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## *From the Chair*

The season for celebrations of learning is here! From pre-school stages where our children sing to the graduate stages where new doctoral students are draped with ceremonial, colorful hoods, the mission of our educational leadership remains constant. We are here to support and lead high quality learning experiences in PreK-12 as well as college and career readiness programs. Speaking of which, the second cohort of the PhD in Public Policy and Educational Leadership is just completing their first year of courses, now deep into research methods. The next cohort will be three years away but keep it in mind.

The Educational Leadership program graduated over 30 leaders this year. Their efforts and accomplishments were on display at the Educational Leadership Symposium on April 26. There was a wide variety of leadership projects, representing critically important endeavors like restorative justice, data literacy, community building, and STEM curriculum design. We hope to feature these presentations more next year, and will work to provide advance notice of the date.

In case you have not heard, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Educational Leadership Program was a terrific and fun event. Great food, music, David Brancaccio as a guest speaker, and dancing! Our take away from this work is that we enjoyed hanging out with our alumni, of course, and the next step is to strengthen and renew these professional relationships and support our program and USM. Our USM President Glenn Cummings has set a goal for us to increase our alumni connections. "USM is challenging alums to help reach a record-breaking goal of 1,560 alumni donors by June 30, 2017. Alumni gifts of any size will fuel need-based scholarships that support our most powerful cause: USM students."

To this end we encourage you to visit the USM alumni website and support our efforts to grow our university. <http://usm.maine.edu/give-to-usm> If you think of it, 50 for 50 sounds like a starting point for your donation.

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One of the themes for the Southern Maine Partnership is high impact strategies of assessment for learning. I was proud to collaborate with Anita to design, promote and present the second Assessment for Learning and Leading Conference on May 3-4 at the Abromson Center. We were fortunate to bring back our special guests, Jan Chappuis and Rick Stiggins, and Steve Retzlaff and Kathy Holden. For me, the bottom line is, it was an energizing and informative 2 days. We recorded all of the keynote presentations and panel discussions and have handouts from workshops. We are taking this summer to build our SMP website. Thank you to the more than 300 educators who attended! In the survey feedback to the conference this one sums it up well: "It's time for educators and educational systems to take the plunge and make significant changes in our assessment system if we want to improve student learning." Let's continue to do the great work around teaching, learning and assessment in the future!

On a different note, what if we designed a series of graduate courses to support teacher leaders who are seeking to complete the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)? This would consist of a series of courses within the Professional Educator Master's degree, or possibly a separate certificate. We will work with our advisory committee and interested teacher leaders to explore the viability of this work and will update you in the Fall.

Finally, our program is comprised of three full-time faculty members, Jody Capelluti, Anita Stewart McCafferty and Jeff Beaudry, and, of course, our ever-present mentor, Tom Edwards. In addition to the dedication of these individuals we would like to thank all the members of our Educational Leadership Advisory Committee, and our part-time faculty, who are the reasons we can offer such a vital and well-staffed program. Thank you Jo Anne Sizemore, Katie Hawes, Sarah Forster, Ron Robert, Mary Jo Connor, Monique Culbertson, and Patrick Hartnett!

I am writing my final "letter from the Chair" as Anita Stewart McCafferty will be assuming this role in for our Educational Leadership program. I am thrilled to have her expertise and passion for leadership focus on growing our program.

In all we had an amazing, fulfilling and challenging year! Thank you for all you did to join in the fun and hard work! Have a great summer! Stay in touch and see you in the Fall!  
Jeff

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## **Southern Maine Partnership Update:**

### **Assessment Conference:**

Our May 3-4 Assessment FOR Learning & Leading Conference was attended by over 330 educational leaders from across Maine and beyond. The crux of the conference was a focus on using assessment practices well in order to improve student learning not just measure it. We were privileged to have Dr. Rick Stiggins and Jan Chappuis provide keynote addresses and sessions. Additionally, we were fortunate to have varied other assessment experts and practitioners provide sessions and were able to host two panels during the conference with esteemed education and business leaders.

To access AFLL Conference materials, please visit our Educational Leadership web page at: <https://cms.usm.maine.edu/educational-leadership/assessment-learning-leading>

### **SMP Membership:**

Thank you to our 30+ district members for partnering with us to provide role alike meetings for principals/assistant principals, district leaders, and teacher leaders; dine and discuss events on timely topics; conferences; and support to district/building leaders. It is through the partnership of member districts, the USM Ed Leadership Program, state education organizations such as the MPA, MSMA, and the DOE, as well as businesses that we are able to provide Southern Maine Partnership events and services. We sincerely thank each of our members and encourage all districts to become members for the upcoming school year. Invoices will be sent out in the near future.

### **2017-18 Offerings:**

SMP will be meeting with our Advisory Board during June to discuss programs and offerings for next year. We would love your feedback about what you would like to see for topics, readings, meeting formats, etc. Please feel free to contact Jeff, Jody, or Anita with your ideas.

Anita Stewart McCafferty

Assistant Professor, Co-Director Southern Maine Partnership, School of Education and Human Development, Educational Leadership Program



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## SOCIAL MEDIA OR SOCIAL LIFE?

Technology can work wonders in keeping principals in touch with stakeholders. But too much of a good thing can overwhelm even the most tech-savvy leader.

To learn more about Anita and Jody's research read their article in the May/June 2017 issue of *Principal*, the award-winning publication of the National Association of Elementary School Principals

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## Educational Leadership Program - Fall 2017

(The schedule below is subject to change; be sure to check MaineStreet.)

Location	COURSE	TITLE/ INSTRUCTOR	Days	Times	Instructor
Portland	EDU 600	Research Methods & Techniques	Tu	4:10-6:40P	Beaudry
Blended	EDU 600	Research Methods & Techniques On-campus dates are 8/31; 9/14;10/5,26; 11/216 & 12/7.	Th	4:10-6:40P	Beaudry
Online	EDU 600	Research Methods & Techniques			Madden
Online	EDU 600	Research Methods & Techniques			Cohen
Portland	EDU 604	Curriculum Development	Tu	4:10-6:40P	Culbertson
Portland	EDU 659	Special Ed Law for School Leaders	Th	4:10-6:40P	Roberts
Portland	EDU 665	CAS Directed Study			Beaudry
Portland	EDU 667	Professional Ed Capstone (with EDU 699)			Beaudry
Portland	EDU 670	Introduction to Educational Leadership	M	4:10-6:40P	Stewart McCafferty
Portland	EDU 671	Organizational Behavior	Tu	4:10-6:40P	Sizemore
P-Other	EDU 677	Seminar in School Management **	W	4:00-6:30P	Capelluti
P-Other	EDU 685	Internship in School Admin ** Mandatory orientation to be held Monday, April 24, 4:00-6:30P	W	7:00-9:30P	Capelluti
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P-Other	EDU 686	Internship in Special Ed Administration Mandatory orientation to be held Monday, April 24, 4-6:30 PM.	W	7:00-9:30P	Capelluti
P-Other	EDU 687	Internship in Superintendency ** Mandatory orientation to be held Monday, April 24, 4:00-6:30P	W	7:00-9:30P	Capelluti
P-Other	EDU 688	Internship in Curriculum Admin ** Mandatory orientation to be held Monday, April 24, 4:00-6:30P	W	7:00-9:30P	Capelluti
Portland	EDU 699	Independent Study (combined with EDU 667)			Beaudy

\*\*Instructor permission required; the program will register students & confirm via email.

If you have questions, contact Kerry Bertalan.

For LTS-Scarborough cohort students only:

P-Other	EDU 670	Intro to Ed Leadership	Tu	4:00-6:30P	Edwards
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