University hosts 100th Commencement

Three hundred and forty-five students graduated from the University of Maine at Presque Isle on Saturday, May 16, during the 2009 Commencement Exercises – the University’s 100th Commencement ceremony. President Donald Zillman conferred degrees for the 2008-2009 academic year upon 149 students who participated in the ceremony held in Wieden Gymnasium.

Congressman Michael H. Michaud addressed the graduates as the commencement speaker. During the historic event, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degrees were presented to Congressman Michaud and Bruce Brown, a leading proponent of art education and contemporary art in the State of Maine.

Michael H. Michaud, the U.S. Congressman representing Maine’s Second District, has served the people of Maine for nearly three decades, working to effect important changes in areas ranging from healthcare to veterans affairs to economic development in Maine. He was sworn in as a United States Congressman in January 2003, becoming the first recognized Franco-American from Maine to be elected to federal office. In the U.S. House of Representatives, Michaud serves on the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, and the Committee on Small Business.

Bruce Brown, an educator and art collector, has worked for more than 35 years as an important proponent of art education and contemporary art in the state. Brown, a Portland native, is the curator emeritus of the Center for Maine

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UMPI’s achievements: A Year in Review

It’s been a most exciting year for the University as it’s moved forward on a wide variety of projects and efforts. If you haven’t yet heard just how extensive the list is, here’s the year in review.

August - The University announced a new, five-year strategic plan titled 2008-2013: Engaging the Campus, Connecting with the Community. The University unveiled a brand new look for its website and a new URL, www.umpi.edu. Officials with the University and the Caribou School Department signed a Professional Development School agreement, a first-of-its-kind agreement in Maine that allows Education students to take part in extensive internships at Teague Park Elementary School while providing professional development opportunities for veteran teachers in Caribou.

September - The University hosted the first exhibition in Maine of Andy Warhol photographs that were gifted to the Reed Art Gallery by the Andy Warhol Photographic Legacy Foundation. Acclaimed writer Cathie Pelletier began her 10-week course, Screenwriting and the Filmmaker’s Life. Pelletier, an Allagash native who has written nine novels and had two of them turned into movies, connected her students with several movie indus-

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Contemporary Arts in Rockport. While in that position, he simultaneously served as an educator at Freeport High School. Since the 1970s, he has been able to gather together an impressive collection of contemporary art, and was recognized by *Arts and Antiques Magazine* in 2007 as one of America’s significant art collectors.

Barry McCrum brought greetings from the University of Maine System Board of Trustees and President Zillman delivered remarks on behalf of Frank McElwain, a member of the University’s Board of Visitors. Keith Madore offered remarks on behalf of the UMPI Alumni Association and Maine State Representative Michael Willette delivered remarks on behalf of the Aroostook County Delegation. Annie Charles performed the U.S. National Anthem and David Ferrell sang the Canadian National Anthem. At the close of the ceremony, Charles sang *Still I Rise*.

In addressing the graduating class and the hundreds gathered for the event, President Zillman recounted the remarkable year the University has had leading up to this historic 100th Commencement. He mentioned the very recent installation and commissioning of the University’s 600 kW wind turbine, the Andy Warhol photographs that were gifted to the University by the Andy Warhol Photographic Legacy Program, the $2 million renovation of Folsom Hall, the establishment of a Prometric Testing Center, the garnering of a Project Compass grant which is expected to bring $750,000 to campus to improve student retention rates, the 1968 Retrospective, and the prominent story that *The New York Times* did on the UMPI Owls Baseball team.

“The campus accomplishments have been remarkable,” President Zillman said. “And our students have helped to play a major role in it all. As the University of Maine at Presque Isle marks this, our 100th commencement, we celebrate our students – who walk in the footsteps of thousands of students who have earned their degrees here since the University opened its doors in 1903 – and look forward to the lasting impact we know they will have in their professions, in Maine and beyond.”

In honor of the University’s 100th commencement, students wore, along with their traditional graduation regalia, blue stoles bearing the centennial logo. Each graduate also received a commemorative mug, which features the centennial logo, from the UMPI Alumni Association. The walkway from the Campus Center to Wieden Hall, the route the graduating class took for its processional, was lined with banners displaying the centennial logo. A reception for graduates, family and friends was held in the Campus Center immediately following the ceremony.

