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USM Short Takes

- Don't miss reading any of the 23 (Yes, 23!) additions made to the [USM in the News](#) blog on October 10. To view all of the September 1-15 posts, click on the << Older Entries button on the bottom left side of the page.
- Dean Jay Graves addressed our Corporate Partners breakfast on Thursday, October 9. During his remarks, he explained how CSH continues to position itself as a resource for the communities we serve, while remaining accessible and affordable for students. He also spoke about how STEM and the Humanities work in harmony in our cyber security program.
- USM Marketing welcomed over 20 people to its first [Marketing Workshop](#) on The Value of Branding at USM. Marketing's next presentation will be held from 12-1 p.m., Thursday, October 16, in 419/427, Wishcamper Center, Portland. This workshop will explain how to access and use the template system for business cards and letterhead.

Writing Group During the academic year, the Faculty Commons, in collaboration with Office of Research Development and Administration, will be offering a [Writing Group](#) for faculty and staff who are interested in meeting together to discuss writing goals and share their progress on meeting these goals. Participants will meet monthly to discuss their projects, troubleshoot obstacles, and celebrate successes. The Fall 2014 kick-off meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, from 12-1 p.m. in the Faculty Commons, 312, Glickman Library, Portland.

Regular meetings held from 12-1 p.m. in the Faculty Commons on the third Tuesday of each month (October 21, November 18, December 16, January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, and May 19). Professor Samantha Langley-Turnbaugh will facilitate the group.

Green Zone & Safe Zone Workshops Help Us Better Serve Students USM Veterans Services will offer [USM's Green Zone: Staff & Faculty Military Awareness Training](#) three times this semester. The program is designed to help us become familiar with the challenges service

members face and the resources that may be needed to ensure their success at USM.

All sessions will be held from 2-4 p.m. in Room 43, Payson Smith Hall, Portland on:

- Thursday, October 23
- Thursday, November 20, and
- Tuesday, December 9

Email [Veterans Services](#) to reserve your slot. All who complete training will receive a Green Zone decal for your office door identifying you as military friendly.

Since 1996, the [USM Safe Zone Project](#) has provided basic professional development regarding sexual orientation, gender identity, and the LGBTQA community. Safe Zone decals on campus identify members of the USM community who attended training and are committed to making USM safer and more welcoming for everyone.

Training sessions will be held:

- Tuesday, October 21, from 7:30-8:45 p.m., in the Center for Sexualities and Gender Diversity, Woodbury Campus Center, Portland.
- Wednesday, October 22, from 3-4:30 p.m., in the Upton Conference Room, Upton Hall, Gorham.
- Thursday, October 30, 2-3:30 p.m., Student Life Conference Room, Woodbury Campus Center, Portland.

RSVP to [Sarah Holmes](#) at 780-5767. Sessions with fewer than five registrants may be rescheduled.

Internal Grant Opportunities Call for Proposals With financial support from the Maine Economic Improvement Fund (MEIF), the Office of Research Administration and Development is announcing the availability of funds to support research activities that are central to USMs mission as a Metropolitan University. All USM tenure-track and tenured faculty or full-time, non-tenure track research professors from all colleges are eligible to apply.

Information on the competition including deadlines, eligibility and application instructions can be viewed and downloaded from USMs new [Internal Funding Competition Portal](#) where you must register in order to apply.

Please direct questions to [Dr. Samantha Langley-Turnbaugh](#), 780-5084, or [Dr. Terry Shehata](#), 228-8239.

Questions about using the Internal Funding Competition Portal should be directed to [Lynne Capitan](#) at 228-8040.

Get Out and Vote on November 4 There are several competitive races and ballot questions in this off-year election that will bring Maine voters to the polls this November. But, there is only one that directly impacts the University of Maine System.

[Question 2](#) would authorize an \$8 million bond for Cooperative Extension to build a new plant and animal research facility allowing researchers to identify public health threats from pests like ticks and bed bugs, help protect Maine families from food borne illness such as Salmonella, and provide critical research support to Maines agriculture. This lab would be housed at the University of Maine.

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