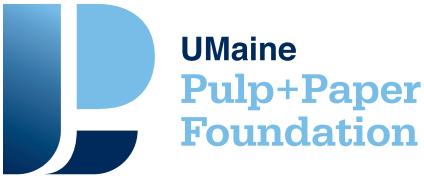


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2022 Scholarship Banquet

On September 9th, we welcomed the Class of 2026 and brought industry representatives, UMaine faculty, and scholarship recipients together for our Fall Scholarship Banquet.

UMPPF's total number of **scholarship recipients has grown to 135 students** thanks to increasing demand for UMPPF engineers and strong corporate and alumni support. The **60 corporate members** of the UMPPF donated items for the First Year Welcome Gift bags for each of the **35 new students**.

The Keynote Address was delivered by **Dr. Peter Hart**. Dr. Hart holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Chemical Engineering from UMaine, where he was a Pulp and Paper Foundation scholarship recipient before earning his PhD from Georgia Institute of Technology. He is now the Director of Research and Innovation at WestRock.

Dr. Hart is a decorated researcher in the pulp and paper industry and known worldwide. He recently received the Gunnar Nicholson Gold Medal Award from TAPPI and the Edward T. Bryand Distinguished Engineer Award from UMaine. He is also a Francis Crowe Society Distinguished Engineer at UMaine. Dr. Hart



holds six patents, has edited nine books, and has received many other accolades over the course of his career.

Dr. Hart encouraged students to always pursue what is new and interesting. He suggested that their first question in a job interview should not be about what career path the company can offer them, but that they should seek to define that path for themselves. Dr. Hart noted that the pulp and paper industry offers a great deal of flexibility to engineers. His advice to students was to always try new things and create their own destinies.

Many industry volunteers joined us on campus to conduct Resume and Interview Workshops to prepare our students for interview season, attend the Scholarship Committee Meeting,

At left: First Year Welcome Gift bags generously filled and donated by our Corporate Members;

Above: Dr. Hart delivers the keynote address.



help us with our marketing efforts, and to award Fall scholarship checks to our students. A busy but very fun day! Thanks to Tony Ouellette, Heather Pelletier, Dale Wibberly, Chris Francis of Sappi North America; Dr. Peter Hart of WestRock; Suzelle Allain of ND Paper; Jess Oriente of Pixelle; Katherine Bell of Huhtamaki; Steve Provencal, Pat Laliberte, Elaina Stefanick of Packaging Corporation of America; Shawn Albert of GAC Chemical; Addie Nadeau of Savage Services; Alex Claverie of Woodland Pulp; Logan Pelletier of Andritz; Julie White of Georgia-Pacific; Danielle Cloutier of KEAN Engineering; Sage Duguay of Fisher International; Monique Claverie of St Croix Tissue; Ashley Pezanowski of Sylvamo; and Dr. Colleen Walker of the UMaine PDC.

Clockwise: Peter Hart, WestRock, awards scholarship checks to (front row L to R) Alia Parsons (CHE '23), Lea Scrapchansky (CHE '23), Kyaira Grondin (CHE '23) and (back row L to R) Gabe Pasternak (CHE '23), Julia Muth (CHE '24), Patrick Bishop (MET '24) and Tim Beech (CHE '23) who all co-op'ed at WestRock facilities in West Point, Hopewell and Richmond VA as well as Charleston, SC; Ciel McGouldrick, ND Paper, interviews students for co-op positions at their Old Town, ME location; UMPPF's senior class.



The Resume and Interview Workshops are the first Chinn Management Seminars offered for the fall semester. We conducted over 115 workshops this summer and fall thanks to the help of our amazing volunteers! In addition to those listed here, other industry representatives who helped us with this valuable experience for our students include Mary Skorupa of Onyx, Jad Al-Assaad of NECI, and Jess Vigneault of Sappi North America.

The Scholarship Banquet is a unique networking opportunity for our students and a great way to kick off the academic year. Thank you to all who made it possible!

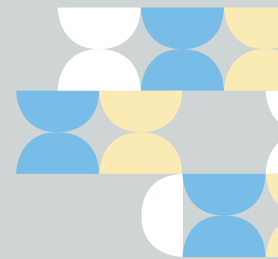


Industry Accolades ALUMNUS RECEIVES PFIZER OUTSTANDING ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Congratulations are in order to UMPPF alumnus **Jim Labonty**. Jim was recently recognized by Pfizer Global Supply, Worldwide Research Development & Medical, and Global Workplace Solutions colleagues for his lifetime achievements in engineering.

