

# One University Outcomes

## Fall 2016



Maine's universities have made an unprecedented commitment to serve Maine as one, bringing every resource of our mission-differentiated universities to bear in service to Maine students, businesses and communities. A collective and on-going approach to service rather than a solitary, achievable end, the One University Initiative has helped make Maine's public universities the state's strongest and most responsive partner.

Five years ago the University of Maine System was operating under an out-of-date business model that led to state and national scrutiny about the costs, responsiveness, and long-term viability of our universities. The critical link between economic and educational opportunity meant that this challenge had to be overcome.

## Alignment for the Times

### Outcomes and Investments

- Maine is one of 3 states to reduce the real cost of 4-year public higher education: -3% over 5 years
- The structural gap was reduced 78% with a [path to surplus by FY 21](#), (Portland Press Herald, [May 2016](#))
- USM is creating [affordable university housing](#) in Portland
- \$37 million in [planned investments](#) will increase enrollment, student success, and attainment

Tuition at Maine's public universities has been frozen for six years, ending the practice of passing the ever-increasing costs of higher education onto Maine students and their families. At the same time, unyielding strategic focus, administrative reforms, and difficult campus choices have reduced the university workforce by 902 positions and achieved annual savings of more than \$82 million. These changes have put the University of Maine System on the responsible path to fiscal stability and sustainability and have positioned the University of Maine System to make critical focused investments for the benefit of our students, businesses and communities.

### Other Collaborations

- Primary [Partnership](#) between UMaine and UMM increases out-of-state enrollment 11.5% at Machias
- Credit Transfer [creates opportunity](#) and reduces the time and cost of earning a degree
- UMPI and USM [Partner](#) with Presque Isle's MMG Insurance to bring opportunity to the County
- UMF and SMCC [work together](#) to offer BS in Early Childhood Education in South Portland
- 4-campus [cyber security program](#) earns national designation, exceeds enrollment expectations by 400%

## Collaboration for the Future

Much more than an austerity exercise, the One University establishment of a [unified budget](#), single-entity administrative structure, and Academic Transformation is increasing our collective capacity to serve and help our students succeed. The [Maine Center](#) for Graduate Professional Education will engage Maine employers and catalyze collaboration across the campuses to develop one of the most innovative cross-disciplinary institutions in the United States. Graduate programs in law, business and public policy will come together under one roof but be accessible from every campus.

## Attracting Talent and Resources

- UMaine-led Deep Water Partnership is part of an initiative that will bring a [\\$40 million federal investment](#)
- 9.3% Out-of-State Enrollment Growth in Fall 2016 brings 4,256 new students to Maine
- USM International Academy will [bring more than 100 international students](#) to the Gorham campus

## Higher Standing and Greater Capacity Through Mission Differentiation

The strategic focus on state priorities, regional needs, and campus strengths that is part of the One University Initiative reduces intrastate redundancy, improves the quality of our programs for Maine students, and is helping our universities stand taller in the regional and global competition for talent and resources.

## Expanding Access Leads to Enrollment Growth

Fall 2016 enrollment at Maine's public universities is up 1.6%, bringing to an [end 13 consecutive years of enrollment declines](#). Total headcount for the Fall 2016 Semester is reported at 29,465 students, an increase of 471 students from the Fall 2015 Semester despite continuing declines in the size of Maine's traditional college-aged population.

### Early College Expands More than 100 Percent

Maine's universities have expanded access to Early college programming by 121% in five years with [UMFK establishing early college opportunities](#) for Maine students in approximately 100 high schools. 2,385 high school students are registered in courses for the Fall 2016 Semester on a path to earn 12,082 college credits at little or no cost for their families.

### 132 Maine Communities Reached with Adult Degree Completion Scholarships

In just two years Maine's Adult Degree Completion Scholarships have helped 304 adult learners from 132 different Maine communities get back on track toward a degree. One-third of Maine university students (9,636) are over the age of 25.

### Credit Transfer Creates Opportunity

722 students enrolled in Maine's public universities in the Fall of 2016 began their college careers in the Maine Community College System.



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