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News from the Chair



The 2013-2014 school year represents the 49th year of the existence of our Educational Leadership graduate degree program at USM. Next year we will hold a big celebration, but we have even more to celebrate this year, including the addition of two faculty members. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome our newest faculty member, Dr. Anita Stewart-McCafferty, who joins our program after serving as principal at Hamden Middle School. In addition, Dr. Glenn Cummings joined the Educational Leadership program in January 2013 and is now serving as a faculty member, as well as the executive director of the Goodwill-Hinckley charter school.

We featured Glenn in our May 2013 newsletter, and his leadership of the Southern Maine Partnership is detailed in his story on page 3. Anita comes to us with a great record as a teacher and administrator, and a full feature story is included on page 2. Anita is an instructional leader, with a commitment to quality teaching, learning and assessment.

I have to share a tradition from my past as an Army brat – the “Hail and Farewell!” Since we routinely changed our assignments every three years, we had to say goodbye to friends, and in the same breath open up to new possibilities. This spring, we bid farewell to Dr. Lynne Miller as she left USM and opened her latest life phase. We heartily welcome Anita and Glenn and look forward to the new possibilities for change, growth, innovation, and new partnerships.

This year gives us the opportunity to introduce our new faculty and to use fresh eyes to look at our program. Here is what we have planned:

- We have a new cohort of 17 students from the Gray-New Gloucester area enrolled in the first course of the Assistant Principal’s Certificate, a four-course offering.
- We have more than 20 students nominated by school leaders for another cohort of the Leadership for Tomorrow’s Schools program.
- We will engage school leaders and create an ad hoc group in the Southern Maine Partnership to talk about the LTS program and future development of school leaders.
- We will work with the Educational Leadership Advisory Committee chaired by JoAnne Sizemore, assistant superintendent of schools in Scarborough, and vice-chair Andrew Dolloff, superintendent of schools in Kennebunk (RSU 21) to guide our decision-making in these times of financial constraints.
- We plan to expand our market penetration, which is currently over 70% of superintendents and building administrators in southern Maine.

Our Educational Leadership program continues to grow and prosper, and I look forward to our next newsletter which will have our take on the Common Core Standards and the Educator Evaluation System.

One last thing: I will be co-presenting with Catherine Ring, a former principal and art teacher, a session at the Maine Principals’s Association on November 22nd called “Take me to Your Leader.” Stop by!

Jeff Beaudry

USM Pioneer Program: STEM Scholarships

The University of Southern Maine set out on a mission three years ago to create a program that would attract top Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) students and provide as much opportunity in terms of academics and experience as possible in order to educate and keep these gifted young people here in our state. Thousands of STEM jobs over the next five to ten years will be available in Maine to these students.

The pioneers are students who have a drive to become Maine's future generation of scientist, engineers, technical managers, doctors, and science and math teachers. These students have strengths in math and science and are enrolled in a broad mix of STEM majors, such as engineering, computer science, chemistry, physics and biology. Upon graduation our students will be pursuing graduate studies and/or high-leveraging career choices as Maine's future job creators, industry builders, discoverers of new technologies, and teachers and scholars who inspire.

The USM Pioneer program offers scholarships, undergraduate research, mentoring, learning community housing where students room and study together, building of professional networks, bridge programs, professional development seminars, internships and more.

As a USM Pioneer, students will receive:

- A generous four-year scholarship package
- A laptop computer
- Undergraduate research opportunities
- Paid internships with Maine companies
- Premium housing in a learning community environment
- Bridge Programs and summer experiences
- Faculty mentors
- Networking opportunities with Maine businesses and government leaders

As we head into the third recruiting season for USM's Pioneer Program, we have been extremely

fortunate to recruit some of the brightest and well-rounded students for this program from all over the state. These students are truly some of the best this country has to offer. Students considered for the program will achieve the following:

- A Math SAT score of 650 or higher
- A 3.5 or B+ average grade in science and math at the high school level
- Strong encouragement to live on campus in select housing
- A letter of recommendation from a high school science or math teacher
- Complete college application package and supplemental Pioneer application
- Pre-acceptance interview
- Intention to complete a Pioneers STEM major

For more information please see our website at: usm.maine.edu/pioneers or contact us at:

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Faculty Highlights



Anita Stewart

McCafferty comes to USM from the ranks of public school leadership; most recently, she was the principal of Reeds Brook Middle School in Hampden, Maine (RSU #22). Prior to that, she was an assistant

principal and athletic director at Mattanawcook Junior High School in Lincoln, Maine (RSU #67). Anita spent 15 years teaching in and leading middle schools and is passionate about creating dynamic environments in which young adolescents, their educators, and the community at large collaborate to

solve authentic community problems while learning rigorous, meaningful curriculum. She advocates providing ample opportunities for both students and staff to participate in and develop leadership skills; her doctoral research examines the impacts of high-quality service learning upon students, educators, and community partners. Anita has served as an adjunct instructor at the University of Maine in Orono and at Kennebec Valley Community College, and has taught numerous courses, trainings, and workshops for educators regionally and across Maine. Her research interests center around professional development, service learning, and standards-based education. Anita loves to hike, spend time in the outdoors, sing and perform with her family, and travel.

SPRING 2014 REGISTRATION

Monday, November 12, 2013

Register early for best offerings

Payment due January 5, 2014

Spring semester begins Monday, January 13, 2014

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