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2022 Highlights

Happy Holidays from the Darling Marine Center

Greetings from the Darling Marine Center. It has been a full year, with lots of research and education activities.

Recently completed waterfront facilities improvements and a campuswide electrical infrastructure project enabled us to support affiliated and visiting researchers and business incubator clients, and host dozens of undergraduate and graduate education programs throughout the year. We also welcomed new graduate students and staff to campus in 2022, and are grateful for their energy and new ideas.

I am excited to share a transition of my own. Spring 2023 will mark my last season as director of the Darling Marine Center, and the search for a new director has begun. I am returning to the faculty, and look forward to further developing my research and teaching activities at the Darling Marine Center.

I am proud of all that the Darling Marine Center community has accomplished in the eight years while I have been director, and I am looking forward to many more years of collaboration to come.

With your support, the University of Maine Darling Marine Center will continue to proudly serve as a hub for collaborative research, education and engagement long into the future.

I invite you to make a gift to support the Darling Marine Center in 2023.

Wishing you a healthy and happy new year,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather".

Heather Leslie, Ph.D.
Director, Darling Marine Center

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Strategic Investments

- Site work following the campuswide electrical infrastructure updates were completed in spring 2022, thanks to university and federal funding.
- Improvements to the Flowing Seawater Laboratory and Marine Culture Laboratory have enhanced opportunities for DMC-affiliated and visiting researchers, business incubator clients, and students.
- Improvements to the upper campus have brightened the entrance to campus and the front door of UMaine's Lobster and Aquaculture Institutes.

Research

- The DMC supported the research of University of Maine faculty, staff, and affiliated researchers, and hosted 15 visiting scientists from colleges and universities across the United States this year.
- Thanks to the support of many generous donors, student researchers have immersed themselves in marine science in our research laboratories, in the newly renovated Flowing Seawater Laboratory, on our experimental sea farm and at field sites throughout the Gulf of Maine.

Education

- In summer 2022, 23 undergraduate interns conducted research on topics ranging from oyster and lobster physiology to marine species interactions and ecosystem change.
- In the fall semester, 26 undergraduates participated in Semester by the Sea, the residential experiential academic program hosted in partnership with the UMaine School of Marine Sciences.
- This year, we supported experiences for more than 50 graduate, 200 undergraduate, and 40 high school students.

Community Engagement

- 1,316 students, faculty, professionals and members of the public participated in research, business incubation, public science seminars, courses taught by DMC-based faculty, and other DMC-supported programs during the past year.
- Thanks to a generous anonymous gift, we supported hands-on learning, mentoring and community science opportunities for high school and undergraduate students in collaboration with Lincoln Academy, local shellfish harvesters, shellfish farmers, and other community partners.



Giving



The Darling Marine Center invites you to invest in the DMC Student Research and Experiential Education Fund. Gifts will support student research and experiential education programs at the center.

We welcome financial gifts of any amount and appreciate any support you can provide. You can give by:

- Using the University of Maine Foundation's online portal, and specifying the Darling Marine Center as the recipient at dmc.umaine.edu/giving
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If you would like to discuss additional giving options, please contact the DMC director by calling 207.563.8144 or emailing us at dmc@umaine.edu.

Thank you for supporting our students with your gift.



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