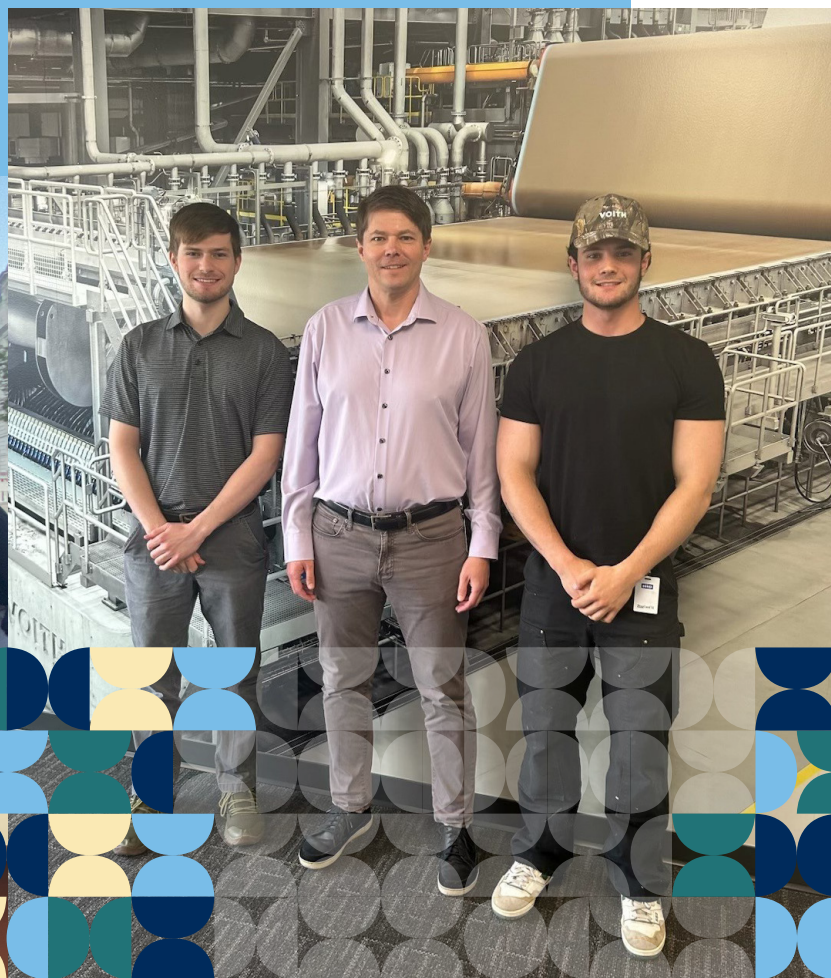


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2025 Scholarship Banquet

September 4th was a big day as we hosted our Fall Scholarship Banquet and welcomed the 43 students who will become our graduating Class of 2029! Our program now consists of 161 students, which is absolutely incredible! These students and many industry representatives gathered at Wells Conference Center for an evening of networking. As part of their preparation for interview season, the students each took professional headshots, completed resume and mock interview workshops, and met a CEO, CFO, Directors, Vice Presidents, Engineers, and Human Resources Directors from companies who will be interviewing them for jobs this fall. We also tested them on UMPPF trivia and gave out prizes during our second annual Kahoot! game.

Each year, we provide each of our new first-year students a UMPPF polo shirt to welcome them to the family.

The Keynote Address was delivered by Jess Vigneault. Jess has a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering from UMaine, where she was a Pulp + Paper Foundation scholarship recipient. She is now Operations Manager at TimberHP. She shared her life story and career path with our students. They learned how she went from living in an older farmhouse that was very poorly insulated as a child to making insulation made from wood fibers, and how personally impactful her current role is to her and her family. She noted that she is often not the smartest person in the room, but that she tries to be the hardest working, the most diligent, and the most curious. (We think that our scholarship students would do well to emulate this work ethic!) Jess also encouraged our students to give back to the UMPPF after graduation because what they will gain from our program is more than just financial support; it is the networking, mentoring, and community. She noted that it is only if alumni continue to donate funding that future students will benefit in the way that she and so many others have. Thank you, Jess, for the words of support and encouragement for the UMPPF and our students!