*pictured clockwise from above:* Graduate Emerson Wright and Professor John Zaborney; a proud mom displays her graduating son’s photos; the platform party; at the self service photo wall; Linda Zillman and Ethelyn Boyd cut and serve the Commencement cake.
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try professionals. October - The University welcomed Darrell Dorgan, award-winning journalist and documentary filmmaker, to campus as part of its Distinguished Lecturer Series. ■ The 7th Technology Fair was presented by UMPI’s Management Information Systems Program. ■ The 13th Annual Science Day was held, bringing coastal erosion expert Dr. Orrin Pilkey to campus as part of the University’s Distinguished Lecturer Series. ■ The University successfully completed reaccreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges [NEASC]. February - The University’s Northern Maine Museum of Science joined with Aroostook C.A.N.C.E.R. in hosting the third annual Planet Head Day. ■ The University’s College of Education successfully completed reaccreditation from the Maine Department of Education. March - The UMPI Owls Baseball team was placed in the national spotlight when The New York Times ran a story about the “road warriors” who hadn’t had a home game in more than four years due to northern Maine winters. ■ Astronaut Pam Melroy, NASA’s only female shuttle commander currently on active duty and the second female shuttle commander in NASA’s history, gave a community presentation inside a packed Campus Center when she came to campus as part of the University’s Distinguished Lecturer Series. ■ Officials with SAD1 and the University signed an agreement that allowed the alternative private school to establish a permanent location in Park Hall. ■ World Language Day was held, providing 100 area high school students with the opportunity to learn about cultures and languages from around the world. ■ Native American Appreciation Day was held as a way to develop strong connections between education and the Native American culture and traditions of the area’s indigenous populations. May - The University honored the remarkable legacy gift of Emeritus Professor Caroline D. Gentile, whose total contribution of $1.1 million is the largest private gift to an educational institution in Aroostook County history. ■ The University celebrated the official commissioning of the campus’s 600 kW wind turbine – the very first midsize wind turbine to be installed on a University campus in the State of Maine. ■ The University held its 100th Commencement Exercises. U.S. Congressman Michael H. Michaud served as commencement speaker.

Throughout The Year, Athletics programs shined. The Owls’ teams won four conference championships and took home the Sunrise Conference all sports banner for the year. ■ Amid all these exciting events, the campus community continued the fine work that happens each day at the University – the teaching, counseling and mentoring, the student scholarship, research projects, and excellent cultural arts events and performances. What a year it’s been!
The University of Maine at Presque Isle held its 2008-2009 Athletic Awards on May 6, honoring 12 MVPs, as well as most inspirational athletes, rookies of the year, and individual award winners. At the end of the evening, the University’s Female Athlete of the Year and Male Athlete of the Year were announced.

2008-09 **Most Valuable Players** included:
- Men’s Cross Country Running, **EMERSON WRIGHT**, Presque Isle
- Women’s Cross Country Running, **HANNAH SMITH**, Presque Isle
- Men’s Golf, **BRETT HOOPER**, St. Stephen, NB
- Men’s Soccer, **DEVON PEASLEE**, Woolwich
- Women’s Soccer, Co-MVP, **CHELSEA BOUNDEAU**, Wallace, NS and **ERIN PELLETIER**, Madawaska
- Women’s Volleyball, **ERICA DAVIS**, North Yarmouth

2008-09 **Most Inspirational Awards** winners for each of the varsity sports were:
- Men’s Cross Country Running, **JAMES CIRELL**, Bingham
- Women’s Cross Country Running, **MICHELLE PHILLIPS**, Riverview, NB
- Men’s Golf, **MATTHEW DUBAY**, Lincoln
- Men’s Soccer, **SETH DORR**, Houlton
- Women’s Soccer, **KATHERINE MOODY**, Presque Isle
- Women’s Volleyball, **MICHELLE FERRY**, Princeton
- Men’s Basketball, **BRIAN KORHONEN**, Littleton
- Women’s Softball, Co-MVP, **ERICA DAVIS**, North Yarmouth and **BRITTANY HUMPHREY**, New Gloucester
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- Men’s Cross Country Skiing, **AARON SCHMERSAL**, Winthrop
- Women’s Cross Country Skiing, **CHANDRA WISNESKI**, Amherst, NH
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- Katherine Moody
- Emily Moore
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- Erin Pelletier
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Awards presentations

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Men’s Baseball, SETH DORR, Houlton
Women’s Softball, CASSANDRA GREEN, Truro, NS
2008-09 **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR** awards went to:
Men’s Cross Country Running, KYLE BATCHELDER, Howland
Women’s Cross Country Running, KIMBERLY GRANT, Crystal
Men’s Golf, BRETT HOOPER, St. Stephen, NB
Men’s Soccer, CRAIG MAFFEI, Readfield
Women’s Soccer, JACQUELYN RAYMOND, Ashland

Women’s Volleyball, JOHANNAH BUBAR, Riverview, NB
Men’s Basketball, BENJAMIN ROSSER, Caribou
Women’s Basketball, EMILY MOORE, Lisbon
Men’s Cross Country Skiing, None Awarded
Women’s Country Skiing, HEATHER DIONNE, St. David
Men’s Baseball, TYSON TASH, Chester
Women’s Softball, Co-Rookie, EMILY MOORE, Lisbon and DESIREE SMITH, Rockland

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS** went to TYLER DELANEY of Truro, NS as Athletic Training Rising Star and DAVID DEKAY of Hiram as Athletic Training Student of the Year.

