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Important Dates

- Nov. 21: Thanksgiving Vacation begins
- Nov. 26: Classes re-sume
- Dec. 14: Last day of classes

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Letter from the Department Chair



From the Chair:

For nearly 50 years the Educational Leadership Program has facilitated the career goals of educational professionals who aspire to become Principals, Superintendents of Schools, Directors of Special Education and Directors of Curriculum. As one of two campuses in the University system authorized to provide state approved graduate programs leading directly to certification in these areas, the program has been providing schools in central, southern, western and coastal Maine with a highly skilled talent pool to lead their schools and districts.

Administrators who have graduated from our program lead 75% of the schools in southern and central Maine. This percentage also is reflected in leadership in the central offices of those districts as well. From the late 1980's to 2011 we also provided nearly 200 educators in Aroostook County with masters and CAS degrees leading to certification in the above areas or professional educator degrees. Similarly, 75% of the leaders in schools and central offices in the county are graduates of our program.

Educational Leadership also offers a master of science in education degree designed for teachers who want to focus on classroom teaching and learning and pursue a program of study that best fits their particular interests and needs. The Professional Educator Program is a cross-department program that allows students to choose from multiple academic offerings that focus on teaching, learning, and assessment.

This semester we initiated a PHD program in collaboration with the Muskie School of Public Service. This program was the result the Educational Leadership Advisory Committee who made a strong and convincing case to the President, Dean and faculty of the need for such a program. They argued successfully that because of the outstanding reputation the Educational Leadership program holds in the community, finding a highly qualified cohort of educational leaders in Southern Maine would not be an issue. An initial cohort class of 22 practicing educational leaders has begun a three-year program jointly taught by the faculties of both departments. It is because of our strong and mutually respectful relationships with the schools that this occurred.

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In terms of community service The Southern Maine Partnership is school-university collaborative that has linked the schools and university since 1985. The Partnership's major goal is to create and sustain a culture of educator development in the Southern Maine Region.

Partnership activities include:

- Superintendent Meetings and Seminars
- Principal Meetings and Seminars
- The Curriculum Coordinators Think Tank
- Topical Symposia
- Dine and Discuss evenings
- On site presentations and consultations
- College readiness research and practice
- Professional Learning opportunities
- Cohort Based Masters and CAS Programs (Leadership for Tomorrow's Schools and Professional Educator Cohorts)

As ambassadors of USM at the regional and state level, Educational Leadership faculty serve a unique role in student recruitment and the enhancement of USM's reputation. Working in continued collaboration with the leaders of school districts, Professional Associations and practicing teachers, we are poised to begin another 50 years of providing quality graduate programs for educators in Maine

Jody Capelluti,
Chair, Educational Leadership Department

Please feel free to email me at jodyc@usm.maine.edu or call me at home at 774-3827.

Meet the Staff: Jennifer Rock, Graduate Assistant



I am working as a graduate assistant for the Education Leadership Department. I help out by editing the newsletters and an exciting manuscript Jody Capelluti is working on. I am very excited to have the opportunity be part of the Education Leadership team and to see the new ideas coming out of the department each month!

When not at work, I am taking classes toward completing my masters in mental health counseling. I am looking forward to returning to the mental health field after completing my degree. My goal is to practice counseling with at-risk urban youth, a population I spent 10 months serving in Chicago before coming to USM to do my masters.

My other hobbies include reading, trying new recipes, my three cats, and going to the beach. I am looking forward to meeting and working with the Education Leadership Department faculty, students and staff this coming year!

Alumni Spotlight:

Congratulations to our Alumni on their new positions!

