Foundation Supports 90 Students with Full Tuition Scholarship for the 2011-2012 Academic Year

Each September the Pulp & Paper Foundation holds its annual fall scholarship banquet to welcome students back to campus and to present upper-class students with their scholarship checks. Also in attendance at the banquet were our incoming first year scholarship recipients, company member representatives, Foundation President, John Wolanski, and newly appointed University of Maine President, Paul Ferguson.

John Wolanski welcomed new and returning UMaine students and told them how impressed our Foundation company members, Executive Committee and Board members are with them. He reminded our students they are our industry’s future leaders and that we are looking forward to their graduating and joining our industry.

Newly appointed University of Maine President, Paul Ferguson was introduced to our audience. This was his first opportunity to learn about our scholarship program and to meet our students, board members and scholarship committee members in attendance. Dr. Ferguson told our audience how happy he is to be at UMaine. He spoke about his travels and how wherever he goes he hears amazing things about the UMaine engineering program.

More than $260,000 was awarded to scholarship recipients represented by 27 seniors, 23 juniors, and 17 sophomores. Additionally, we will award an additional $100,000 to 24 first year scholarship recipients once their grades are confirmed in December.

By field of study 48 students are studying chemical engineering, 18 students are studying mechanical engineering, 4 students are studying computer and electrical engineering, and 4 are studying electrical engineering and mechanical engineering technology. Three students are studying civil engineering and three students are studying forestry. Two students are studying bioengineering.

Eighty-nine students are from Maine towns and one student hails from Washington State.

Jason Lyons of Honeywell Process Solutions and Chair of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee, welcomed students and guests. Jason spoke to our students telling them how important they are to our industry and how much they will be needed in our industry once they complete their education.

Additional information and Pulp & Paper Foundation scholarship applications are available by calling the Foundation office at (207) 581-2297. Scholarship applications are also available for download by visiting the Foundation’s website at www.maine pulp paper.org. The deadline for upper-class scholarship applications is March 1, 2012.
Both the College of Engineering and the Department of Chemical and BioEngineering have recorded substantial increases in incoming fall 2011 classes. The Engineering College 1st year class increased from 400 to 434, setting a new high. The department of chemical and bioengineering had both the largest incoming 1st year and total (4years) undergraduate classes since the mid 1970s. The 1st bioengineering class grew by 100% and the chemical engineering class grew by 61%.

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University Support Committee Interviews Current Chemical and Bio-Engineering Seniors

The University Support Committee met in November to review a number of different topics. One of those topics included interviewing members of the chemical and bioengineering class of 2012 to determine their capabilities regarding global awareness and current events.

Pictured above is Peter Hart of Mead WestVaco and Darrell Waite of Old Town Fuel and Fiber interviewing Melissa Gilfort, a 2012 ChE Graduate and Scholarship recipient.

The University Support Committee acts as the department’s Industrial Advisory Board. As part of the ABET certification of the department, assessments of six different topics are required by a group such as an industrial advisory board. Our committee rotates through six different topics every three years.

UMaine College of Engineering and UMaine Pulp & Paper Foundation Host High School Visit

On December 6th Madawaska, Wisdom, and Van Buren High Schools brought about 20 students, one teacher and three guidance counselors to visit the College of Engineering as guests of both the college and the UMPPF. We coordinated the trip with chemistry teacher Geisel Faucher from Madawaska, when Jack learned he would not be able to make his annual trip to northern Maine.

According to Mrs. Faucher, students were excited about the equipment and projects they were introduced to in the various branches of engineering. Actually, they were “wowed”.

One student said, “the visit to UMaine really opened my eyes to the engineering field. It surprised me to see so many different branches available in engineering. It was also interesting to learn that you have an excellent chance of finding employment after college. Of course, the salaries that engineers make are a plus!”

The counselors noted that they had gained very valuable information about the various departments within the College of Engineering, the admissions criteria, and scholarship opportunities.

