

# Paper Days 2025

## 75 Years and Still on a Roll!



April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Wells Conference Center  
University of Maine

### TUESDAY, April 1<sup>st</sup>

- 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 to [cmartin@gacchemical.com](mailto:cmartin@gacchemical.com), open to all, Seasons is located at 427 Main St, Bangor, ME*

### WEDNESDAY, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.     **Check In/Registration/Breakfast Buffet** - Wells 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 PIMA/TAPPI - Hot Topics for Young Professionals**  
                               **Lena Decker, PCA and Chair, TAPPI YP Division**
- Tips on starting a family and working in industry - Eve Parent, Cianbro
  - Tips for 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 PIMA/TAPPI 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 - The Autonomous Mill**  
                               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 PIMA/TAPPI - Breakout Sessions - Evolution of the Industry**
- Ethics - Fritz Paulsen, Ph.D., Senior Director, R&D, Smurfit Westrock
  - Sustainability - Lois J. Forde-Kohler, Ph.D., Family Care Sustainability Director, Procter & Gamble
  - Safety - Julie White, Senior Director, Process Safety Excellence, Georgia-Pacific
  - Leadership - Dana Cook, VP Mill Operations, PCA
  - Networking - Chad Martin, VP Marketing, AstenJohnson
  - AI/Technology Topic - Emma Smith, Process Data Consultant, Braincube
- 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.       **NE PIMA/TAPPI 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 |