

70th Reunion Class Of 1953



Join us on campus: September 28-30, 2023

UMaine Class of '53 Classmates:

It's hard to believe it has been 70 years since our time at UMaine! I hope you share the same wonderful memories of campus, roommates, academics and friends as I do! In 1953, when we graduated, UMaine set many of us on a new course of adventure, career exploration and a happy life.

Now is the time to celebrate this **amazing milestone of our 70th Reunion!** I hope you will consider reconnecting with our classmates and the university on campus in Orono on **September 28-30, 2023**. The reunions in the past have been so heartwarming and informative but also lots of fun, laughs and memories. If you have not been back to Orono recently, you will not recognize the campus. It is bigger and better than ever, and you will leave with such a sense of pride.

It should be a wonderful time! Read on for more info!

Please register to attend online at umainealumni.com/1953-reunion or call 207-581-1146. You must register by Friday, September 15. Read on, mark your calendars for September 28-30, and make plans to attend!

Reserve your hotel room NOW as space is limited and rooms will fill up fast! Request "UMaine Reunion 2023" Block at any of the following hotels:

- Black Bear Inn in Orono: 207.866.7120 (\$179 plus tax) Book by August 9
- Country Inn at the Mall, Bangor: 207.941.0200 (\$130 plus tax) Book by August 15
- Quality Inn in Bangor: 207.942.7899 (\$179 plus tax) Book by August 27
- Courtyard by Marriott Bangor: 207.262.0700 (King Rooms only) (\$199 plus tax) Book by July 28

We hope to see you in September! Full schedule is enclosed. Come and help us celebrate!

Yours for the University of Maine, "the college of our hearts always!"

Helen Strong Hamilton

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70TH REUNION SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 28

- 9:30 am 4:00 pm: Registration at Buchanan Alumni House Check in upon arrival to campus
- 9:30 am 4:00 pm: "Open House" facilities on campus Visit the New Balance Recreation Center, the Hudson Museum, the Lord Hall Art Gallery, and more! These buildings and more will be open throughout the day for you to drop in and look around on your own if you so wish!
- 11:45 am 4:15 pm Optional afternoon activities that you can sign up for include tours of:
 - 11:45 am The Performing Arts Facilities Visit 1944 Hall, Minsky Recital Hall, Hauck Auditorium, and more!
 - 11:45 am The brand new Ferland Engineering Education and Design Center, Opened in August of 2022, the building includes a 10,000-square-foot multidisciplinary student project design suite, a 10,000-square-foot biomedical engineering research lab suite, 6 active learning classrooms, research labs, common areas, and more!
 - 12:15 pm Athletic Facilities Visit the renovated Softball Field, see other renovations in the works, visit the Field House, the Pit, Alfond Arena, Alfond Stadium, and more!
 - 12:15 pm The VEMI Lab The lab is a multidisciplinary environment where students and faculty learn and innovate together to solve unmet challenges with technology. Their expertise in Human-Computer interaction and research education makes us the leading lab in their field.
 - 1:45 pm The Advanced Structures and Composites Center, a world-leading, interdisciplinary center for research, education, and economic development encompassing material sciences, manufacturing, and engineering of composites and structures Home of the 3D House!
 - Other 1:45 pm activities include guest speaker Dr. John Volin, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost or a tour of the Ferland Engineering Education and Design Center.
 - 3:15 pm Bus Tour of Campus
- 5:00 pm Cocktail Hour and All-Alumni Dinner at Wells Conference Center on campus with special guest President Joan Ferrini-Mundy and entertainment provided by UMaine students (\$31-\$35)

Friday, September 29

- 9:00 am: Morning Mingle with Students at Buchanan Alumni House Join current students for a morning of conversation and student stories! Morning refreshments will be available.
- 10:15 am: Class of 1953 Business Meeting at Buchanan Alumni House
- Noon: Senior Alumni Luncheon at Wells Conference Center with a guest panel of UMaine students (\$20-\$33)

- 2:00 pm 4:30 pm: Optional afternoon activities that you can sign up for include tours of:
 - 2:00 pm -Advanced Structures and Composites Center, or
 - 2:00 pm The Hudson Museum Explore the Museum's extraordinary holdings in the World Cultures Gallery and the Maine Indian Gallery, as well as changing exhibits in the Merritt Gallery and the Minsky Culture Lab), or
 - 2:00 pm Guest Speaker Dr. Giovanna Guidoboni Dean of the College of Engineering and Computing at Wells Conference Center
 - 2:20 pm The Ferland Engineering Education and Design Center or the Athletic Facilities
 - 3:45 pm Bus Tour of Campus or
 - 3:45 pm Guest Speaker Jude Killy, Director of UMaine Athletics at Buchanan Alumni House
- 4:30 pm 5:30 pm: Reunion Closing Reception at Buchanan Alumni House Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar

Saturday, September 30

- 1:00 pm 3:00 pm: For those wanting to stay for Saturday, there will be a Pre-game event at the President's House on campus hosted by President Joan Ferrini-Mundy Reunion attendees and guests are invited to join the President at her home for complimentary pre-game refreshments and socializing!
- 3:30 pm: UMaine Football vs. Stony Brook at Alfond Stadium (\$10 reunion discount pricing)
- 7:30 pm: UMaine School of Performing Arts, CADENZATO Music Faculty Concert, Minsky Recital Hall, Class of 1944 Building

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