Of all of our students with Pulp and Paper Foundation Scholarships, 6 are from Madawaska High School. Madawaska trails Bangor High School who currently have 8 students with UMPPF scholarships. Five of the 6 Madawaska PPF students joined the visitors for lunch at the Memorial Union.

Sixty-Six Engineering Students Interview for Co-op Positions

As a condition to retain their scholarship, each recipient must complete a co-op or internship position with a Foundation company member or with a paper producer or supplier. Companies who are interested in hiring our students are invited to campus to conduct interviews during the month of October.

This year the interview registration process was completely computerized making it easy for students to sign up for interviews and convenient for employers to view student resumes.

Once a student submits an electronic resume and registration form they are given access to interview sign-up sheets. Students receive an email containing a link to company interview sign-up sheets. The student then schedules an interview at a time convenient for them. The signup process also generates a reminder of their upcoming interview automatically to the student via email.

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During the month of October, 12 companies participated in the co-op interview process hoping to fill positions at 16 locations both in and out of state. Sixty-six students registered for co-op interviews with more that 205 total interviews conducted.

Fall 2012 will offer new challenges and opportunities for our co-op/internship program. Our first year chemical and bioengineering class size is at an all time high of 82 students who will be seeking co-op positions.

If you would like to be on our interview list for the fall, please call Faye at 207/581-2297 or send an email to woodcock@maine.edu. We will add you to our interview invitation list and contact you at the end of the summer.

We still have a few students who are looking for co-op/internships for the summer of 2012. If you have a position available, please call Jack Healy at 207/581-2298 or send Jack an email at healy@maine.edu.
The fall scholarship banquet offers a unique opportunity for our students to have dinner with their co-op employers and to also meet members of the Foundation’s Scholarship Committee and company members in attendance.

For the third year our audience was invited to play “How Well Do You Know YOUR Foundation?” The game, the brainstorm of Executive Director, Jack Healy, consists of questions about the Pulp and Paper Foundation’s history. Students and audience members are encouraged to be the first to come up with a correct answer. The successful audience member is awarded a “logo” gift from one of the Foundation’s Company Members.
Mark Wescott, Ashland (center) poses for a picture with co-op students employed by Ashland.

Grant Byras, Cascades Auburn (2nd from right) poses with scholarship recipients.

Codi Slike, Verso Paper, (center) is pictured with her co-op students.

Dean Herrick, Lincoln Paper & Tissue, (right) is pictured with his co-op students.

Rick Fortier, Metso Paper Biddeford, (left) pictured with his co-op student.

Mike Vashon, Madison Paper, (right) at the Fall Banquet with his co-op student.

Dale Wibberly, Sappi Fine Paper’s Somerset Mill, (2nd from right) was available to pass out scholarship checks to student’s who are co-op’s at the Somerset Mill.

Al LaBonty, Sappi Fine Paper’s Westbrook Mill, (left) was available to pass out scholarship checks to students who are co-op’s at the Westbrook Mill.

Mark Pare, Eka Chemicals (left) presents a scholarship check.

Peter Theriault, NewPage, (right) with NewPage’s co-op student.
ALUMNI PERSONALS

Richard “Dick” Bowden, ’74, and two colleagues have been awarded US Patent 7,913,895 “Protective Wrapping for Rolls and Methods for Using Same”. This roll wrap has been commercialized under the brand name “DRY-TECH” and is in use in paper mills across North America. Dick is Technical Account Manager - Northeast, for Cascades Sonoco and works from his home office in Tolland, CT.

William “Bill” Manzer, ’80, has joined Rayonier as Vice President, Manufacturing Operations. Manzer will have overall operational responsibility for the Jesup, GA, and Fernandina Beach, FL mills as well as the company’s Georgia-based lumber operations.

Robert “Rob” Harvey, ’90, has joined Wausau Paper’s Rhinelander Mill as Director of Manufacturing.