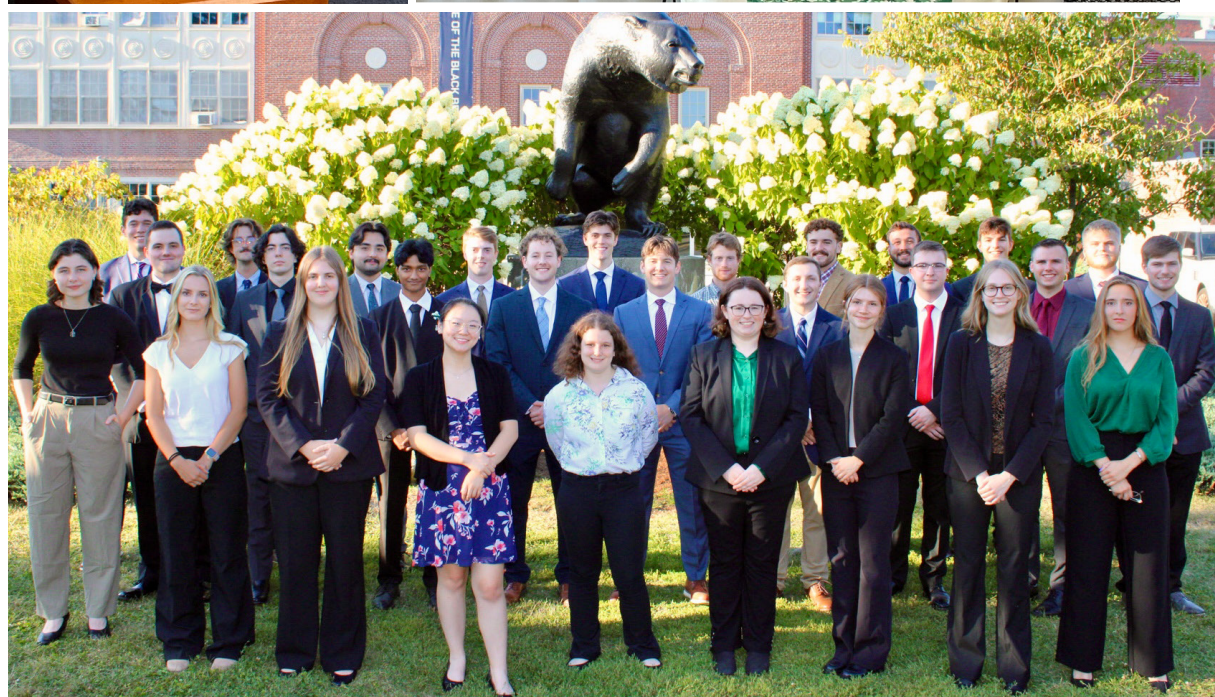
A UMPPF polo shirt was added to the generous gifts donated by our 63 corporate members to provide TWO First Year Welcome Gift bags for each of our 43 new students!



To help prepare our students for the fall interview season, industry volunteers joined us on campus to conduct Resume and Interview Workshops, attend the Scholarship Committee Meeting, and award Fall scholarship checks to our students. Many thanks to **Shawn Albert** of GAC Chemical; **Katherine Bell** of Huhtamaki; **Stephan Donnell** of IGIC; **Chris Plant** of Ingredion; **Scott Frasca** of MiniFibers; **Lucas Preble** and **April Morneau** of ND Paper; **Mark Kowlzan**, **Kent Pflederer**, **Vanessa Prescott**, and **Elaina Stefanick** of Packaging Corporation of America; **Alex Claverie** of PSA; **Sage Duguay** of ResourceWise; **Tony Ouellette**, **Marty Richard**, **Chris Francis**, **Austin Gilboe**, and **Dale Wibberly** of Sappi North America; **Shawn Babin** of Twin Rivers; **Ashley Pezanowski** of Sylvamo; **Jess Vigneault** of TimberHP; and **Monique Claverie** of UPM. Many of these volunteers also helped us conduct these workshops remotely over the course of this summer. In addition to those listed above, other industry representatives who helped us with interview and resume workshops included **Addie Nadeau** of KEAN Engineering; **Josh Peterson** of AFT; and **Meagan Dube** of Onyx.

