



Friends and Family Weekend 2021: Choose Your Own Adventure!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

1st Friday Art Walk

Downtown Portland

Portland's [First Friday Art Walk](#) is a free, self-guided tour of art galleries, art studios, museums, and alternative art venues on the first Friday of every month from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Bonfire and Check In

Green Space: Corner of Shepley St & Casco St.

Stop by the Green Space for a BYOC/B (bring your own chairs or blankets!) Bonfire and Check In. Make some S'mores and pick up your Friends & Family Weekend Adventure Guide provided by Student Life.

Alternative weather plan: Come pick up your Friends & Family Weekend Adventure Guide at the Check In tent located in the Green Space

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Information Table & Pop Up Shop

Lobby of Porteous Building

Have questions? Want recommendations about things to do in the area? Need to deck yourself out in MECA&D branded gear? Come join the Student Life team located inside 522 Congress St.

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

The President's Welcome and Breakfast Treats

Event Tent at 380 Cumberland

Enjoy complimentary warm cider or coffee accompanied by sweet treats as you are greeted by MECA&D President Laura Freid. Meet other friends and family members of our community too!



10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Drawing Class - The BFA Degree, First Year.

Cumberland D1&D2 Classroom

Join Associate Dean Paul Gebhardt in discovering the academic experience of first year students at MECA&D! Spend time in a classroom environment with your student to immerse yourself in the college atmosphere. RSVP required; space is limited due to pandemic capacities. Once full, additional class options may be opened.

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Take Your Student To Lunch

Downtown Portland/Old Port

Explore one of the many culinary delights Portland has to offer. The city has countless (and often award-winning!) restaurants, diners, and cafes. Find a full list of options here:

<https://www.visitportland.com/visit/eat-drink/restaurants/>

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Optional Tours Offered

- Self guided tour of the Portland Museum of Art
7 Congress St.

Take in Maine's oldest and largest public art institution at your own pace! Students can use their MECA&D ID cards to enter for free. See the info desk in Porteous Lobby for free Friends & Family weekend passes if interested!

- Tour of MECA&D: History, Programs, and Its Future
Porteous Building Lobby

Dive into MECA&Ds past, present, and future with Ian Anderson, Vice President of Academic Affairs & Dean of the College as you tour the Porteous Building.

- Campus Tours
Porteous Building Lobby

Join a MECA&D community member for an hour-long tour to explore all 6 floors of our main building which includes studio departments, major spaces, the MECA&D Cafe, Library and the Institute of Contemporary Art.

2:00 PM - Onward

Adventure Around the Area

Some suggested options include:

- Restocking your student's snack supplies with a trip to any of our local grocery stores:
 - [Hannaford](#)
 - [Whole Foods](#)
 - [Trader Joe's](#)
 - [Portland Co-Op](#)
 - [Sun Market](#)
 - [Walmart](#)
 - [Target](#)
- Grab additional art supplies:
 - [Art Mart](#)
 - [Artists and Craftsman](#)
 - [Michael's](#)
- Continue to explore the foodie scene of Portland
- Spend time outside in the fresh autumn air
 - [Eastern Prom](#)
 - Check out the shops in the [Old Port](#)
 - Walk along one of Portland's many nearby [beaches](#)
 - Visit [Mackworth Island](#)
 - Wander around the shops of downtown [Freeport](#)
 - Visit the [Flagship LL Bean store](#)
- Check out even more student recommended hot spots at the end of our F&FW Adventure Guide!

Please [RSVP](#) by November 4th at 12:00 PM.
COVID -19 vaccination documentation is required to be
uploaded in the RSVP for all non-student participants.