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Chief of Police Kevin J. Conger Urges All to Sign Up for USM Alert

It is never too early to sign up for [USM Alert](#), our emergency notification system. USM Alert will let you know if there is a campus emergency, storm closing, parking ban, or other dangerous incident. Once registered, you will receive cell phone text messages alerting you to the emergency and directing you to the USM website or emergency phone line recording for updated and more complete information. You can choose to receive LAC and/or Portland/Gorham alerts.

If it has been more than three years since you signed up, your USM Alert service is expired and you'll have to renew.

If you have difficulty completing your registration please contact USM Public Safety at 780-5211.

New faculty and staff should become acquainted with the locations of [USM's Public Safety](#) offices in the Sullivan Gym, Portland and 28 Husky Drive, Gorham.

I am pleased to let you know that you may now park in any Portland campus surface lot with a valid USM permit after 4:30 p.m. Overnight parking remains prohibited on the Portland campus surface lots. See our [Parking, Transportation and Pedestrian Guidelines](#) for more information, or contact the Parking and Transportation Office at 780-4718 during normal business hours, or Public Safety Dispatch at 780-5211 at any time.

Please remember to not leave valuables unattended, and to secure them whenever possible. Call Public Safety Dispatch at 780-5211 to report a crime or notify us about your safety, security and parking concerns. LAC staff, please call 911 to report emergency situations on your campus.

Have a safe and pleasant fall semester!

Chief of Police Kevin J. Conger

Susan Mc Williams to Direct Office of Engaged Learning The Office of Engaged Learning provides support for students, faculty, staff, community partners and employers for a range of engaged learning experiences, including service learning, volunteer activities, and academic internships.

With the retirement of Executive Director of Engaged Learning Joe Austin, Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Programs Susan McWilliams will direct the Office of Engaged Learning. Susan will continue to provide oversight of Core Curriculum development and assessment, and to lead the High Impact Practices activities under USM's Title III grant.

Susan will bring leadership to Engaged Learning at a time when the work that we do around engaged and service learning, and our support of those faculty and staff already involved in these efforts, will be even more important to USM's success.

Visit the [Office of Engaged Learning](#) portal and learn about their services for students, community partners, and faculty and staff. Share this portal with students looking for internships or service learning opportunities and with business people who need interns and volunteers. Feel free to reach out to the Office of Engaged Learning with your questions or ideas for engaged learning at USM.

The Portland Press Herald's "Off Campus" Column Two years ago, the Portland Press Herald approached the Office of Public Affairs with the idea of a regular column dedicated to the ideas of USM's faculty, staff and administration. Over this time, dozens of you have had your ideas published in the paper, including "[USM will survive and prosper by becoming a 'metropolitan' university](#)," a co-authored column by President Flanagan and Provost McDonnell, which appeared on Monday, September 8.

Today, the paper published CAHS Dean Manuel Avalos' column, "[Let USM's mission always be the transformative power of education](#)."

If you would like to write a 750-word "Off Campus" column, contact [Judie O'Malley](#) at 780-4200 for the guidelines.

Unum Scholars Program Pays and Mentors USM Students Unum is hiring USM students to work in a new Unum Scholars program. Students are hired to work part time as client data specialists with a specially-created team that is supported by mentors.

The company was so impressed by the first 12 students hired they came back to USM for 20 more! Visit the [College of Management and Human Service](#) to read more about this exciting opportunity for our students and learn what they think about their work at Unum.

USM Loses a Friend We were sorry to hear of the passing of songwriter, record producer and School of Music supporter Bob Crewe, who discovered and co-wrote songs for The Four Seasons, including many hits that led to his inclusion in the Songwriter's Hall of Fame.

Read about his amazing career in the September 11 [Portland Press Herald](#).

He and his brother, Dan Crewe of Cumberland, established the Bob Crewe Foundation in 2009, which has offered tremendous scholarship support to the USM School of Music. Their philanthropy has had a deep and lasting impact, helping our talented young musicians' dreams come true. [USM's School of Music Scholarship Fund](#) is among the organizations listed where donations can be made in Bob Crewe's name.

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