The Scholarship Banquet is one of the highlights of our year, and **we are so grateful to all our industry volunteers and donors who make it all possible!**

Far left: Welcome gift bags lined up courtesy of 63 generous corporate members; **At right, clockwise:** Keynote speaker Jess Vigneault; Detail of this year's gift bag contents; The UMPPF team; Our 2026 graduating class of engineers.



TREE Trip Journal 2025

By Jacob Levesque, President of Student TAPPI

Pulp, Paper, Packaging — And a Whole Lot of Passport Stamps

Every two years, the University of Maine TAPPI Chapter leads an international experience for engineering students called TREE (TAPPI Research Expedition Europe). This year, 11 students embarked on an unforgettable 10-day journey through Finland, Sweden, and Denmark. We saw a diverse lineup of locations — equipment manufacturers, pulp and paper mills, converting plants, and sustainably managed forests.

Our trip kicked off in Jyväskylä, Finland, with a visit to the **Valmet Service Center**. We explored their capabilities in the manufacture and servicing of suction rolls, hydraulic nip loading systems with advanced iRoll technology, the rebuilding and manufacturing of headboxes, and pilot machines used for trial runs. From equipment assembly to paperless documentation systems and Valmet's forward-thinking approach to sustainability, this visit provided us with a rich, hands-on look at the innovation driving today's pulp and paper industry.

Our second stop was **Stora Enso's Imatra Mill**, one of Europe's leading producers of fiber-based packaging. We toured Board Machine #1 and learned about cupstock, graphic boards, and polyethylene extrusion



coating solutions. This visit showcased what a forward-thinking, sustainable pulp and paper operation looks like in action!

Next, we visited **Stora Enso's global headquarters** in Helsinki, which is the largest mass timber office in Finland. It showcases biophilic design that utilizes natural light, wood materials, and a thoughtful layout. We learned about Stora Enso's approach to emissions reduction, circularity, and regenerative product goals. A highlight was learning about bio-based innovations in lignin aimed at replacing phenol in resins, acting as bio-fillers, and even serving as an anode material for batteries.

We then traveled to Stockholm, where we learned about the intersection of forest policy, sustainable land management, and innovative forestry practices. **Skogsindustrierna** represents Sweden's forest-based industries



(pulp and paper mills, sawn timber mills, and allied industries). We learned how EU legislation guides emissions and climate goals and about recent industry innovations. Multi-spectral drone laser scanning to track tree growth, biodiversity, and health, paired with AI and imaging, is transforming how forests are monitored and managed over multi-year cycles.

At **Holmen's Knowledge Forest**, we visited managed forest land where sustainability is paired with public accessibility. We explored different forest stages and protected biodiversity zones. The visit gave us a real-world look at how industry and ecology can align.

We then moved on to **Holmen's Braviken Mill**, where we began with an overview of Holmen's four main business areas: wood products, forest land, board and paper, and renewable energy. The site produces retail, magazine, and book papers. One of the most impressive features was its fully automated finishing and shipping department, where robotic systems manage reel packaging, crimping, and warehouse logistics.

Our final stop brought us to Lund, where we explored how cutting-edge research, industry partnerships, and sustainability-driven



innovation are shaping the future of packaging. **Tetra Pak's Industrial Product Development Center** collaborates with Lund University, MAX IV (a state-of-the-art government-owned particle accelerator), and the European Spallation Source (ESS) to enable groundbreaking advancements in packaging science.

We toured pilot machines and the recycle lab, witnessing firsthand the process of aluminum recovery in multi-layer laminates. We saw how advanced imaging helps visualize microstructures and enhance packaging performance, and we had discussions on solid mechanics and computational modeling that highlighted the power of interdisciplinary partnerships for real-world impact.



