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October, 2015



From the Chair

Greetings

Hello all, it is October already, the school year began over a month ago. The news from the USM Educational Leadership program is very positive:

- Program enrollment is very good for the Educational Leadership programs
- Plans and dates for a Teacher Leadership cohort are being announced
- Plans for an international high school at USM were announced by President Glenn Cummings
- Over 70% of students in the Educational Policy doctoral program graduated; and we hope to have finalized plans for our next cohort by mid-November
- Our part-time instructors are making valuable contributions to the success of our program
- The Southern Maine Partnership is off to another great beginning we just had an excellent discussion about social media and leadership at our monthly principal's meeting led by Anita Stewart McCafferty and Jody Capelluti. The partnership will be co-directed by Anita Stewart McCafferty and me this year.

An excerpt from the President's recent missive to the USM community about the international high school:

"This week we have received news that our steps to begin an international high school within USM have been initially approved by NEASC. We are developing an MOU with the Portland-based Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) to help bring students to us as early as next fall. The school will need to be financially self-supporting and any hiring of staff will be contingent upon committed students in attendance. Former chief of staff Adam Tuchinsky will be joining Governor LePage and several other dignitaries on a trip to China later this month where he will be building relationships to help recruit future students for the high school. More details to follow.

As the year develops I'll focus on topics and issues around high impact instructional leadership as they emerge. I am looking forward to an energetic and insightful year. I hope to see you at one of our SMP events or in the USM Portland neighborhood.

Jeff Beaudry @BeaudryJeff #SMPmechat

USM Professional Educator Program

The USM Professional Educator Program is a master of science in education degree. This 33-credit hour program is designed for educators in a variety of settings who want to increase their knowledge, deepen their practice, and develop leadership in curriculum, instruction and assessment through disciplined graduate study.

The Teacher Leadership Cohort is designed for teams of teachers from school systems who want to integrate their graduate study with important work in their school systems. A unique feature of the program is that students will take all their courses together. Embedded in all courses will be assignments relevant to the work of their schools.

Students will be expected to complete a 6-credit hour capstone experience as part of their graduate study. The capstone will focus on an educational issue of importance to the school/district and students will be expected to assume a leadership role in addressing that issue.

Students must be recommended by their school administrators to be considered for inclusion in the cohort. Applications received prior to November 1, 2015 will receive priority consideration.

Tentative course schedule:

Spring 2016-EDU 671 (Organizational Behavior)
Summer 2016-EDU 603 (Analysis of Teaching and Assessment) Blended format
Fall 2016-EDU679 (Evaluation and Supervision of Personnel)
Spring 2017-EDU 604 (Curriculum Development)
Summer 2017-EDU 695 (Topics in Professional Education)
Fall 2017-EDU 605 (Teaching, Learning and Assessment) Blended format
Spring 2018-EDU 600 (Research Methods and Techniques) Blended format
Summer 2018-EDU 699 (Independent Study-Teacher Leadership)
Summer 2018-EDU 699 (Independent Study-Mentoring and Coaching)
Fall 2018/Spring 2019- EDU 667 (Professional Educator Capstone)

For additional information contact:

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SOUTHERN MAINE PARTNERSHIP

Southern Maine Partnership is off to a great start! Already this school year, we have offered the following regional professional development and networking opportunities:

- an 18-hour Mentor Training,
- a well-attended Next Steps Rubric Dine and Discuss event,
- a Leaders Accreditation Breakfast with special guests from NEASC,
- an energetic Teacher/Instructional Leader session on Feedback/forward,
- a Principals/Building Leader meeting focused on communicating effectively with stakeholders using social media and other technology tools, and
- an Instructional Rounds Dine and Discuss event and a Leaders follow-up session with national training experts facilitating the two events.

In the past month, SMP has hosted well over 250 educational leaders from the region, joining us from over 40 districts, as well as from the MPA, MSMA, DOE, NEASC, and CEPARE.

We are excited about our robust offerings for this 2015-16 year and hope you are as well!

We urge districts/organizations to support the collaborative work of Southern Maine Partnership by completing a membership application using the link below -the SMP annual membership fee is \$500 per district/organization (a tremendous deal!).

 $\underline{https://docs.google.com/a/maine.edu/forms/d/1BYEKvoj5FgLToWoF53S1sHsSjGpo2x1S29ZJfTZmWnM/viewform}$

For more information about Southern Maine Partnership, please contact either Anita Stewart McCafferty at anita.stewart@maine.edu or Jeff Beaudry at jeffrey.beaudry@maine.edu. We also encourage you to join SMP conversations on Twitter by using #smpmechat or #assessmentliteracy.

Educational Leadership Program - Spring 2016

(The schedule below is subject to change; be sure to check MaineStreet after October 30.)

Location	COURSE	TITLE/ INSTRUCTOR	Days	Times	Instructor
Online	EDU 600	Research Methods & Techniques	Jujo		Beaudry
Portland	EDU 600	Research Methods & Techniques	Th	4:10-6:40P	Beaudry
Gorham	EDU 600	Research Methods & Techniques	W	4:10-6:40P	Mills
Portland	EDU 603	Analysis of Teaching & Assessment	W	4:10-6:40P	Stewart McCafferty
Portland	EDU 659	Special Ed Law for School Leaders	Т	4:10-6:40P	TBD
Portland	EDU 604	Curriculum Development	Т	4:10-6:40P	Culbertson
Portland	EDU 667	Professional Ed Capstone(with EDU 699) **			Beaudry
Gorham	EDU 670	Introduction to Educational Leadership	М	4:10-6:40P	O'Connor
Portland	EDU 671	Organizational Behavior	М	4:10-6:40P	Sizemore
P-Other	EDU 677	Seminar in School Management **	W	4:00-6:30P	Capelluti
Portland	EDU 678	School Law	Th	4:10-6:40P	Forster
Portland	EDU 679	Eval & Supervision of School Personnel	Th	4:10-6:40P	Stewart McCafferty
P-Other	EDU 685	Internship in School Admin **	W	7:00-9:30P	Stewart McCafferty
P-Other	EDU 685	Internship in School Admin **	W	7:00-9:30P	Capelluti
P-Other	EDU 685	Internship in School Admin **	W	7:00-9:30P	Capelluti
P-Other	EDU 685	Internship in School Admin **	W	7:00-9:30P	Edwards
P-Other	EDU 686	Internship in Special Educ Admin **	W	7:00-9:30P	Capelluti
P-Other	EDU 687	Internship in Superintendency **	W	7:00-9:30P	Capelluti
P-Other	EDU 688	Internship in Curriculum Admin **	W	7:00-9:30P	Capelluti
Portland	EDU 699	Independent Study (with EDU 667)**			Beaudry

^{**}Instructor permission required; program staff will register students & confirm via email.

If you have questions, contact Kerry Bertalan at 780-5316

Dates to Remember:

October 30, 2015: Spring 2016 Schedule available for viewing in MaineStreet.

November 9, 2015: Advance registration for matriculated graduate students begins at 6 A.M.

November 11, 2015: No Classes/Veteran's Day

November 23 (8 AM): Open registration for all students begin.

November 25- 29: Thanksgiving Recess

January 19, 2016: Spring Semester begins

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