The Outstanding Engineering Achievement Award celebrates Jim's tremendous work, dedication and commitment to engineering. Pfizer's engineering work enables the production of new and innovative medicines, which have a **significant impact on the health and well-being of patients worldwide.**

In addition, Jim also received a **\$5,000 grant** to give to the academic organization or charity of his choice. We are honored, humbled and grateful that Jim chose the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation as his recipient. **Thank you, Jim! We're proud to have you as part of our UMPPF family!**



UMPPF Welcomes **Dr. Evan Wujcik** and **Christine Gray Lyons**



Introducing Dr. Evan Wujcik, Ph.D, M.B.A, S.M. AIChE

Dr. Evan Wujcik joined The University of Maine at Orono as Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering with a joint appointment in the Advanced Structures and Composites Center.

Prior to joining us, he served as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering and Adjunct Professor of Civil, Environmental, and Construction Engineering at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL. He also held appointments within the Alabama Water Institute and UA System Materials Science PhD Program.

Dr. Wujcik has years of relevant teaching, research, and engineering experience, including service as the current Director of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Materials Engineering & Science Division. He is the founding Associate Editor for Advanced Composites and Hybrid Materials and sits on the editorial board for ES Materials & Manufacturing and ES Energy & Environment. He is a recipient of a 2020 NSF CAREER Award, was inducted into the National Academy of Inventors in 2021, and was named a 2020 AIChE Sensors Topical Plenary Speaker.



Welcome back to campus, Christine Gray Lyons

UMPPF welcomes Christine Gray Lyons to our staff! Christine is a 1993 UMaine graduate and a Pulp and Paper Foundation scholarship recipient. She completed her co-op at James River in Berlin, NH while on campus. After

graduating, Christine worked full-time for Westvaco in Luke, MD and then joined an environmental consulting firm in Marietta, GA, where she gained experience in air emissions regulations. She has been an active volunteer in her community in Hampden, ME while raising her four children (Katelyn, Rachel, Abby, and Andrew) with her husband Jason, who is also a UMaine graduate in Chemical Engineering and a Pulp and Paper Foundation scholarship recipient.

Christine works part-time in our office. This fall, she was a huge help with the facilitation of our recruiting season — everything from resumes to scheduling to info sessions. With over 135 scholarship recipients and additional chemical, mechanical, electrical, and civil engineering students who join us to interview for co-op and full-time jobs, there are many details to coordinate!

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Introducing the **Class of 2026!**

This year we welcome 35 scholarship recipients in Chemical, Civil, Computer, Electrical, and Mechanical Engineering as well as Mechanical Engineering Technology. Our students come from as far away as Spokane, WA, and as close as our own community. Many of these students have already interviewed for a number of first-year internships offered by companies during our co-op and full-time recruiting season, which started in late September and ran through the end of October.

Welcome to campus, Class of 2026!



Career Exploration Seminars **(CES)**

This fall marked a welcome return to Career Exploration Seminars. For these unique visits, Carrie invites high school students to mill sites and introduces them to engineering and to our industry. Our hosts ranged from **Twin Rivers** in Madawaska, ME to the north, **Woodland Pulp** and **St Croix Tissue** in Baileyville, ME to the east, **Irving Tissue** in Fort Edward, NY to the west, and **Valmet** in Biddeford, ME to the south. Stops in between included **Sappi's Tech Center** in Westbrook and **Sappi's Somerset mill** in Hinckley. These six Career Exploration Seminars engaged students from **25 high schools** to see engineering in action, speak with engineers about what their daily work looks like, and learn about Consider Engineering and UMPFF scholarship opportunities.

Many thanks to our mill hosts who volunteered their time and resources to make sure that these students had a memorable introduction to engineering and the pulp and paper industry!



At left: UMPFF Alum Tim Glatter with students at the Madawaska Mill.

