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#### **UNA-USA'S PUBLIC NEWSLETTER FOR UN ADVOCATES**

Whether you are a Chapter member or not you can access UN 24 hour live and pre-recorded programming through a link on our website, or go directly to: <https://media.un.org/en/webtv/>

But, if you are a UNA Maine member, and have provided your email address to UNA-USA, you should have received "UNA TODAY" a public e-newsletter last week. *This is an easier way for you to get up-to-date summarized information on the UN!* For example, the September 17 issue included an urgent appeal to help the UN provide lifesaving aid to the people of Afghanistan by donating to the UN Central Emergency Response Fund. The UN remains in Afghanistan. It also provided a link to UN Secretary-General Guterres' report entitled "Our Common Agenda" outlining his vision for the future, derived at least partially from the UNA's UN75 consultations with members held (via teleconferences) last year. And it highlighted the annual convening of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly last week. FMI: <https://unfoundation.org/unga76/>

Our Chapter newsletters are produced with volunteer effort and are issued much less frequently than those sent by the National (staffed) office. (Our last Chapter newsletter was sent May 31, 2021.) We would welcome your help with producing our newsletters, but we are not able to replicate the National office's content.

To become a member (free for those under 26), and receive the benefits of free National messaging, programming, and use of National resources, sign up through our website, <https://unamaine.org/join-us-or-renew> If you are a member, but have not received

emails from UNA-USA, please contact our Membership Chair, **Peter Cole**, at [info@unamaine.org](mailto:info@unamaine.org) so he can help you get this corrected.



Pictured above are Bates College UNA Chapter leader **Mohammed Obaid Shwani**, and the chapter's faculty advisor, **Professor Seulgie Lim** who met at the Lewiston home of Maine Chapter Board member **Elizabeth Eames**, along with Maine Chapter Board president **Lucinda White** (not shown) this month to begin planning fall activities. Membership in a college chapter and a community chapter is considered one membership. The Maine Chapter has collaborated with Bates for several years. We are working on increasing membership and preparing a program for UN Day (October 24). If you are interested in helping, contact us at: [info@unamaine.org](mailto:info@unamaine.org)

#MySDGDream!!

The UNA-USA has launched an important new initiative called #MySDGDream, a year long project that invites EVERYONE, everywhere, to share their dreams and ideas for achieving the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals in their lives and communities. FMI and ways to share your dream through social media, and YouTube, including cool graphics, visit: <https://spark.adobe.com/page/kQxtk7kzuPQLm/>



In a similar vein to #MySDGDream, the Maine Chapter of Citizens for Global Solutions (CGS) is sponsoring an essay contest on the topic "Global Problems Need Global Solutions." Persons under age 30 (on 10/15/21) are invited to submit essays (up to 1500 words). Cash prizes are \$500 for 1st place, \$300 for 2nd, and \$200 for 3rd. Entries must be submitted between October 15 and November 15, 2021. For more details, contest rules, and an entry form, contact Lee Davis, Chair of Maine CGS at: [sldavis@maine.edu](mailto:sldavis@maine.edu) If you send our UNA Maine Chapter a copy of your [digital] entry, we will try to publish excerpts in a 2022 newsletter!

#### INTERESTING UN RELATED NEW (2021) BOOKS:

- The 4th Edition of the indispensable *An Insider's Guide to the UN*, by Linda Fasulo
- *I Am a Girl from Africa, A Memoir*, by Elizabeth Nyanayaro (a Zimbabwean-born political scientist and former senior adviser at the UN)

Please send us your reading suggestions. Or, write a short review of a UN related book for inclusion in a future newsletter!

#### LOOKING AHEAD

**Sept. 21** at 7 PM (free)--Reza Jalali & Morgan Reilly, authors of *Dear Maine: The Trials and Triumphs of Maine's 21st Century*

*Immigrants*. Register: <http://pressherald.com/mainevoiceslive>

**October 2** 9:30 to 11:30 AM. **UNA Board meeting. All members welcome to attend.** To request ZOOM

link: [info@unamaine.org](mailto:info@unamaine.org)

**October 11**--International Day of the Girl. Over 7500 girls across Maine participate in Girl

Scouting! FMI: <https://www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/>

**October 12**--Indigenous People's Day--UNA-USA Global

Engagement Online Series program at 4 PM sharing inspiring stories of indigenous women and girls.

**October 24--United Nations Day!** Our Chapter's program is TBD. Watch for next newsletter.

**October 25** at 3:30 PM UNA-USA virtual celebration "Creating a Blueprint for a Better Future."



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Live from Camden, Maine

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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND OTHER EVENTS:  
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See the Camden Conference website for their reading list, and for free community events in the months leading up to the 2022 conference.





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