We left TREE 2025 with fresh perspectives, global insights, and a deeper appreciation for the full lifecycle of paper and packaging. **Thank you to Northeast TAPPI-PIMA, Maine College of Engineering and Computing, UMaine Student Government, the CHE Department, and UMPPF for their financial support.** We'd like to recognize the donations received through the UMPPF, including **ND Paper** and **Smurfit WestRock**, individual donors, and everyone who participated in our Paper Days 2025 raffle. A heartfelt thank-you to all our hosts; to **Dr. Laurence Mott, CTO** of Tetra Pak, who coordinated with key partners to set our itinerary; and to **Matthew Albert**, who led the planning of TREE 2025. Finally, a big thank you to **Carrie Enos** and **Dr. Thomas Schwartz** for serving as our faculty advisors!



From left to right: 2025 TREE Trip students; Holmen's Braviken Mill; Particle Accelerator; Skogsindustrierna and Holmen's Knowledge Forest; Max IV Laboratory at Lund University; Stora Enso's Imatra Mill.

From Campus to Career:

Fall Info + Interview Success

There's nothing quite like the buzz of interviews and info sessions, when our students meet and talk with representatives from various pulp and paper companies. It's a chance for students to learn what each company does and consider whether they'd be a good fit for a co-op position — or even a full-time job after graduation.

On-Campus Interviews Pair Students with Opportunities

By mid-October, more than 750 co-op and senior interviews were conducted! Many of our seniors have already accepted positions with companies across the U.S., including PCA, P&G, Sappi, Smurfit Westrock, and Voith. Many more are currently in late-stage interviews with multiple companies.

A total of 29 companies across 60 locations scheduled interviews. UMPPF is grateful for their time, participation, and consideration of our talented students.



Summer Co-Op Highlights!



MEET MCKENNA GOULETTE Our Student Recruitment Specialist

McKenna is a people person at heart — naturally connecting individuals, ideas, and opportunities to create lasting impact. A former UMPPF scholarship recipient, she first engaged with the Foundation in 2017 while attending Consider Engineering. She went on to earn her degree in Chemical Engineering and launched her career at Nalco Water as a chemical sales representative. During her time there, she built meaningful relationships across New England and beyond, forging industry connections that continue to shape her work today.