TAPPI Research Expedition Europe **(TREE)**

Students involved with TAPPI Research Expedition Europe (TREE) are working hard to raise funds needed for the May 2023 trip to the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany. In the past, students have traveled to Finland (2013), Germany (2015), Sweden (2017), and Austria and Germany (2019). Unfortunately, COVID-19 prevented a TREE trip from taking place in 2021, so students are even more eager and excited to plan for this year. They will have the unique opportunity to be exposed to European facilities in the pulp and paper industry. If you would like to support students on the 2023 TREE trip, donations would be greatly appreciated. Contributions may be sent to the University of Maine Pulp + Paper Foundation with a note indicating that the funds go to the 2023 TREE trip. For more information about TREE or how to support the students involved, please contact Andrew Kiley at andrew.kiley@maine.edu or Jonathan Hicks at jonathan.hicks@maine.edu.

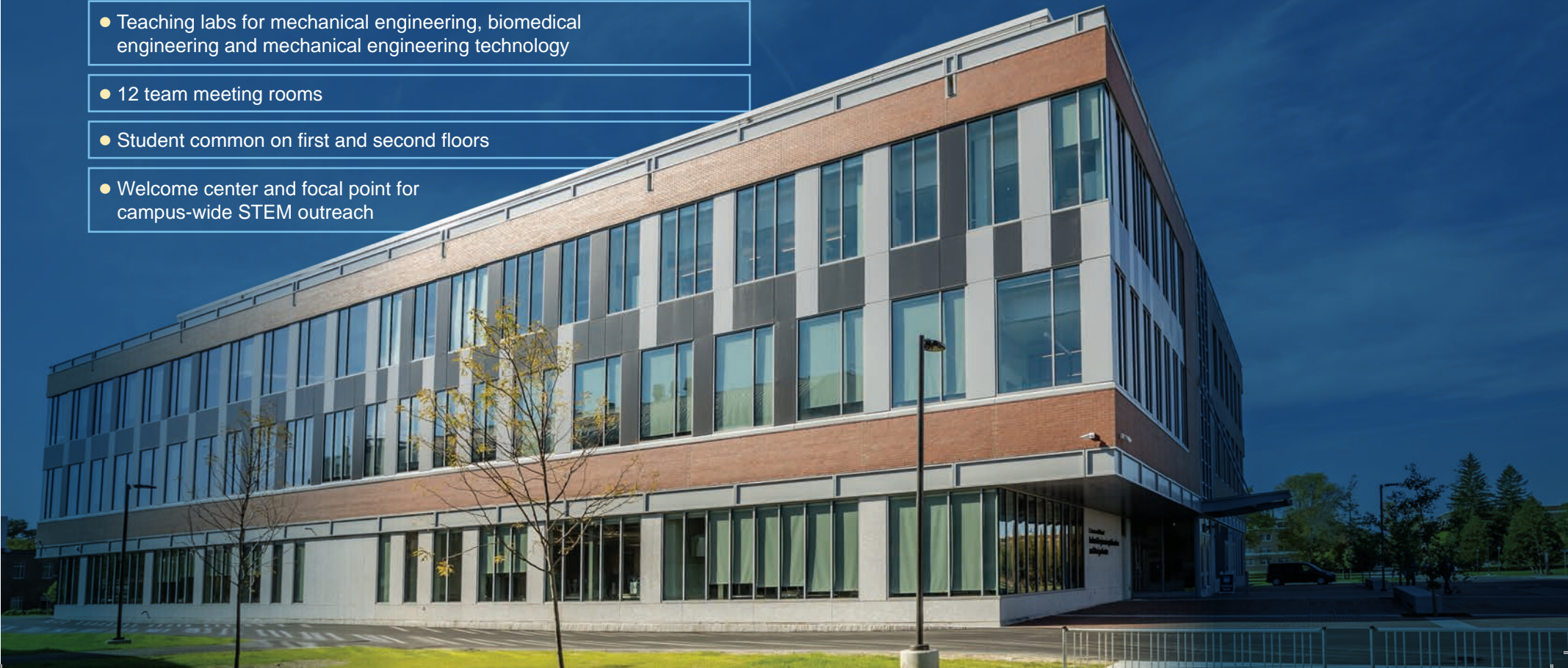
Celebrating the Opening of the Ferland Engineering Education and Design Center

This year, we celebrated the opening of UMaine's Ferland Engineering Education and Design Center. This on-campus Center includes:

- 10,000-square-foot multidisciplinary student project design suite with 48 workbenches supported by shops for biomedical, electronics, 3D printing, vehicles, metals, wood and composites
- 10,000-square-foot biomedical engineering research lab suite
- Six active learning classrooms
- Teaching labs for mechanical engineering, biomedical engineering and mechanical engineering technology
- 12 team meeting rooms
- Student common on first and second floors
- Welcome center and focal point for campus-wide STEM outreach

The building was funded by a **record \$78 million** raised by private and public funds and includes support from more than **500 alumni, friends, corporations, foundations, and the state**—including UMPPF and our corporate member PCA.

