



UNUM'S  
7<sup>TH</sup>-ANNUAL  
MAINE EDUCATORS' HALL  
OF FAME - STARTING 6



Unum and the Portland Pirates are once again teaming up to highlight the great work Maine educators do in the classroom every day. The 7<sup>th</sup>-annual "Starting 6" team will be recognized at the Pirates game on **Friday, January 20, 2012**. We need your help to recruit this team!

Quality school educators are the key ingredient to improving student performance. Too often, our educators' extraordinary efforts go unnoticed. We know that we cannot recognize all the wonderful educators in Maine, however, we want to recognize educators who, in particular, have created innovative classroom lessons and continually engage parents, families and their community.

Education is job one and we need to work together to help prepare Maine. Specifically, Maine needs to ensure that:

- **All young children have access to quality programs that advance their development;**
- **All students graduate from high school and are prepared for college, career, citizenship and life;**
- **Many more Mainers complete a college degree or occupational certificate.**

With the enclosed nomination form, we ask that you nominate one or more educators from your district or school who have made an extraordinary difference in their school. We will select two educators in each grade span; K – 4, 5 – 8, and 9 – 12.

The six educators will receive a check for \$500, a personalized Pirates' uniform top, six tickets to the game and will participate in our on-ice presentation.

We thank you for your time and look forward to celebrating the great work of our Maine educators. Nomination forms are due in by **Dec. 9**.

If you should have any questions regarding the nomination process, please contact me at (207) 575-6091 or via e-mail at [salpren@unum.com](mailto:salpren@unum.com).

Sincerely,

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