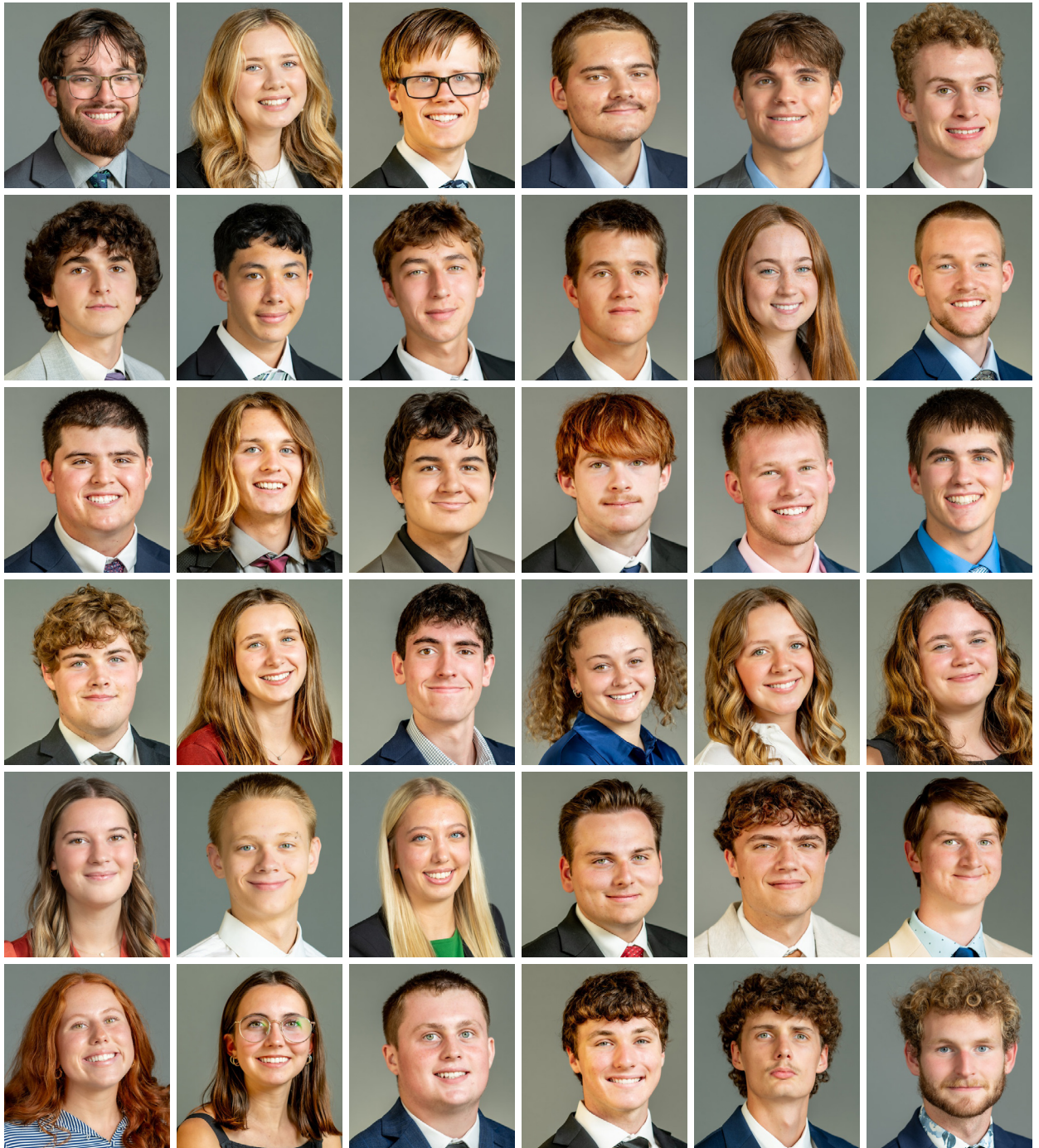
Now, in what she proudly calls her “dream job,” she drives enrollment, retention, and graduation initiatives at UMPPF, strengthening partnerships with schools in Maine and beyond. A passionate advocate for STEM education and industry growth, McKenna works to expand opportunities for students to be introduced to the paper industry. She also gives back through leadership roles, serving as Vice Chair of the TAPPI Young Professionals and Programming Chair for the Northeast PIMA/TAPPI Board. Through her efforts, McKenna continues to foster connections, inspire future leaders, and expand opportunities within the industry.

Clockwise: Sappi Somerset co-ops and interns; Dorothy Ives at Cianbro; Amelia Bate and Sydney Gray at Huber; Hunter Clukey at Graphic Packaging in Macon, GA; Ben Nave at Rand Whitney; Onyx Specialty Papers Co-ops and UMPPF Alumni engineers; Swaroop Handral, Henry Foster, and Ethan Brown at PCA in Filer, MI; Pixelle Co-ops and Interns.



Introducing the **Class of 2029!**

These first-year students are part of our largest incoming class ever — **43 scholarship recipients!** They hail from as far north as Madawaska, ME, and as far south as Chesterfield, VA. They represent Chemical, Civil, Computer, Electrical, and Mechanical Engineering, as well as Electrical Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology, and Forestry. **Welcome home, Class of 2029!**



High School Graduation Scholarship Presentations



ANNA EUGENE EARNS DUAL INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIPS

Anna Eugene, '26 CHE, was awarded the ASPI Scholarship (\$1,000) and the TAPPI Process and Product Quality Division Scholarship (\$1,500) in recognition of her dedication to advancing quality and innovation in the pulp and paper industry.

Thank you to our volunteer scholarship presentation squad! **Steve Goulet** of Huber; **Cindi Eaton; Katherine Bell** of Huhtamaki; **Stephan Donnell** and **Jesse Stephens** of IGIC; **Addie Nadeau** of KEAN Engineering; **Scott Frasca** of MiniFibers; **Josh Brown** and **Jill MacTwist** of Nalco Water, an Ecolab Company; **Megan Hooper** of Procter & Gamble; **Lucas Preble** of ND Paper; **Ben Conner, Beth Cormier, Nathanael Goulette, Tony Ouellette, Matt Vose**, and **Ben Ward** of Sappi; **Stephanie Hopkins** of Twin Rivers; and **McKenna Goulette** and **Carrie Enos**

of UMPFF awarded what is often the biggest scholarship of the night at awards ceremonies for high school seniors.

