Hello,

My name is Jim Stepp and I am the Dean of Students here at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. I would like to welcome you to the UMPI community. Everyone here is very excited that you will be joining us soon.

As the Dean of Students, I have the privilege to work with a dedicated staff whose main purpose is to help you succeed in achieving you academic and personal goals while studying at UMPI.

Here’s how we can help you while you are here.

One of the most important things you can do as a student is to get involved in campus life. The Student Activities Office can help you do this. UMPI has over 30 clubs and organizations that will give you the chance to meet individuals with similar interests, participate in activities you will enjoy, find study buddies, and build leadership skills that you will utilize for the rest of your life. By visiting the Student Activities Office, you can find out how to join one of our clubs or organizations. If you do not see a club or organization that you find attractive, we can help you form a new club on campus that will better fit your interests.

As a student at UMPI, you will have the chance to travel with the clubs or organizations you belong to or you can choose to study at another institution through our National Student Exchange (NSE) Program. The NSE gives you the opportunity to study at nearly 170 colleges or universities throughout the United States, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Study abroad in the NSE can last from one to two semesters and may be used to augment your education at UMPI or to check out the graduate school you may want to attend.

As you work on your degree, you will begin planning for a career after graduation that will utilize your new found skills and talents. Our Office of Career Preparation and Employer Relations will be able to help you find internships and other experiences that will strengthen your job preparedness skills. As you near graduation, the Office of Career Preparation can help you develop a resume that will get you the job you want.

Student Support Services and Academic Support Services offer a wide range of programs to assist you with your learning. Through these programs you can get tutoring or Writing Center help through our Learning Commons, medical assistance through the Health Center, Counseling, and accommodations through Disability Services.

Living on campus is a great way to get the fullest experience out of college. By living in the residence halls, you will be close to your classes and the offices you will need to visit. All of the campus’ services are nearby and you will have the opportunity to live in a diverse population that
will help you understand the differences and commonality found in the people you will be interacting with the rest of your life.

Whether you live on campus or not, you will have to eat. Kelley Commons, found in the Campus Center, offers all-you-can-eat meals for a very reasonable price. Breakfast includes made to order eggs, pancakes, and French toast. Lunch and dinner offer ready-to-eat hot entrees, grill service, a sandwich bar and a salad bar.

Thank you for choosing UMPI as the place you want to get your education.

Sincerely

James D. Stepp
Dean of Students