasion on the Frontier of the Early Republic." It was also awarded the Bancroft and Beveridge prizes.

In 2014, he received a second Pulitzer Prize for "The Internal Enemy: Slavery and War in Virginia, 1772-1832," a book about runaway slaves who helped the British military. According to the Pulitzer committee's citation, Taylor's book is "a meticulous and insightful account of why runaway slaves in the colonial era were drawn to the British side as potential liberators." It also won the Merle Curti Prize for Social History and was a finalist for the National Book Award.

Taylor has taught in the history departments at Boston University and the University of California at Davis, where he was the faculty adviser for the California State Social Science and History Project that provides curriculum support and professional development for K-12 teachers in history and social studies. He teaches in the Corcoran history department of the University of Virginia where he holds the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Chair.

In addition to his two Pulitzer Prize-winning publications, Taylor's other writings have won the 2001 Gold Medal for Non-Fiction from the Commonwealth Club of California, the 2007 Society for Historians of the Early Republic book prize and the 2004-7 Society of the Cincinnati triennial book prize. "The Civil War of 1812" won the Empire State History Prize and was a finalist for the George Washington Prize. He has published seven books, with the eighth to be published in fall 2016.

Graduating senior Emily Rumble from York will give the student address. A stand-

out student, Rumble is a George Mitchell Scholar and honors student graduating cum laude with a major in secondary education. During her time at UMF, she has been active in the UMF George Mitchell Scholars Club and Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society. She worked as the student campus photographer for four years and participated in multiple campus community service projects, including Relay for Life and traveling to New Orleans to help with Hurricane Katrina Relief. After graduation her goal is to work as a high school English teacher.

Foster and Joseph McGinn, provost and vice president for academic affairs, will confer degrees to this year's graduates. Marjorie Medd, member of the UMS board of trustees, will deliver greetings to the graduates from the University of Maine System.

The outdoor ceremony is free and open to the public. Guests of graduates also are welcome to watch the ceremony live in C131 in Roberts Learning Center. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held inside the UMF Fitness & Recreation Center. Admission to the indoor ceremony will be limited to those who have received "Fitness and Recreation Center" tickets. During the indoor ceremony, guests can watch the event live in C131 and C23 in Roberts Learning Center and in the classrooms and Bjorn Lobby in the UMF Education Center. The UMF Commencement ceremony will be webcast live at umf.maine.edu and broadcast live on Mount Blue TV community access Channel 11 at mtbluetv.org.

DVDs of the ceremony will be available in early summer for a fee from the UMF Ferro Alumni Center, which can be reached at 778-7090.

Colby College

WATERVILLE — Arianna Huffington, whose Huffington Post website led the way into the digital media age, will deliver the address at Colby College's 195th commencement at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 22, on the Miller Library lawn, weather permitting. She will be awarded an honorary doctor of letters degree at the ceremony.

Huffington oversees what has become the model for digital delivery of global news and information. In addition to supervising an international Pulitzer Prize-winning digital news outlet, Huffington is a commentator, columnist, actor and writer. Her most recent books include the upcoming "The Sleep Revolution: Transforming Your Life One Night at a Time" and "Thrive: The Third Metric to Redefining Success and Creating a Life of Well-Being, Wisdom, and Wonder," which debuted at the top of the New York Times best-seller list.

Members of the Class of 2016, who number approximately 500, came to Colby from 31 states and 31 countries. Two-thirds of the class studied abroad. The majority of graduates have completed internships and



Graduates make their way to their seats during the 150th anniversary year graduation at the University of Maine in Orono in May 2015.

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significant scholarly research.

If it rains, the commencement will be moved to the Alfond Athletic Center, in which case tickets will be required for admission to the gymnasium. For those unable to attend, a live webcast will be available on Colby's website.

Bowdoin College

BRUNSWICK — Bowdoin College will hold its 211th commencement at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 28, outside in front of the Bowdoin College Museum of Art. No tickets are necessary for the outdoor ceremony.

If it's raining, bring an umbrella and other rain gear. In the event of severe weather, the ceremony will be held in the Sidney J. Watson Arena, and audience will be limited.

For family and friends unable to attend, the commencement ceremony will be streamed live. Visit bowdoin.edu/live on the day of the event.

For information, the mobile site and full schedule of events, visit bowdoin.edu/commencement or contact the Events Office at events@bowdoin.edu or 725-3433.

Bates College

LEWISTON — Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, often called "one of the most courageous persons the civil rights movement ever produced," will deliver the Bates College commencement address and receive an honorary degree during 150th commencement exercises at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 29, on the Historic Quad.

Bates also will welcome three honorary degree recipients whose achievements in literature, psychology and higher education have touched the lives of millions worldwide: Lisa Genova '92, neuroscientist and author of the best-selling novel "Still Alice"; Daniel Gilbert, psychologist and author of "Stumbling on Happiness"; and Robert Witt '62, higher education leader who transformed the University of Alabama into one of the country's best public universities.

Bates was founded by abolitionists, was co-educational from its origin, and educated a number of important civil rights leaders, including Benjamin Elijah Mays, Class of 1920, who was president of Morehouse College from 1940 to 1967 and mentor to Martin Luther King Jr.

Commencement concludes the undergraduate careers of the anticipated 470 members of the Bates Class of 2016, representing more than 30 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, and roughly 40 countries.

College of the Atlantic

BAR HARBOR — Author Barry Lopez, a literary advocate for environmental and social justice, will help celebrate College of the Atlantic's 43rd graduating class as the speaker for the school's annual commencement ceremony at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 4, on the North Lawn.

"I could not be more enthusiastic about speaking at the COA commencement," Lopez said in a news release. "Many of the students, and the interdisciplinary educational model of the school, embrace the same ethics and ideals I've been trying to articulate since I began writing nearly 50 years ago."

Lopez is the recipient of numerous literary and cultural awards, including the National Book Award for "Arctic Dreams" and the John Burroughs medal for "Of Wolves and Men." An elected fellow of the Explorers Club, he's a frequent contributor to Harper's, National Geographic, the New York Times and other publications. His most recent works are "Resistance" and "Outside."

Lopez is the co-editor with his wife, Debra Gwartney, of "Home Ground: Language for an American Land-

scape," a work of language, geography, and folklore. He also has kept close association with a diverse community of artists from his days as a landscape photographer. He lives in rural western Oregon.

"Barry Lopez is a writer of extraordinary sensibility -- he tells stories to make landscape felt. It's a huge honor to have him speak at COA this spring," said COA senior Eloise Schultz. "I think that I jumped out of my seat when I first heard he would be the speaker, because I've never traveled without one of his books since reading 'Winter Count' in my human ecology core course."

Graduation activities begin Friday, June 3, with student project presentations in Gates Community Center and senior work exhibitions around campus, followed by the Laurel Ceremony and parent reception in the evening.

Degree candidates will be led to the lawn by bagpipers and a grand marshal. As degrees are conferred, students announce a fellow graduate's name and present him or her with a flower. The ceremony is followed by a reception in the Newlin Gardens.

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