

Paper Days 2025

75 Years and Still on a Roll!



April 1st & 2nd
Wells Conference Center
University of Maine

TUESDAY, April 1st

- 1:45 - 4:00 p.m. **Engineering Building Tours – PDC, ASCC, EEDC** (*please register for tours by 3/12/25*)
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. **UMPPF Board of Directors Meeting** – *board members only, Wells Conference Center, Room 3*
5:30 p.m. **Unofficial Tailgate at Seasons Restaurant** – *please RSVP, open to all, 427 Main St, Bangor, ME*

WEDNESDAY, April 2nd

- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. **Check In/Registration/Breakfast Buffet** - Wells 2nd floor lobby
9:00 - 10:00 a.m. **Student Panel Discussion** - Co-op Project Experience
Moderator: **Elaina Stefanick, Early Talent Program Ambassador, PCA**
Panelists: Matthew Albert, CHE '25 Makenzie Alley, CHE '25
 Nathan Newgard, MEE '25 Justin Pelletier, CHE '25
 Sydney Roy, CHE '25 Collin Scobie, ELE '26
- 10:00 - 10:15 a.m. **Break**
10:15 - 11:30 a.m. **NE TAPPI/PIMA - Hot Topics for Young Professionals**
 Lena Decker, PCA and Chair, Tappi YP Division
- Tips to starting a family and working in industry - Eve Parent, Cianbro
 - Tips to handling professional conflicts – Josh Peterson, Monadnock Paper Mills
 - Navigating communication methods between different generations - Lena Decker, PCA
 - How to retain young talent – Matt Haws, Stantec
 - What does TAPPI- PIMA offer to help with career development? - McKenna Baker, UMPPF
 - How to take ownership over your career – Ian Hamilton, BASF
- 11:30 – 12:00 p.m. **Break – UMaine Research Poster Session - Atrium**
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. **WELCOME LUNCHEON**
 Dr. Juergen Abraham – President, Division Products and Service, Voith Paper
- 1:00 – 1:15 p.m. **Break – Poster Session Concludes**
- 1:15 - 3:15 p.m. **NE TAPPI/PIMA – Breakout Sessions – Evolution of the Industry**
- Ethics – Fritz Paulsen, Senior Director, R&D, Smurfit Westrock
 - Sustainability - David Mead, Family Care - Sustainable Platform Systems Leader, Procter & Gamble
 - Safety - Julie White, Senior Director, Process Safety Excellence, Georgia- Pacific
 - Leadership - Dana Cook, VP Papermaking Technology, PCA
 - Networking - Chad Martin, VP Marketing, AstenJohnson
 - AI/Technology Topic - Emma Smith, Process Data Consultant, Braincube
- 3:15 – 3:45 p.m. **NE TAPPI/PIMA Executive Committee Meeting or Break**
- 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. **UMaine PPF ANNUAL MEETING** – *open to all*
- 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. **SOCIAL HOUR**
- 6:00 p.m. **PAPER DAYS HONORS BANQUET**
Opening Remarks: Dr. Joan Ferrini-Mundy – President, UMaine and UMM
Keynote: Andrew Silvernail, CEO, International Paper
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| ▪ Senior Recognition | ▪ Teacher Awards | ▪ Genco Award |
| ▪ New Company Members | ▪ Named Scholarships | ▪ Honor Award |