SPY Faculty Respond to “Directions”
On Tuesday 24 September 2013 USM President Theo Kalikow and Provost Michael Stevenson launched a planning initiative known as Directions. This effort seeks to re-frame USM’s purpose and identity within the University of Maine System. With a focus on vision, charter, mission, values and strategies, all USM programs have been asked to recommend next steps. The SPY faculty are working on a response document that outlines the importance of sustaining and enhancing the School Psychology Program. Faculty will solicit feedback on the SPY plan from students, USM leadership and the School Psychology Program Advisory Board. More information about the Directions initiative can be found at: http://www.usm.maine.edu/directionpackage

School Psychology Awareness Week
November 11-15, 2013 is national School Psychology Awareness Week. This annual celebration gives a chance to celebrate the work of school psychologists. This year’s theme is: We’re All In: Teams Work and focuses on how school psychologists are part of teams that support all children. For more information visit: http://www.nasponline.org/communications/spaw/2013/

Dr. Brown to Visit Northern Campuses
School Psychology Program Director Dr. Rachel Brown will be visiting two of the University of Maine’s northern campuses to make presentations about the Educational and School Psychology degree programs. On Monday 7 October 2013, Dr. Brown will visit the University of Maine at Fort Kent and the University of Maine at Presque Isle. These presentations are designed to help spread awareness of the availability of graduate training in psychology in the University of Maine system. Hosting the event in Presque Isle is Dr. Paul Johnson, a graduate of USM’s Psy.D. program who is now a psychology faculty member at UMPI.