



**2009 UNUM
MAINE TEACHERS'
HALL OF FAME
STARTING 9**



Unum and the Portland Sea Dogs are once again teaming up to highlight the great work Maine teachers do in the classroom everyday. The fifth annual "Starting 9" team will be recognized at the Sea Dogs game on **Friday, June 19**. We need your help to recruit this team!

Quality classroom teachers are the key ingredient to improving student performance. Too often, our teachers' extraordinary efforts go unnoticed. We know that we cannot recognize all the wonderful teachers in Maine, but we want to recognize teachers who, in particular, have created innovative classroom lessons that align with Maine's *Learning Results*, and have made a real difference in the lives of students and your school.

The *Maine Learning Results* identify the knowledge and skills essential to prepare Maine students for career, college and citizenship. The *Learning Results* are built on the premise that:

- **all students should aspire to high levels of learning;**
- **achievement should be assessed in a variety of ways; and**
- **completion of public school should have common meaning throughout the state.**

With the enclosed nomination form, we ask that you nominate a teacher from your district or school who has made an extraordinary difference in the classroom. We will select three teachers in each grade span; K - 4, 5 - 8, and 9 - 12. The nine teachers will receive a check for \$500, a personalized Sea Dogs' uniform top, eight tickets in the picnic area (meal included for all guests), as well as the opportunity to throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Whether it's in the business environment, on the baseball field, or in the school classroom, achieving high standards is important. Celebrating the good work is equally important.

We thank you for your time and look forward to receiving a nomination for one of your teachers by **May 15th**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin McCarthy".

Kevin McCarthy
President
Unum US

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlie Eshbach".

Charlie Eshbach
President/General Manager
Portland Sea Dogs