Greg Applestein, Assistant Principal, Ellsworth High School
Russell Barlow, Principal, Franklin School & Merrill Hill School, Auburn
Kimberlee Bennett, Assistant Principal, South Portland High School
Matthew Carlson, Principal, Georgetown Central School
Janet Crawford, Principal, Congin Elementary School, Westbrook
Diane Gagne, Principal, Buxton Center Elementary School
Clay Gleason, Principal, Hollis Elementary School
Jack Hardy, Athletic Administrator, North Yarmouth Academy, Yarmouth
Benjamin Harris, Assistant Principal, Bonny Eagle Middle School, Buxton
Kelly Hasson, Principal, Pond Cove Elementary School, Cape Elizabeth
Vickie Hebert, Assistant Principal, Westbrook Middle School
Holly Johnson, Principal, South Hiram Elementary School
John Jones, Director of Instruction, Baxter School for the Deaf, Falmouth
Ken Marks, Assistant Principal, Greely Middle School, Cumberland
Kelli Marston Assistant Principal, Poland Community School and Whittier, (Bruce M.) Middle School, Poland
Brian Mazjanis, Principal, Saccarappa School, Westbrook
Richard Meyers, Associate Headmaster/Athletic Administrator, Mattanawcook Academy, Lincoln
Douglas Perley, Assistant Principal, Cape Elizabeth Middle School
Cynthia Remick, Principal, Hall (Fred P.) School, Portland
Jonathan Radtke, Assistant Principal, Falmouth Middle School
Todd Sampson, Athletic Administrator, Mt. Ararat High School, Topsham
Tim Stebbins, Assistant Principal, Westbrook High School
Shawn Vincent, Principal, Whittier (Bruce M.) Middle School, Poland
Laurie Wood, Principal, Saco Middle School

If you have a new position and are not listed above, please contact
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**IN MEMORIAM
KENNETH NYE
1942 – 2012**

On October 19, 2012 Ken Nye professor and beloved friend to many at SEHD passed away.

Ken had enjoyed a distinguished career in education. He began as a high school English teacher in Evanston, Ill. He proceeded to serve thirteen years as Assistant Principal (2 years) and as Principal (11) at Mountain Valley High School in Rumford-Mexico, followed by eleven years as principal of Yarmouth High School. In these roles Ken was revered as student-centered, humanistic, quality-seeking, humorous and up-beat. He co-taught a senior English class with Becky Pride for several years and never missed a day! In 1993 Ken was recognized as Maine's Principal-of-the-Year.

Ken then served as an Associate Professor of Education at USM for eleven years. He loved teaching "the rising generation of Maine School leaders". He is remembered by dramatizing the opportunities and qualities of school leaders with enthralling stories and insistent, neighborly Socratic questioning. Partnering with Jody Capelluti, Ken travelled 30,000 miles to offer leadership studies to the educators of Aroostook County. Today, seventy-five percent of Aroostook schools are led by an administrator with a USM degree.

Generations of Ken's students remember the story of Dana, a high school student of Ken's in Evanston. She had written upon his departure to Maine that he had literally saved her life, helping her to overcome an adolescence of neglect and despair. Ken discovered Dana's letter twenty years later in an attic trunk. Happily Ken and Ann Nye were able to locate Dana and visit with her as she lived a fulfilled life in San Diego.

Ken would conclude Dana's story by asking his students, "So I guess you can figure out what I value most in school leadership? Relationships,... relationships,... relationships!" By the last "relationships" Ken's students joined in by chanting "Relationships!"

Ken's family notes that "Ken had an irrepressible love of dogs, and was often seen walking with his dogs, collecting neighboring dogs along the way. He had a unique hobby, crafting lead (later pewter) soldiers, his favorite toys from childhood. His love of gardening, bird-watching, travel, literature, tractors, riddle/joke/storytelling, swimming, sailing, ice cream, musicals, etc., kept him engaged in life to the last."

In 1992 Ken became inspired to write poetry, particularly to express his love for Ann. He published four books of verse, which shine with lively anecdote, natural observation, wit and life's wisdom. Ken's words are as fitting a way to celebrate his life as we can imagine:

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In Memoriam: Kenneth Nye

*If I should die
(and I will some day),
I hope, when it happens,
That I'm still in the game.
When I was a boy I would daydream of being
Carried out on a stretcher while the cheerleaders wept.
And, of course,
I returned to the conflict
to even greater glory.
I can't expect to return to play,
But the game has been such fun,
I won't leave right away.
I'm still here.
You will see me.*

