

Intro

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I first came to you mean in December of

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1988 so I've been here almost 29 years

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now it was on a very very cold weekend I

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remember and I came because at the time

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the University of Maine was really just

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one of two higher education in the

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country that had a sustainable

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agriculture program and as an

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entomologist working and applied insect

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ecology and biological control I was

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really excited to become part of that

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program she has had a vision and that

Why did you choose UMaine

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she's also very collegial and that

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actually was important in bringing some

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new faculty to University of Maine

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including a group of cross-disciplinary

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researchers that are the seeds of our

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one health and climate change program

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the emergent program I've stayed at

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UMaine for a number of reasons one is

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because the university Maine allowed

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both my husband and I to initially share

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one position and that enabled us to both

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pursue our careers and also share in the
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raising of our kids and have somewhat of
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a maintain of quality of life and a good
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work-life balance she is just a great
How did you become a mentor
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example of being really quietly unafraid
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persistent competent and energetic and
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really I think mostly though she's
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willing to have a vision and to work to
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see that become a reality I was
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fortunate in that early on my mother was
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actually a very important mentor to me
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she after giving birth to 15 children
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actually went on to pursue a
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professional career against my initially
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my father's wishes
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however she developed from a floor nurse
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up to the director of an institute and
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so that was very important for me
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as a role model for someone who can
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apply their intelligence and their
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determination and not only get where
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they want to go but then open up other
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people's eyes to their ability and
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success I think she is a really
What is your role model
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important person on the UMaine campus
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and she's a great example of integrated
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thinking and which i think is probably
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an important thing for our future at
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UMaine it's an honor thinking about the
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women that have preceded me and where my
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mentors as I develop my career at UMaine
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and then also looking at this tremendous
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group of faculty that we've been able to
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hire in the last 10 years in particular
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and seeing them succeed has been in
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tremendous