With 43 incoming first-year students, we needed lots of help to present at ceremonies from Limestone to Westbrook and Sacopee Valley to Blue Hill. We are also welcoming students from Virginia, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts this fall. We are grateful to our volunteers for making the time to welcome our new students and present their scholarship certificates in person whenever possible!

Clockwise from left: Jonas Culleton with Lucas Preble of ND Paper; John Bapst students at graduation; Griffin Merrill, Duncan Carlisle, Sophia Ward, and Connor Stanley with Ben Ward of Sappi at Awards Night; Andrew Box with Beth Cormier of Sappi; Rosa McCausland with Matt Vose of Sappi; Paige Bowden with Stephan Donnell of St Croix Tissue; Alex Grimaldi and Lily Fortier with Tony Ouellette of Sappi.

Alumni News + Announcements

1980–1999

Heather Pelletier, '87 CHE, is now Global Process Owner - Innovation at Sappi Limited in Westbrook, ME.

Michael Rice, '87 EET, is now Owner, Electrical Engineer at Rice Technical Services.

David Roy, '87 CHE, is now Process Engineering Manager at Pixelle Specialty Solutions in Spring Grove, PA.

Rob Harvey, '90 MET, is now Engineering Director at Haley Ward, Inc. in Bangor, ME.

Stacy Higgins, '90 MEE, is now Senior Capital Projects Manager for Georgia-Pacific Building Products in Atlanta, GA.

Michael Wadsworth, '91 MEE, is now Head of Plastics and Goodyear Operations at Huhtamaki in DeSoto, KS.

Paul Deschene, '92 CHE, is now Continuous Improvement Manager at Ashland in Hopewell, VA.

Mark Lenentine, '92 CHE, is now Site Manager for Dubois Chemicals at Sappi Somerset in Skowhegan, ME.

Matt Begin, '94 CHE, is now Engineering Director - Paper Operations at Dart Container in Mason, MI.

Andy Bergeron, '94 EE, is now Customer Solutions Director at Buckman in Broomfield, CO.

Angela Cushman, '94 CHE, is now Vice President of Global Quality Assurance and Regulatory Affairs at Owens & Minor with Headquarters in Richmond, VA.

Kirk Ross, '97 CHE, is now Vice President of Manufacturing for Sappi in South Portland, ME.

Marty Richard, '99 EET, is now Director of Manufacturing for Sappi in South Portland, ME.

2000–2019

Tim O'Brien, '07 Forest Operations Science, is now Reliability Engineer at Onyx Specialty Papers in Lee, MA.

Eve Parent, '12 CIE, is now Director of Operational Contracts at Cianbro.

Jordan Theriault, '14 MEE, is now Director of Operations at ElleVet Sciences in Portland, ME.

Justin Grant, '16 CHE, is now Senior Process Engineer at Idexx in Portland, ME.

Matt Vashon, '18 CHE, is now Technical Sales Representative at Ecolab in Portland, ME.

Alyssa Burkard, '19 CHE, is now Process Engineer at Envoy Development in Providence Forge, VA.

Alex Flannery, '19 CHE, is now Senior Manager – Feminine Care Operations Department Manager at Procter & Gamble in Auburn, ME.

2020+

Hannah (Varney) Albert, '20 BME, is now Resident Physician at Eastern Maine Medical Center Family Medicine Residency in Bangor, ME.

Madeline Logan, '20 CHE, is now Production Engineer PM1 at Sappi Somerset in Skowhegan, ME.

Sierra Yost, '20 CHE, earned her PhD from Penn State University and is now an Engineer Intern at Naval Air Weapons Station in China Lake, CA.

Jad Al-Assaad, '21 CHE, is now Lead Automation Engineer at Bristol Myers Squibb.

Nathan St Jean, '21 BME with EE Minor, is now Project Engineer at SGC Engineering in Augusta, ME.