*My life has been a joyful banquet;
Plenty of frosting and cake,
Luscious appetizers and
nourishing and filling main courses.
(Note the order of the servings.)
Many friends at our table to share in the feast,
some still on the guest list,
some having moved on.*

*Where I sat, I am still sitting.
Where I worked, I am still there.
I am with those I love.
I am with my family.
I am with my dog.
I am with my friends.*

*No, I am too much a part of all these things.
If I should die,
(and I will some day)
I won't be far away.
You will see me.*

*- Ken Nye,
Clouds of Glory,
2009*

Spring 2013 Schedule

CRN	COURSE	TITLE	DAY	TIME	ROOM	DATES	FORMAT	CR	SPECIAL DATES
	EDU 600	Research Methods & Techniques				1/14-5/10	ONLINE	3	
	EDU 600	Research Methods & Techniques	W	4:10-6:40	518 GLICK	1/14-5/10	FACE TO FACE	3	
	EDU 600	Research Methods & Techniques	M	4:10-6:40	203 LUTH BONEY	1/14-5/10	FACE TO FACE	3	
	EDU 604	Curriculum Development	M	4:10-6:40	207 BAIL	1/14-5/10	FACE TO FACE	3	
	EDU 605	Teaching, Learning, & Assessment	R	4:10-6:40	518 GLICK	1/14-5/10	BLENDED	3	
	EDU 665	CAS Directed Study		tbd		1/14-5/10			
	EDU 667	Professional Educator Capstone		tbd		1/14-5/10			
	EDU 670	Intro to Educational Leadership	M	4:10-6:40	402 Luther B	1/14-5/10	FACE TO FACE	3	
	EDU 671	Organizational Behavior	T	4:10-6:40	262 Science	1/14-5/10	FACE TO FACE	3	
	EDU 677	Seminar in School Management	W	4:00-6:30		1/14-5/10	FACE TO FACE	3	
	EDU 678	School Law	R	4:10-6:40	LUTH BONEY	1/14-5/10	FACE TO FACE	3	
	EDU 679	Evaluation & Super School Personnel	W	4:10-6:40	BAIL 301 C	1/14-5/10	FACE TO FACE	3	
	EDU 685	Internship in School Administration.	W	7:00-9:30		1/14-5/10		3	
	EDU 685	Internship in School Administration.	W	7:00-9:30		1/14-5/10		3	
	EDU 686	Internship in School Administration.	W	7:00-9:30		1/14-5/10		3	
	EDU 687	Internship in Superintendency	W	7:00-9:30		1/14-5/10		3	
	EDU 688	Internship in Curriculum Administration	W	7:00-9:30		1/14-5/10		3	

***This schedule is tentative and is subject to changes. Please see MaineStreet for changes and updates.**

Notes of Interest

Finish Your CAS and Professional Educator Now and With Help!

We have simplified the process for Certificate of Advanced Study and Professional Educator students to complete their degrees.

We have launched a “Capstone /Directed Study” seminar in which candidates will formulate, carry out and report on their culminating projects with help and guidance.

Assistant Professor Tom Edwards will help you define, set up and register for your capstone or directed study course.

Associate Professor Jeff Beaudry will teach the Capstone/Directed Study seminar during 2012-13.

To take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Tom Edwards at tedwards@usm.maine.edu or at 865-3642 any day up to 9 pm, or Kathie Bickford at kbickford@usm.maine.edu or at 780-5400, from 9:00 a.m-5:30 p.m. weekdays.

Experienced Principals Needed

One of our former students would like your help with her doctoral research. If you are able to be of assistance she will appreciate it.

- Are you a practicing elementary or middle school principal with at least 5 years experience?
- Have you found that dialogue and/or consultation with peers is useful to you in your practice as a school leader?
- Would you be willing to be interviewed about your experiences as a participant in doctoral research exploring peer dialogue as a form of professional development for school leaders?

Participant anonymity is guaranteed and no personally identifiable information will be reported. This research has been approved by my Dissertation Committee and the Institutional Research Board at Lesley University.

For more information about this research, please contact Ayesha Farag-Davis at farag-davis@gmail.com or 617-817-7925.

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