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Senator King Visits USM Cyber Security Lab Senator Angus King visited USM's Cyber Security Lab last Friday, November 21, during which time he received a lesson from our students about what not to do on his laptop while using free WiFi in a coffee shop.

After the tour and demonstrations, he presented President David Flanagan with a letter from the National Security Agency and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security naming the University of Maine System a Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education. This designation recognizes the capacity and curriculum that our universities have developed to help address the critical national shortage of professionals with the skills needed to help defend our national information infrastructure. Faculty from Fort Kent to USM collaborated on program development leading to this recognition.

Saying, "The next Pearl Harbor will be cyber," Senator King also asked the students present who among them received laptops from the [Maine Learning Technology Initiative](#) developed while he was Maine's governor. The hands of most of the students went up.

Congratulations to everyone in the UMaine System who worked to make this designation a reality.

Metropolitan University Convocation Slated for 12/4 & 5 Don't miss President Flanagan's invitation, sent out earlier today, to "[Learning and Thriving Together Through Community Engagement](#)," with special guest Dr. Barbara Holland. Holland is a founder of the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities, and will meet with students, faculty, staff, and the greater community in sessions slated for Thursday and Friday, December 4 and 5.

View the [event flyer](#) for a complete list of meetings, the reception/poster session, and Dr. Holland's presentation on December 4.

Employees have been granted release time to attend both the December 4th presentation and meetings and the December 5th meetings.

22 Mitchell Scholars Attending USM President Flanagan and Dean of Students Joy Pufhal hosted USM's 8th annual President's Reception to welcome and celebrate USM's 22 Mitchell Scholars the evening of Wednesday, November 19. See the [Mitchell Institute](#) to learn more about this program and the scholarship.

Second Annual Husky Harvest a Success Students in USM's Tourism & Hospitality Program hosted the second annual [Husky Harvest](#) celebrating the food and culture of USM's diverse community members. This event is conceived of, planned and hosted by students in the Event Planning and Management class.

Samples of food from around the world were shared, thanks to a partnership between USM's Food and Culture class, our International ESL students, and local restaurants. Ethnic dance, music performances and a silent auction also were part of the event.

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