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Dear Students and Alumni,

USM is going through its own “consolidation” to become more efficient and hopefully to increase interdisciplinary offerings for students.

The College of Education and Human Development has become the School of Education and Human Development in a “Purple College” (temporary name) which will include the Schools of Business, Social Work and the Muskie School of Public Service. A Dean and staff, reducing the prior costs of four Deans’ Offices, will lead this conglomerate.

A “Director” will coordinate each constituent school. Cathie Fallona, Associate Professor of Teacher Education, is currently serving as of Director of SEHD.

We are planning for this Purple College affiliation to have benefits for Educational Leadership Students.

First, we will be able to cross-list the Business, Public Service and Social Work courses that may serve as attractive electives for Certificate of Advanced Study and Professional Educator Degree students.

Second, we are exploring the offering of a Masters in the Management of Non-Profit Organizations. This may fit the needs of professionals in education-related fields.

Third, we will explore launching a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership Studies. EDL graduates and students at USM have frequently requested a doctoral option. This initiative would be a combined effort of the Schools in the new College.

Please let me know at if any of these expanded opportunities interest you.

Have a great year! All best wishes,

Tom Edwards
tedwards@usm.maine.edu

Please email me or Joline Spence, joline.spence@maine.edu, questions, notes you might like to post to colleagues and news!
Ray has worked as a principal for two years at Freeport Middle School. He used to teach in Sanford and was also an assistant principal. He feels it is a big change to leave the classroom but it is still rewarding. You are still interacting with kids in a new way.

It has been a great opportunity to lead the school in a positive direction. The challenges include learning a new school and a new culture. Working with a great staff has made life easier.

Ray feels that individuals who leave the Professional Education Leadership program at USM and enter the profession of education are well prepared for being a principal. It is a great program, where you will meet many great contacts for life.

The biggest part of the Professional Educational Leadership program is that it is relevant to the education issues in Maine. The practicum with administration is geared towards real life experiences. I was ready to be a principal after graduating. The professors have stayed in contact and remain a support for me.

Ray thinks it is a great idea to take advantage of getting to know the professors and other students in the program. He feels one should stay in touch with the professors and other students who were also in the program. He continues to stay in touch with them.

"Ray Grogan is wonderfully positive and personal. He breeds confidence that together students, teachers and families will achieve great learning!" ~ Tom Edwards

Jody Capelluti is a Professor of Educational Leadership whose current teaching responsibilities include Organizational Behavior, Seminar in School Management and the Administrative Internships. Prior to coming to USM he held a number of positions including teacher, Principal of a National School of Excellence, Director of Special Services, Director of Curriculum, Director of Alternative Programs, and Planning Associate at the Department of Education.

As a scholar he has co-authored four books and written approximately fifty articles and chapters in the areas of middle level education, school change and principal leadership. He is a consultant to schools in the areas of staff assessment and evaluation, organizational development, principal mentoring and school change initiatives. He currently works as a coach to administrators in schools that have been identified as low performing.
Program Updates

Certificate Programs: Assistant Principal, Athletic Administration

Assistant Principal: Our next Assistant Principal course at the Lewiston/Auburn campus is EDU 671: Organizational Behavior. Our Summer 2011 course will be EDU 678: School Law, and our Fall 2011 course will be EDU 679: Evaluation & Supervision of School Personnel.

Athletic Administration: We are offering EDU 690: Athletic Administration in the Spring 2011 semester, and EDU 691: Sports Law in the Summer 2011.

Master’s Programs: School Administration, Spec. Ed. Administration

Special Education Administration: We are offering SED 618: Prog. For Learners with Special Needs and SED 682: Special Education Law in the Spring 2011 semester. These courses are both fully online. SED 684: Administration in Special Education is tentatively schedule for the Summer 2011 semester.

Internships: If you believe that you are ready to start your year-long internship in principalship, curriculum coordination, or special education administration that begins this Summer 2011 semester, please contact the office at ped@usm.maine.edu by December 1, 2010, so we can add you to the list and check your eligibility.

Post-master’s (C.A.S.) Programs

We strongly suggest that all post-master’s (CAS) students schedule a time to meet with their advisors this semester to plan out their program of study.

Capstone: If you believe that you are ready to start your capstone project this Spring 2011 semester, please contact the office at ped@usm.maine.edu, so we can send you the proposal form.

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I’ve heard that there are two types of graduate certificate programs. Can you explain the difference?

The Educational Leadership Program does have two types of “certificate” programs, but they are vastly different. Let us explain.

Our Certificates of Graduate Study requires a short series of courses in a specific area of expertise. Educational Leadership has a Certificate of Graduate Study in Assistant Principal, which requires four courses: EDU 670: Introduction to Leadership, EDU 671: Organizational Behavior, EDU 678: School Law, and EDU 679: Evaluation and Supervision of School Personnel. We also offer a Certificate of Graduate Study in Athletic Administration. This certificate requires all four courses in the Assistant Principal Certificate, plus EDU 690: Introduction to Athletic Administration and EDU 691: Sports Law. Our Certificate of Graduate Study programs are not degree programs, and students enrolled are not considered matriculated. For application information and requirements, please visit our website.

Our Certificate of Advanced Study program is also known as the “C.A.S.” program. The C.A.S. is a 30 graduate credit post-master’s degree program for students who wish to earn a degree higher than their master’s, but not quite at the doctoral level. Our C.A.S. program is a degree program, and students enrolled are considered matriculated. For application information and requirements, please visit our website.

Can you explain the difference between a Capstone and an Internship?

A capstone course entails a project that a student proposes to their instructor and receives approval for. The student works on the project over the course of one or two semesters, depending on the nature of the work and the amount of credits sought. The project is completed independently and presented to the instructor for a final grade. The capstone course should be the last course that the student takes in their program of study. The following programs require a capstone course: Professional Educator master’s and Educational Leadership C.A.S.. Students in the C.A.S. program do have the option of taking one of our internships as their capstone. For more information about our capstone, including the proposal form, please visit our website.

The Educational Leadership program has internship options in several areas: principalship, special education administration, and curriculum coordination. Our internships are 9 credits and require a year-long experience that begin in the summer semester and continue through the fall and spring semesters. The internship should be the last course that the student takes in their program of study. The following program requires an internship: Educational Leadership master’s program. Students matriculated in our C.A.S. program have an option of doing an internship as their capstone requirement and can take an internship in superintendency, if they are already certified by the state as administrators. For more information about our internships, please visit our website.

http://www.usm.maine.edu/cehd/Educational-Leadership/index.htm
2011 Academic Calendar

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Notes of Interest

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Did you know….?

Did you know that, as a student, you can get great deals and discounts on your personal computer and software needs if you purchase items through USM's Campus Computer Store? You can drop by to see them in Room 144, Luther Bonney Hall on the Portland campus or call them at 207-780-4164.

Need Advising?

Students are strongly encouraged to set-up appointments with their advisor at least once during the academic year. Please note that faculty are generally not available for advising in the summer. If you are not sure who your advisor is, please refer to your MaineStreet account or your acceptance letter. Use our Faculty Directory listing on page 4 of this newsletter to find your advisor's contact information.

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