

Brewer Automotive Components and Toyota donate \$20,000 to fund new program for the University of Maine's Center on Aging

Grant to provide Visiting Geriatric Scholar Program

Brewer, ME -- During a ceremony on Friday, May 30, Brewer Automotive Components and Toyota teamed up and announced a \$20,000 gift to the University of Maine Center on Aging.

The grant is establishing a visiting geriatric community scholar program, the first of its kind at the University. The unique program will enable the Center on Aging to bring a series of nationally recognized experts in the field of aging to Maine.

"The generosity of Brewer Automotive Components and Toyota is making this program possible," said Lenard Kaye, Director of UMaine Center on Aging. "Without their support, this tremendous expertise and talent would not have been available. We are always challenged to find the resources to bring skilled professionals from elsewhere in the country to the campus and its surrounding communities. We will now be able to do just that."

Kaye said that the experts, while in residence, will deliver community lectures and conduct research. In addition, they will provide technical consultation to students and community health and social service personnel who are working to maximize the quality of life of older adults and their families in the region.

"Brewer Automotive Corporation is proud to be a part of the local community and equally as proud and fortunate to be affiliated with a company such as Toyota," said Tomoya Toriumi, President, Brewer Automotive Components.

He added: "Both companies and our people feel it is important to give back to the communities in which we work and live and the University of Maine Center on Aging is a very worthwhile cause"

BAC, which has locations in both Maine and Virginia, is a quality supplier of steering and suspension components. They have supplied components for all of Toyota's North American built vehicles since 1991.

The University of Maine Center on Aging was established in 2001. Their focus is on building partnerships for the aging community through education and training; community service and consultation; and research and evaluation.

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