\$10 million was donated by Skowhegan natives and 1964 Mechanical Engineering alumni **Jim Ferland and Eileen Ferland**. It is the largest single capital gift in the University of Maine System's history.



Road Trip!

UMPPF HEADS TO MICHIGAN TO VISIT GRAPHIC PACKAGING AND PCA'S FILER MILL

To help University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation students find the right co-op and/or full-time employer that fits their skills and personalities, UMPPF President Carrie Enos and Program Director Jennifer Ireland make it a point to visit and familiarize themselves with the locations that UMPPF works with.

This past summer the duo traveled to Michigan to visit Graphic Packaging in Kalamazoo and Packaging Corporation of America in Filer.

Here's what they had to say about the trip:

"Arriving at Graphic Packaging, we had the opportunity to tour much of the campus, including their recycled pulping operation, K1, K2 and K3. The facility houses 100 years of papermaking in one place!"

We also got an up-close look at Graphic Packaging's new, state-of-the-art, four-story paper machine, which produces 1,400 tons of recycled paperboard per day! Seeing the evolution and the process really helped us to understand the opportunities available for our students.

Later, we had the opportunity to meet with UMaine alumni Scott LeBeau, Vice President of Recycled Mills at Graphic Packaging and Ron Sherman, K1 Superintendent. Also joining us were Plant Manager Thomas Olstad and Jen Lechlitner, Technical Services Manager at Kalamazoo. They were wonderful hosts who led us through detailed tours and discussions that will help to shape our conversations with students moving forward.

Following the tour of Kalamazoo, we traveled north to PCA's Filer Mill. We stayed in Manistee on the shore of Lake Michigan, which reminds us very much of the coast of Maine! We walked on the beach, explored the downtown and Riverwalk, and then had dinner with UMPPF alumni and students working at the PCA Filer Mill. Joe Lancaster and Emma Wilkinson, both CHE '18, Ethan Dapice, CHE '19, and current UMPPF sophomore Peyton Chahley joined us at dinner along with Holly Koschtial, Human Resources Manager, and Jodie Cameron, Human Resources Generalist.

The following day, Mill Manager Paul Cova gave us a tour. It began with an explanation of their unique pulping process and encompassed three board machines. (The view from the top of the boiler stack is incredible!) Overall, we were impressed by the knowledge, self-reliance, and in-house skill base at this mill. We also toured their roll rebuild and repair area, the machine shop, and learned about the precision



maintenance teams that are spread across the PCA organization. (The uptime on these machines is phenomenal, making for a team that is forward-thinking rather than reactionary.)

For students who want to see their ideas and projects quickly implemented without much red tape to work through, PCA is a place where they can feel a sense of accomplishment without having to navigate layers of approvals prior to getting started. We could easily see why our alumni enjoy working at this facility. The group is close knit and participates in activities outside of work such as running, trivia night, biking, and going to the beach. It felt a lot like home!

We are grateful to both Graphic Packaging and Packaging Corporation of America for their financial support of our students and for offering co-op and full-time placement opportunities. Thank you!”



At left: Arriving at the campus of Graphic Packaging in Kalamazoo, MI; **Above:** Jen and Carrie are greeted by HR Manager Holly Koschtial, F3 Superintendent Joe Lancaster (CHE' 18) and Mill Manager Paul Cova at PCA's Filer, MI mill.

ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS PAIR STUDENTS WITH OPPORTUNITIES

723 co-op and senior interviews for full-time positions were conducted this fall. Over 60% of our senior class has secured full-time employment, and many more are in late-stage interviews with multiple companies.

A total of 31 companies scheduled interviews. UMPPF is grateful for their time, participation, and consideration of our talented students.



