

National Honor Society of



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Dear NHS Advisor,

On behalf of the 2017 - 2018 National Honor Society of Maine Executive Board, it is my pleasure to invite you to the 2018 MNHS State Convention on March 15 and 16.

The theme of this year's convention is *Caring for Our Communities*, and the convention will host a wealth of speakers and workshop presenters who have proven to be active and influential in their communities. We are also excited to have selected the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital in Portland as the 2017 - 2018 MNHS State Service Project.

The Convention begins on Thursday, March 15, at Jeff's Catering in Brewer, where we will hold our annual Maine NHS Banquet. The banquet will start promptly at 6 p.m., but we ask that your chapter arrive between 5:15 and 5:30 p.m. to allow ample time to be seated so we begin on time. Upon entering, students will be seated with members of other chapters. At our past banquet, advisors requested to be seated at a single table, however, we would ask that this year, advisors disperse themselves throughout the room. We would also ask that your chapter adhere to our banquet dress code and wear business casual attire (please ask your students to save their casual attire for the conference at the University of Maine).

Our keynote speaker for Thursday night will be Ms. Dixie Shaw - a native of Aroostook county. She is a community activist as well as the Director of Hunger and Relief Services for Catholic Charities of Maine. Ms. Shaw is a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce, the Presque Isle Rotary Club, and Kiwanis Club. She has spent twenty-nine years with Catholic Charities of Maine and continues to be an inspiration to members of her community and individuals across the great State of Maine.

Our dance follows dinner and Ms. Shaw's presentation. For members wishing to participate in a more low-key activity, we'll have board games available as well. We encourage your chapter to stay and socialize with others. The banquet will conclude at 10 p.m..

The following day, Friday, March 16, you are invited to join us at the University of Maine at Orono for a day of workshops, speakers, and officer elections. Registration will begin at 8 a.m.; please make sure that your chapter arrives by 8:45 a.m. at the latest to register and be seated. At 9 a.m., Vice President of Academic Affairs at UMO, Provost Hecker, will address us. At 9:15 a.m., the State Officers will welcome all of the conference attendees.

At 9:20 a.m., chapters are invited to present donations to the 2017 - 2018 MNHS State Service Project, *The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital*. Your donation will go towards toys and coloring books for the children, and help to support the state of the art healthcare services provided to the patients.

Following the presentation of donations, any MNHS member running for a state office will deliver a brief campaign speech. MNHS is a student run organization, and without capable, enthusiastic, and dedicated officers, our organization will not run efficiently. If a student in your chapter is interested in running for President, Vice President, Secretary, Public Relations Coordinator, or Regional Representative, please encourage them to pursue state office. Voting will be held immediately after candidates' speeches.

At 10 a.m., we will have our keynote address. This year, we will have the privilege of hearing from SSG Travis Mills, the founder of the Travis Mills Foundation. On April 10, 2012, United States Army Staff Sergeant Travis Mills, of the 82nd Airborne, was critically injured on his third tour of duty in Afghanistan by an IED (improvised explosive device) while on patrol, losing portions of both legs and both arms. He is one of only five surviving quadruple amputees from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. In September 2013, SSG Mills founded the Travis Mills Foundation, a nonprofit organization formed to benefit and assist combat-injured veterans. We are excited to hear from SSG Mills; more information can be found at travismills.org.

Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., we will hold multiple workshops centered around our conference theme, *Caring for Our Communities*. Your chapter will be assigned a time to eat lunch during this block. Please make sure to adhere to the schedule so we can ensure we are as efficient as possible.

I look forward to this year's MNHS State Convention, and I hope you will join us! Please, if you have any questions or would just like to talk with myself or any of the other State Officers, stop us and we would love to provide any information we can. One of the greatest rewards and greatest responsibilities of being a leader is speaking with those whom you represent, so please do not hesitate. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely yours,

