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**UNA USA**

**Maine Chapter**

#### **UNA Maine and UNA Bates To Collaborate on UN Day Celebration**

Maine and Bates College UNA Chapters are collaborating on a first ever virtual UN Day program on **Wednesday, October 21, from 7 to 8 PM**. Our keynote speaker will be Coby Jones, pictured below, a Senior Communications Associate at the Digital Impact Alliance (DIAL) housed at the UN Foundation in Washington D.C. DIAL is an independent global alliance dedicated to advancing digital inclusion by identifying barriers and coming up with solutions so citizens can get access to services faster and more reliably. Ms. Jones will address: "The UN at 75: Past, Present and Progress." There will also be special video appearances by Governor Janet Mills, Maine Poet Laureate Stuart Kestenbaum, and members of our UNA chapters. After Ms. Jones' address there will be an opportunity for Q & A. **FREE**, and open to the public. Click [here](#) to register. **WATCH FOR A POSTER TO SHARE--coming soon!**



### **Other UN Day 75 Celebrations**

You can access other UN Day 75 celebrations from UNA Chapters all across the country. Members can use the UNA Forum (click [here](#) for a quick tutorial on how to use it) to learn about the wide range of offerings. UNA-USA itself is hosting a special edition of its Global Engagement Online Series (GEOS) on **Friday, October 23, from noon to 1 PM**. Speakers include:

- **Rachel Pittman**, Executive Director of UNA-USA
- **Paula Boland**, UNA-USA National Council, Chair
- **Dr. Maria Van Kerkhove, PhD**, World Health Organization's Head of Emerging Diseases Unit and COVID-19 Technical Lead
- **Jayathma Wickramanayake**, UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

**FREE.** REGISTER [here](#) to participate.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- October 11 was the International Day of the Girl. The **Girl Scouts of Maine** offers girls from K-12 leadership training and engagement with global issues at every level. FMI, click [GlobalGirlScouts](#).
- UNA Maine member **Olivia Griset** was highlighted in the October issue of Maine Women Magazine, for her work as an environmental educator. She is the Executive Director of the Maine Environmental Education Association (MEEA). **MEEA is offering outdoor learning grants of up to \$1500 for Maine Public PreK-12 schools. Application deadline is October 19.** To apply, and FMI about MEEA, including teaching resources, click [MEEA](#)

- **"VOTE Like the World Depends on It!"** Campaign. FMI (**five key global issues** at stake), tools and resources, click: [VOTE](#)
- **Congratulations!** To the UN's World Food Programme for winning the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize. To read the Nobel Committee's announcement, click [NobelPrize](#)

#### OTHER NOTABLE DATES:

**Saturday, October 24** UN DAY The UN turns 75!

**Tuesday, November 3.** Election Day! Please VOTE.

**Thursday, November 5** . UNA-USA Town Hall with **Peter Yeo**, President of the Better World Campaign, and Sr. Vice President of the UN Foundation, leads a discussion of the Election Results and the UN. Details TBA.

**Saturday, November 7, 10 AM to noon.** Virtual UNA Maine Chapter board meeting. Members welcome. To get the link, contact us at: [info@unamaine.org](mailto:info@unamaine.org)

**Camden Conference** Although the conference itself is not until **February 20-21, 2021**, there are already community events and a reading list available. The topic for the 34th Annual Conference is "**The Geopolitics of the Arctic: A Region in Peril.**" FMI and to register for FREE ongoing ZOOM events, click [here](#)



#### In Memoriam

Five years ago, the Law Firm of Joseph Bornstein, helped us celebrate the 70th anniversary of the UN by sponsoring a flashing "UN70" atop the Time & Temperature Building in Portland. In early August 2020, Joe agreed that they would help with the 75th celebration too, by sponsoring a flashing "UN75" on the weekend of October 24. If you are in the Portland area, be sure to look for this. Sadly, Joe died on October 1st. We join family and friends who mourn his passing. We are grateful for his law firm's continuing support of the UN!