

AGENDA

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 * 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM * Augusta Civic Center

8:30 AM	Registration – Coffee – Augusta Room	
9:00 AM	Welcome	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wendy Ault, Executive Director</i> 	
9:10 AM	2015 – 2016 Annual Report Summary	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lucas Caron</i> • <i>Wendy Ault</i> 	
9:30 AM	Keynote Speaker:	<p>Great Students, Great Schools, Great Jobs, and Great Lives: Lessons Learned from Gallup’s Research on Success in Education and Beyond</p> <p>Among the topics to be covered: Findings and trends regarding the future of education; lessons learned from interviewing millions of students in grades 5-12 on hope, engagement, career and financial literacy, and entrepreneurial aspirations; key findings from the Gallup-Purdue Index on the college experiences that best predict long term work and life outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Timothy D. Hodges, PhD, Director of Research, Gallup</i>
10:45 AM	Session One	<p>Augusta Room</p> <p>StrengthsQuest: Discover and Develop Strengths in Academics, Career, and Beyond</p> <p>This fall more than 500,000 first year college students will take a Gallup strengths assessment as part of their welcome to campus. Interactive discussion about the work Gallup has done in the area of strengths development, hearing about the experiences of the attendees in the room, and discussion of where to go from here.</p> <p><i>Presenters: Timothy D. Hodges, PhD, Director of Research, Gallup</i></p>
		<p>Washington Room</p> <p>College Admission Panel</p> <p>With a focus on middle schools visiting colleges</p> <p><i>Presenters: Lisa Ellrich, UMF</i> <i>Mikayla Fitzmaurice, Thomas</i> <i>John Derouche, Assistant Director for Tours, Visits & Events, USM</i></p> <p><i>Moderator: Joe McShane, Admissions Representative, UMF</i></p>
		<p>York Room</p> <p>MELMAC/College Board PSAT Partnership</p> <p>Learn more about the partnership to provide standardized tests to every MELMAC grantee high school. This session will include use of assessment results to identify how to help students improve their PSAT/SAT performance through the use of skills insight and Khan Academy. In addition, learn how AP potential can be used as a predictor of who in your school would benefit from which Advanced Placement courses; what the research tells us; and, how the SAT can be used as a predictor of future success in college.</p> <p><i>Presenter: Pat Doyle, Director, K-12, State and District Partnerships, The College Board</i></p>

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	<i>Sagadahoc Room</i>	<p>Destination Occupation Destination Occupation is a Maine focused, career exploration resource. You will learn how to use the career exploration videos and resources to help your students make better informed career and education choices. The videos feature Maine employers and employees who talk about their job and the skills needed to do that job. Maine has many great career opportunities right here, right now for our students, but many of those jobs are “not on our radar” because they are tucked away in an industrial park or are inaccessible to the public. These videos are appropriate for students in grades 6 thru 12.</p> <p><i>Presenters: Rachel Knight, Creator and Principal, Career Exploration Videos Victor Esposito, Middle School Master Specialist, JMG</i></p>
Noon	Lunch – Western/Arnold/Howard Room (1st Floor, North Wing)	
1:00 PM Session Two	<i>Augusta Room</i>	<p>USM Update: New Goals, Partnerships and Initiatives for Students</p> <p><i>Presenter: Andrew King, Director of Admissions, USM Helen Gorgas-Goulding, Advising Coordinator, USM</i></p>
	<i>Washington Room</i>	<p>Apprenticeship Opportunities <i>Hear from business leaders about the variety of certificate and apprenticeship opportunities around the State.</i></p> <p><i>Facilitators: Jennifer McKenna, Local 716 Plumbers, Pipefitters, and HVAC Apprenticeship Joan Dolan, Program Manager, Maine Department of Labor Matt Marks, Chief Executive Officer, AGC Maine Ashley Richards, Executive Officer, Home Builders & Remodelers Association of Maine Jason Frederick, Safety Director, Sargent Corporation</i></p>

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<p>1:00 PM</p> <p>Session Two</p>	<p><i>York Room</i></p>	<p>Modeling the Mindset for College Access Educators are integral in creating the conditions that make students' growth mindset possible. Presenters will share a researched based college access planning tool developed by GEAR UP Maine, along with resources to move students along the continuum from fixed to growth mindset. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss within groups what is working within their school settings and where opportunities exist to better support the growth mindset culture.</p> <p><i>Facilitators: Eleni Margaronis, Program Assistant, GEAR UP Leigh Alley, Regional Facilitator, GEAR UP</i></p>
	<p><i>Piscataquis Room</i></p>	<p>Kindling Collaborative Business-Education Partnerships “Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller Cultivating community partnerships yields additional resources for educators, and often big results for students. Hear some examples of how education and business partners are working together to make meaningful connections for students. Come ready to share your best practices for developing partnerships in your community.</p> <p><i>Presenter: Cary Olson Cartwright, Assistant Vice President, Corporate Social Responsibility, Unum Leah MacLeod, Community Relations specialist, Unum</i></p>
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