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Have You Changed Jobs? Do You Have a New Job Title? Have You Moved to a New Location?
Please send us an email telling us about your changes so we can keep you on our mailing list. We will include you in our next Alumni Personals Column. Email Faye at woodcock@maine.edu.

Dr. Vaughn Wildfong, Vice President of Johnson Foils Paperchine, was inducted into the University of Maine’s College of Engineering Francis Crowe Society. at a ceremony held on December 9th in Orono. Vaughn is a 1998 PhD graduate in Chemical Engineering from the University of Maine.

Pictured above (from left to right) is Dr. Joe Genco; Dr. Hemant Pendse; Dr. Vaughn Wildfong; and Dr. Doug Bousfield.

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Consider Engineering was held during the last three weeks of July, and included three separate sessions with a total of 102 students. We had 170 high school juniors (about to be seniors) apply for the program. Applications were reviewed by Dr. David Neivandt and Foundation Executive Director, Jack Healy. “The quality of the students is just tremendous” Jack noted. The review process is time consuming and arduous, as Dave and Jack review and compare individual ratings to assure that no errors or omissions have occurred.

The students enjoyed completing engineering projects, visiting local mills (hosted by both Sappi and Verso Paper), experiencing dorm life, hearing from current students, and engineers, as well as completing the ever popular “I am an Engineer Game”. On the final day, students present their engineering project to their parents, siblings and friends, and all share a meal while hearing from our guest speakers. 2011 guest speakers were Marco L’Italien, Barb Hamilton, and Keith Meyer.

We are fortunate to have many “volunteers” from around campus to make this program a success. In total it takes about 40 people to make this program work, excluding the tour guides during the mill tours. The logistics are also a challenge, but Faye ensures that meals, busses, and events are all on time.

Consider Engineering will be offered again in 2012 starting on July 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Program brochures and applications are available on our website: www.mainepulpaper.org. Consider Engineering posters, brochures and applications have been mailed to all Maine high school guidance offices. You may also request a brochure by calling the UMPPF office at 207/581-2297. The deadline for submitting an application is May 1, 2012.

FBRI Office Complex and Research Center Nears Completion

The Forest Bioproducts Research Institute has seen increasing growth over the past year. This growth is most visibly evident in the two facilities FBRI has constructed over the past six months. On the University of Maine campus, the FBRI Wing at Jenness Hall (above left) was completed in January. This building has the potential to house sixteen people which will include the FBRI staff and visiting scientists. Also included in the new wing is a conference room able to facilitate meetings of up to sixteen people with state-of-the-art video-conferencing equipment. Just down the road, at Old Town Fuel and Fiber, the FBRI Technology Research Center (above right) is closing in on its final phase of construction, with expected occupation to occur later this spring. This 40,000 square foot facility is designed for near-industrial scale testing of new processes and products, which will provide the bridge between bench-scale testing of FBRI’s new processes and our ultimate goal of industrial implementation.
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Speakers include Mark Cross, Senior Vice President of MeadWestvaco; Deece Hannigan, Vice President Sappi Fine Paper; and Terrance Gallagher, Senior Division Vice President, Nalco Company.

On Wednesday afternoon we will have a talk by Brendan Lowney, President of Forest Economic Advisors, with a student panel moderated by R. James Alexy, Senior Partner Brimstone Consulting.

At breakfast on Thursday morning we will have a student panel moderated by Mike Luciano, HR Manager of Verso Paper with a topic of Expanding Students’ Global Perspective.

The morning session on Thursday will address the “Challenges of the Global Economy” with a panel consisting of Al Blanchard, Sappi Fine Paper, Robin McCann, OMNOVA Solutions, Keith Meyer, Andritz, Zeynep Turk, The Maine International Trade Center, and Mark Mosher, Irving Paper Ltd.

In addition, we expect the Honorable Governor Paul LePage to address the group at 10:00 am on Thursday.

Paper Days is a low cost, efficient way to network and increase knowledge, as well as an opportunity to meet our students – the future engineers of Maine’s paper industry.

We Look Forward to Welcoming You to Paper Days 2012