Olivia (Gervais) Chamberland, '22 CHE, is now Project Engineer at Voith Paper in Austell, GA.

Duncan McIntyre, '22 MEE, is now Manufacturing Optimization Engineer at Rand-Whitney.

Josh Peterson, '22 CHE, is now Applications Engineer at AFT-Global in Antrim, NH.

Hollie Morneault, '23 CHE, is now Area Operations Supervisor at Sappi in Skowhegan, ME.

Alexis Pressey, '23 MET, is now Paper Machine Mechanical Maintenance Planner at PCA in Valdosta, GA.

Parker Shaw, '23 CHE, is now Production Engineer PM2 at Sappi in Skowhegan, ME.

Caroline Hammond, '24 CHE, is now Senior Business Process Analyst at Hyphen.

Isaac Violette, '24 ECE, is now I/E Pulp Mill Foreman at Sylvamo in Ticonderoga, NY.

Matthew Albert, '25 CHE, is now a Chemical Engineering PhD candidate at Purdue University.

Phil Allen, '25 MET, is now Project Engineer at SGC Engineering in Augusta, ME.

Makenzie Alley, '25 CHE, is now Production Engineer at Twin Rivers in Madawaska, ME.

William Brown, '25 MEE, is now Mechanical Reliability Engineer at Woodland Pulp in Baileyville, ME.

Luke Buck, '25 MEE, is now an MBA candidate at the College of Charleston.

Kylie Carrier, '25 CIE, is now a Civil Engineering Graduate student at the University of Maine.

Jacob Cook, '25 MET, is now Reliability Engineer at Sappi in Skowhegan, ME.

Mya Eno, '25 MEE, is now Reliability Engineer at Sappi in Skowhegan, ME.

Nik Krebs, '25 CHE, is a Process Engineer with Sylvamo in Ticonderoga, NY.

Jacob Lajoie, '25 CHE, is now Production Engineer at Twin Rivers in Madawaska, ME.

Ian MacKinnon, '25 MEE, is now Staff Engineer with Packaging Corporation of America.

Kyle Marino, '25 CHE, is now with Solenis in their Regional STAR program.

Madison McCarthy, '25 CHE, is now Chemical Engineering PhD candidate at Princeton University.

Conner Michaud, '25 MEE, is now Mechanical Engineer with Player Design, Inc in Portland, ME.

Nathan Newgard, '25 MEE, is now Project Engineer at Packaging Corporation of America in Filer, MI.

Madeline Noble, '25 CIE, is now Structural Designer at VHB in South Portland, ME.

Justin Pelletier, '25 CHE, is now Shift Supervisor at Packaging Corporation of America in Filer, MI.

Nicholas Rioux, '25 MEE, is now Mechanical Engineer at BAE Systems in Merrimack, ME.

Sydney Roy, '25 CHE, is now Process Engineer at Procter & Gamble in Auburn, ME.

Alison Thompson, '25 CHE, is now Process Engineer at White Mountain Paper Company in Gorham, NH.

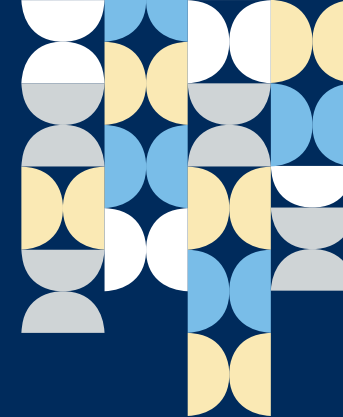
Jacob Thornton, '25 CHE, is now Plant Optimization Engineer with Packaging Corporation of America.

Jackson Varley, '25 Forestry, is now at International Paper in Ticonderoga, NY.

Alli Vogel, '25 CHE, is now Engineer I at Weston & Sampson in Portsmouth, NH.

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



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Top left: Students attend the 2025 TREE Trip and pose in Copenhagen, Denmark; **Top right:** UMPPF Alum and Voith Vice President Scott Varney mentors Clark Condon, '26 MEE, and Max Viselli, '27 MEE, on their co-op experience; **Bottom:** Students at a PCA information session.