Women’s Basketball named KATHLEEN KILFOIL of Johnville, NB the Ruel Parks Coaches Award winner.

The Al Arman (Make a Difference) Awards went to MEGAN KORHONEN of Littleton and BENJAMIN ROSSER of Caribou while the Stanley H. Small Coaches Award was presented to DAVID DEKAY of Hiram.

At the evening’s end, ERICA DAVIS of North Yarmouth was presented with the prestigious Female Athlete of the Year honor and TYLER DELANEY of Truro, NS was named the Male Athlete of the Year.
Nominations sought for Alumni and Educator awards
Faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the University are encouraged to submit nominations for two awards recognizing the achievements of UMPI graduates. The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to an alumnus/alumna who has made long-term contributions to the Alumni Association or the University, or who has received professional recognition that has reflected positively on UMPI. The Educator of the Year Award is presented to an alumnus/alumna who has received ongoing recognition as an outstanding educator. During 2008 Homecoming festivities, Laura Bouchard-Gardiner, a physical education instructor at Washburn Elementary was recognized as the Distinguished Alumnus and Barb Blackstone, Assistant Professor/Director of the Athletic Training Program was honored as UMPI’s Educator of the Year. Contact Keith Madore at keith.madores@umpi.edu or 768.9568 for further information or to submit a nomination. Deadline is June 6, 2009.

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Employee Recognition Awards
Honoring Their Service to the University

5 YEARS - Mike McCormack, Jessica Blackstone, Darylen Cote; not pictured: Eric Brissette, Daniel McNamara, Gerald Murchison, David Ouellette

10 YEARS - Barbara Chalou, Marteen Hester, Deborah Hodgkins, Kim Sebold; not pictured: Barb Blackstone, Leo-Paul Cyr, Mitchell James, Linda Maestro, Jay Robinson, Greg Shaw, Joanne Wallingford

15 YEARS - Greg Curtis, Nola Belanger, Joanne Putnam

20 YEARS - Chris Smith, Bonnie DeVaneys, Bonnie Wood, Barb Lambert, Phil Parks; not pictured: Clare Exner

25 YEARS - Rill Stevens, Ginny Fischer, Andrea Gelder, not pictured: John Harrington

30 YEARS - Malcolm Coulter, Donna Underwood, not pictured: Andy Giles

35 YEARS - Eldon Levesque, Charlie Holmquist

40 YEARS - Ervin “Smitty” Smith, not pictured: Bill Davidshover

Caroline Gentile Headstone
A very special headstone was put in place recently at the Fairmount Cemetery for Caroline D. Gentile, the University’s longest serving faculty member.

The Native Voices student group on campus recently traveled to New Mexico to take part in the Gathering of Nations, an annual event that gathers Native American Indians and indigenous people from around the country to promote and celebrate their cultures and traditions.
UMPI Bookstore goes “green”!

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We’re open all summer, Mon-Fri, 8 am – 4:30 pm! www.umpi.edu, click “student life” then “bookstore.” To place an order, 768.9571.

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Summer months are approaching and vacation plans are being made. Please remember to enter your vacation days in MaineStreet so your supervisor can approve your time.

This will ensure up-to-date vacation balances.

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American Cancer Society Relay for Life, NMCC. FMI contact UMPI Team Leader Lisa Leduc at 768.9436.

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JUNE 11
Wisdom High School Project Graduation, CCTR & Gentile Hall.

JUNE 12
Presque Isle High School Project Graduation, CCTR & Gentile Hall.

JUNE 13
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JUNE 17
Board of Visitors Meeting, 7:30 a.m., Alumni Room. FMI 768.9525.

JUNE 18
SEPIA Summer Session Orientation, 8 a.m., CC118.

JUNE 20
Breathe Writers’ Group, 10 a.m., Owl’s Nest, FMI - 506.473.1462.

JUNE 21
TRIO Upward Bound Summer Session Orientation, 8 a.m., CC118.

JUNE 22
Project Explore, UMPI Campus. FMI 768.9502.

JUNE 25
TAMC’s Survivor Aroostook, 9 a.m., Gentile Hall. FMI 768.9447

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Project Explore, UMPI Campus. FMI 768.9502.

JUNE 27
SOAR Summer Orientation and Registration.

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