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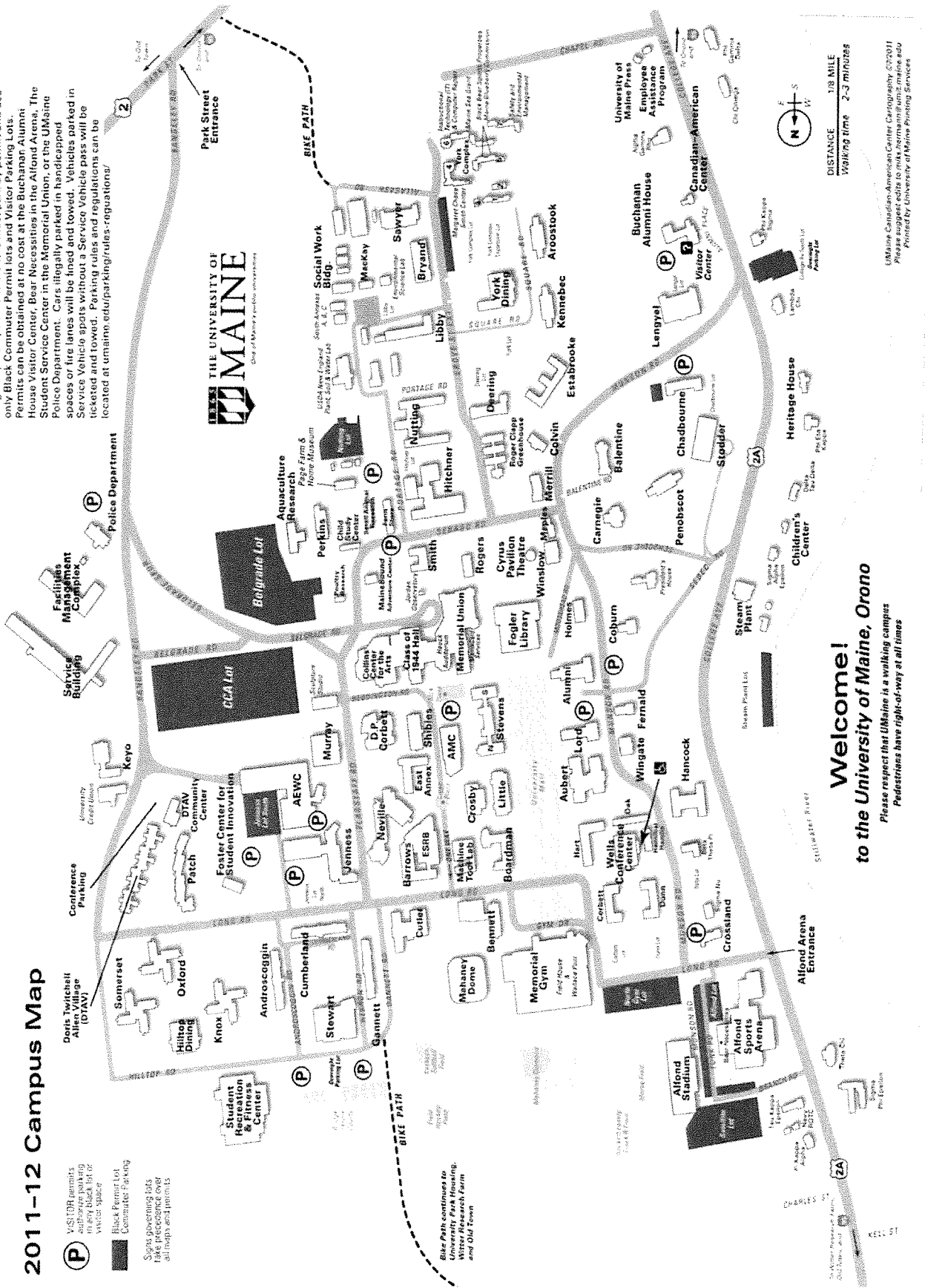
2011-12 Campus Map

P VISITOR permits authorized parking in lot of visitor space

Black Permit Lot Demonstrator Parking

Some oversized lots take precedence over all other parking

PARKING NOTICE
 Program participants and visitors must park by permit and use only Black Commuter Permit lots and Visitor Parking Lots. Permits can be obtained at no cost at the Buchanan Alumni House Visitor Center, Bear Necessities in the Alford Arena, The Student Service Center in the Memorial Union, or the UMaine Police Department. Cars illegally parked in handicapped spaces or fire lanes will be fined and towed. Vehicles parked in Service Vehicle spots without a Service Vehicle pass will be ticketed and towed. Parking rules and regulations can be located at umaine.edu/parking/rules-regulations/



Welcome!
 to the University of Maine, Orono

Please respect that UMaine is a walking campus
 Pedestrians have right-of-way at all times