Alumni News + Announcements

1980-1999

Sherrill John Hazard, III, '80 Pulp & Paper Technology, is now Mill Manager at PaperWorks in Wabash, IN

Jim Labonty, '82 CHE, is now Chief Executive Officer at OT Cyber Specialists LLC in Laconia, NH

Brad Flannery, '90 EET, is now E/I Maintenance Manager at Sappi in Skowhegan, ME

Barry Cunningham, '92 Forest Engineering, '93 Pulp & Paper Certificate, has been promoted to Continuous Improvement Leader at Georgia-Pacific LLC in Muskogee, OK

William Burns, '93 MET, has been promoted to Director of Process Integrity at ND Paper in Rumford, ME

Sean Thies, PE, '96 CIE, has been promoted to Regional Manager at Haley-Ward, Inc in the Land Development Service Line

2000-2019

Joe Ramos, '04 CHE, is now Director of Business Improvement at Finch Paper and Twin Rivers Paper Company

Danielle Thibodeau, '05 CHE, '07 MBA, is now Director of Raw Materials Sourcing for Twin Rivers Paper

Sarah Gagne, '09 CHE, '20 MBA, has been promoted to Engineering Manager II at IDEXX in Gorham, ME

Nikkia Finnemore, '16 CHE, ISO/Product Quality Manager at Sappi in Skowhegan, ME

Jamie Hunt, '16 CHE, has been promoted to Superintendent at WestRock in Florence, SC

Abigail Elliott, '19 CHE, has been promoted to Fiber Area Operations Maintenance Coordinator at WestRock in West Point, VA

Cameron Grzybowski, '18 CHE, has been promoted to Powerhouse Superintendent at Packaging Corporation of America in DeRidder, LA

2020+

Matthew Boucher, '21 CHE, is now an MT Engineer at International Flavors & Fragrances in Rockland, ME

Giorgia Calcagno, '20 CHE, has been promoted to Paper Labs Manager at Sappi in Skowhegan, ME

Vanessa Graham, '20 CHE, has been promoted to Staff Engineer at Packaging Corporation of America in Boston, MA

T. Scott Frasca has been promoted to the role of Director of Sales for the CASE & Non-Wovens markets with MiniFIBERS

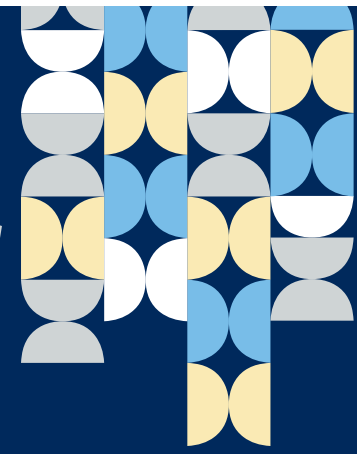


Above: UMPPF Alumni Lucas Lenfest (CHE '22), Kirstie Rogers (CHE '22) and Ashley Pezanowski (ELE '19) return to campus to interview students for co-op and full time positions at Sylvamo in Ticonderoga, NY.



We love staying in touch with our UMPPF alumni.

Have you started a new position? Received a promotion? Celebrated a life milestone? Send your announcements our way and we'll share your good news with the rest of the UMPPF family. info@UMainePPF.org



KEEPING UP WITH CARRIE

UMPPF's president, Carrie Enos, was happy to connect with some familiar faces. We're always grateful for our Pulp + Paper family — Their generosity helps us support and prepare talented engineering students to become the next great leaders in the pulp and paper industry.

Top row: Jean Barker and her daughter, Sue, visited the campus in early October, where we were able to take a photo next to the Elliott R. Barker Scholarship Plaque and tour the facilities with Carrie and scholarship recipient Kayle Faherty (CHE '23); **Bottom row:** Bob ('65 CHE) and Becky ('72 History) Hamilton with Carrie in Yarmouth; Ruth Butler ('54 English) and her daughter, Patricia, were kind enough to host Carrie at their Peaks Island cottage; L to R, Carroll Hurd, Emme, Carrie, Elodie, Clay Enos, Linda Dwyer, Ned Dwyer, Lori and John Wolanski enjoyed dinner in Naples, FL.

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Clockwise: Multi-level interior of Graphic Packaging in Kalamazoo, MI; Students studying on campus; Carrie Enos with teacher and students from Scarborough High School at a Career Exploration Seminar at Valmet in Biddeford.