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USM Short Takes

- Over 100 attended USM’s annual International and Multicultural Student Reception. President Flanagan welcomed the students at the event which was cosponsored by the World Affairs Council of Maine and USM Multicultural Student Affairs.
- Last Friday, we celebrated the one-year anniversary of USM’s Confucius Institute with an event in the Brooks Student Center.
- On Saturday, USM Athletics inducted seven athletes into the Husky Hall of Fame and presented Dr. Michael “Micky” Collins the Richard A. Costello Special Achievement Award.
- “USM in the News” is back! After a long hiatus, we are compiling electronic news clips for your convenience. Don’t miss reading any of the 25 stories posted today on our blog. These are a selection of stories from the summer and we hope to bring you "USM in the News" on a more timely, monthly basis.

Lenny Shedletsky and Jeff Beaudry Offering Online Workshop

Professors Beaudry and Shedletsky will offer an online workshop/seminar on visual literacy for faculty throughout the University of Maine System on Wednesday, October 15. Several authors of chapters in “Cases on Teaching Critical Thinking through Visual Representation Strategies,” edited by Lenny and Jeff, will participate remotely using Adobe Connect. The workshop/seminar will introduce faculty to visual literacy and concept mapping. Participants will collaborate all winter, developing classroom applications, and will reconvene online on April 6, 2015 to share insights.

All are welcome to register for the webinar, but the first 20 to sign up will receive a free license to mapping software and will be active participants in the seminar.

To register, please email Lenny stating whether you would like to be an active member or you would prefer to simply observe.

Department of Education Grant Awarded to Charles Bernacchio

Congratulations to Associate Professor of Counselor Education Charles Bernacchio, who was recently notified through Congresswoman Chellie Pingree’s office that he received a $93,623 Department of Education grant for his proposal, “Long Term Training in Rural Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling (VRC).” Well done!

Classified Staff Senate Scholarships Announced

All Senates Endorse Additional Career Workshops

The Classified Staff Senate is announcing a new scholarship opportunity. For complete information, visit the Scholarships link on the Senate’s CMS page.
Applications will be considered for up to $200 toward Professional and Continuing Education courses; $200 to the USM Bookstore; or $200 for general expenses related to a USM class.

Faculty and supervisors are asked to encouraged classified staff to apply. Visit Classified Staff Senate to learn how to join CSS.

Don’t forget the USM Employee Career Workshops begin tomorrow, September 30 at LAC.

Finally, two more workshops presented by private firms are being offered.

Barbara Babkirk from Heart at Work Associates and a member of USM’s Board of Visitors, will present a workshop on "Career Transition" from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 16. Locations are Room 133, Wishcampter Center; Room 215 Baily Hall; and Room 104, LAC.

Natalie Jones from Drake Inglesi Milardo, Inc., a USM Corporate Partner, will present from 9-11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, October 14. Locations to be determined. Look for updated information in future issues of Currents.

**WMPG Enters Morning News Market**

On Monday, October 6, WMPG FM, USM’s community radio station, will being airing daily morning news Monday through Friday. Volunteer news anchors will present news breaks at 7 and 8 a.m. each day within existing morning music programs. The breaks will include national and international headlines from Feature Story News; state and local headlines written and ready by the anchors; and original reports created by WMPG’s volunteer reporters.

Tune in at 90.9 or 104.1 FM or stream live at wmpg.org.