DISTANCE 1/8 MILE
 WALKING TIME 2-3 MINUTES

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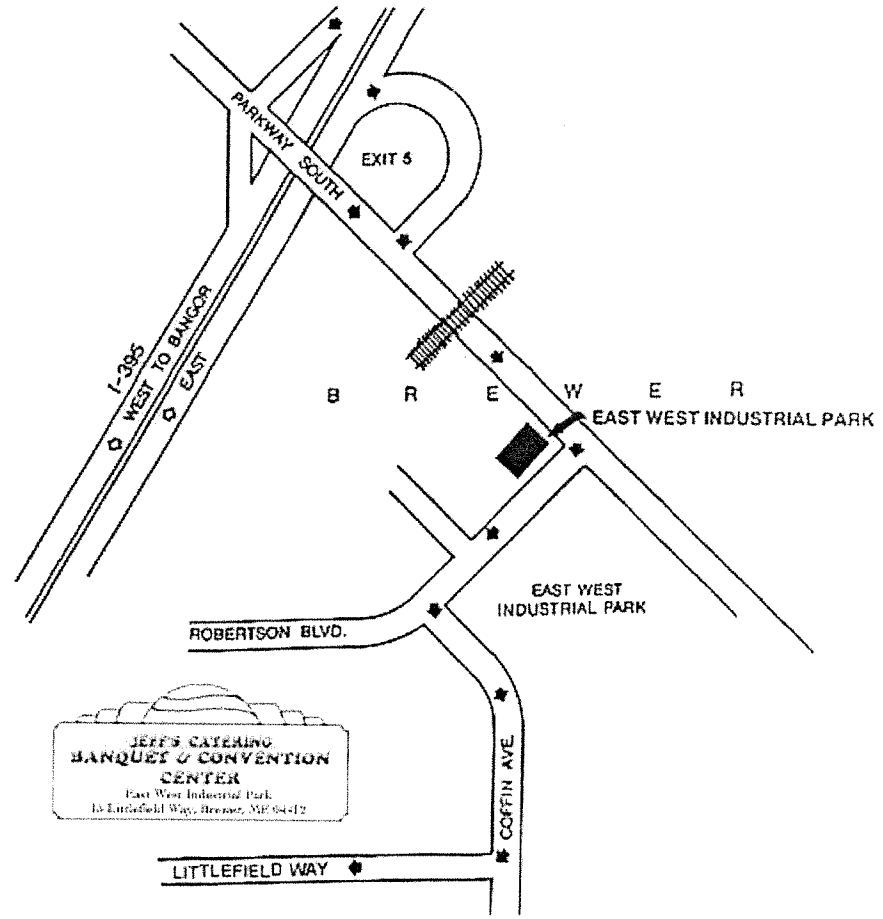


*Catering for all occasions at
our place or yours!*

Directions...

From 95 North or South, take Exit 182-A onto 395 East. Travel to Exit #5 (Parkway South) and turn left at end of exit. Go 1/10 of a mile over railroad tracks, and take the very next right into the East/West Industrial Park. Travel approximately 100 yards and turn left onto Coffin Avenue. Jeff's Catering is located at 15 Littlefield Way.

From Ellsworth take 395 West. Travel to Exit #5 (Parkway South) and turn left at end of exit. Go 1/10 of a mile over railroad tracks and take the very next right into the East/West Industrial Park. Travel approximately 100 yards and turn left onto Coffin Avenue. Jeff's Catering is located at 15 Littlefield Way.



Hotels in the Bangor/Orono Area

Bangor:

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|----------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Quality Inn Bangor Airport | 250 Odlin Road | |
| | Bangor | 207-942-8272 |

With continental breakfast

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| Hampton Inn | 261 Haskell Rd | |
| | Bangor | 207-990-4400 |

With continental breakfast

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| Comfort Inn | 10 Bangor Mall Blvd | |
| | Bangor | 207-990-0888 |

With continental breakfast

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| Ramada Inn | 357 Odlin Road | |
| | Bangor | 207-904-2998 |

With breakfast

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| Bangor Inn and Suites | 701 Hogan Road | |
| | Bangor | 207-947-0335 |

With continental breakfast

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| Fairfield Inn | 300 Odlin Road | |
| | Bangor | 207-990-0001 |

With continental breakfast

Orono:

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| University Inn | 5 College Ave. | |
| | Orono | 207-866-4921 |

With continental breakfast

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| Black Bear Inn | 4 Godfrey Drive | |
| | Orono | 207-866-7120 |

With continental breakfast

**Maine National Honor Society
2018 Service Project**

Chapter/School: _____

Advisor(s): _____

Please type the answers to the following questions and return this form with the pre-registration material.

- A. Write a brief description of one Service Project that your chapter completed this year.

- B. The number of NHS members required to complete the project

- C. The time frame required to complete the project

- D. Contact information for those interested in learning more about your project

Advisor: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please include this form with pre-registration materials and send to:

Christopher Carver
Mountain Valley High School
799 Hancock St
Rumford, Maine 04276
ccarver@rsu10.org

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Advisor Checklist for State Convention and Banquet

_____ Pre-registration form is completed and returned by February 16, 2018

_____ Service Project description is included

_____ Reminder to ask students to turn cellphones off

If your chapter has a candidate running for state office or regional representative:

_____ Candidate Information Form is included

_____ Advisor reviews and approves candidate's speech

_____ Advisor sends copy of candidate's speech with pre-registration

_____ Candidate reviews duties and responsibilities of officers

_____ Advisor reviews guidelines for the advisors of state officers

_____ **Advisor and candidate are able to attend 6 planning meetings in Augusta and Banquet and Convention with state officers**

Advisor's signature _____

Principal's signature _____

Please return with convention materials

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Duties and Responsibilities of Officers and Regional Representatives:

President:

- A. Preside at all meetings of the MNHS Executive Board.
- B. Represent the MNHS at any public function.
- C. Appoint all necessary committees and serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.
- D. Prepare and present agenda for each meeting to the State Advisers.

