CONVOCATION

The Convocation tradition at USM began in the early 1980s to provide an opportunity for members of the University Community to engage in collective exploration of a broad-based theme through a series of relevant events. A typical Convocation takes place over a single academic year (although the Liberal Studies Convocation took place over two years) and occurs every other academic year (although the present Convocation is following immediately upon the last). In 2000, the University of Maine System Board of Trustees approved naming the Convocation in honor of the late Gloria S. Duclos, Professor Emerita of Classics, and a faculty leader who taught at USM from 1962 until 1992. During that period she maintained USM’s classical languages and cultures curriculum, was a founding designer of the University Honors Program, and an active and highly respected member of the Classical Association of New England.