



**CLASS OF 1968
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE**

55th Reunion

UMaine Class of '68 Classmates:

55 years ago, we left the University of Maine during a tumultuous time in history. Sure, now we don't look the same nor act the same, but we do have a special bond of growing up during a very contentious war, a time of leadership loss and a time when women became liberated. In 1964, Maine set many of us on a new course of adventure, career exploration and a happy life.

We hope you too have similar memories about Orono and hope you will consider reconnecting with our classmates and the university to celebrate our 55th reunion, September 28-30, 2023. To attend, please register online at umainealumni.com/1968-reunion or call **207-581-1146**. 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, you will not recognize the campus. It is bigger and better than ever, and you will leave with such a sense of pride.

So please give the reunion some thought- we are not getting any younger and this reunion is going to be full of activities and an anticipated record turnout. Just imagine connecting with your old roommate, someone you dated, Greek brothers and sisters, lab partners, sports buddies, folks in your major, etc. It should be a wonderful time! Read on for more info!

Please register to attend online at umainealumni.com/1968-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 enclosed. Come and help us celebrate!

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

Interim President - Anthony Filauro, **Secretary/Senior Alumni Rep** - Donna Porter Erikson

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Executive Committee Members: Penny Robinson Blaisdell, Peter Cole, Bion Foster, Jane Huard Richards, Stephen Rideout, Tony Starks, Larry Roberts

55TH 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 - Scheduled 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, Alford Arena, Alford 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.
- 9:45 am: Class of 1968 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: Scheduled 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
- 6:00 pm: Class of 1968 Pat's Pizza Party (Location TBA. Depending on number of attendees, we will decide between going to Pat's or having Pat's delivered to the Alumni House.)

Saturday, September 30

- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm: Pre-game event at 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 Alford 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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