Vice President:

- A. Perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President.
- B. Perform any duties delegated by the President.
- C. Assist the president in the planning and implementation of the annual MNHS convention.

Secretary:

- A. Keep notes of the annual convention.
- B. Keep and disseminate the minutes of any MNHS meeting.
- C. Conduct all necessary correspondence and other duties delegated by the Executive Board.

Public Relations Coordinator:

- A. Gather and submit information regarding the annual convention to be included in the MPA newsletter.
- B. Submit press releases concerning MNHS activities to various media.
- C. Maintain social media presence for the MNHS.

Regional Representative:

- A. Attend all Executive Board meetings and actively participate in the operation of the MNHS.
- B. The representatives shall be responsible to serve as liaisons between the MNHS Executive Board and the chapters within that person's regions.

The duties and responsibilities of MNHS officers outlined above are as stated in the MNHS constitution. All officers and advisors are expected to attend all meetings. The meetings are held at the MPA office, or via Internet or teleconference. There is a transitional meeting in mid-May. Regular meetings are held in September, October, January, February, and if necessary in March. The convention is held the second or third week in March. The mission of the officers is to organize and publicize the state convention. Local advisers, MPA committee representatives, and the MNHS officers work together to complete the necessary tasks.

Election of officers is held at the state convention. Advisers-if your student is ready to accept this leadership challenge, please encourage him or her to run for office. It is an experience to remember.

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Candidate Information Form**

Each Chapter is permitted no more than one candidate.

Name of Candidate: _____

School Name and Address: _____

Position for which candidate is running: _____

On a separate sheet please provide a brief personal profile of 150 words or less. Write it in third person, listing hobbies, interests, co-curricular activities, and accomplishments. Attach your profile with your name at the top. This will be read aloud upon your introduction to the convention and should not be repeated in your speech.

Please include a photo with this form. This material will be printed in the program.

The above-mentioned candidate agrees to abide by the Rules for Candidates.

Candidate's Signature

Chapter Advisor's Signature

This form MUST be returned by February 16 to:

**Chris Carver
Mountain Valley High School
799 Hancock Street
Rumford, Maine 04276
ccarver@rsu10.org**

Rules for Candidates

The following are the rules for all candidates, including Regional Representatives, running for an office of the MNHS Executive Board. They will be strictly enforced.

1. **A candidate must be a junior in order to run for an office.**
2. No write-in candidates will be accepted. Any region not presenting a candidate by the pre-registration deadline will not be represented on the MNHS Executive Board for the next year.
3. **Only one candidate may run per chapter.**
4. The University and hotel are very particular about maintaining their facilities. Campaign materials of any kind are to be completely disposed of at both facilities.
5. **NO FOOD, CANDY, or DRINK will be allowed in Hauck Auditorium.**
6. All speeches made by candidates must be written in advance, proof read, and approved by the chapter advisor. The Executive Board reserves the right to disqualify any candidate for inappropriate language or content.
7. Prepared speeches will be confined to the assigned topic (listed below) for each officer and regional representative. Candidates are not to re-state their complete profiles since they will be read aloud upon the introduction of the candidates.
8. All candidates running for an office, including regional representative, will give their speeches to the entire convention. There will be no regional meetings.
9. All campaigning and speeches are expected to be conducted in a responsible, respectful manner, characteristic of the National Honor Society.

Topics of Speeches:

President: Leadership

Vice-President: Service

Secretary: Character

Public Relations Coordinator: Scholarship

Regional Representatives: All four values of NHS – Leadership, Service,
Character, Scholarship

Speeches should be 3 to 6 minutes in length.

Regions

A. Northern

C. Central

E. Western

B. Southern

D. Eastern

Carefully read the list of duties and responsibilities of MNHS officers and regional representatives. Encourage a student who is willing to actively participate on the MNHS Executive Board to run for an office. Also, encourage students to consider the position of regional representative. This is an important role of the MNHS Executive Board, but one often overlooked by those choosing to run for office.

Students interested in running do not need to have previously attended a MNHS Convention. It is an excellent opportunity for members of a chapter to work together and campaign for their candidate. It is also an excellent leadership experience for candidates.

Any Chapter submitting a candidate must do so on the Candidate Information Form enclosed in this packet.