



Members of the Class of 2011 adjust their tassels to indicate their new status as graduates

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University hosts 102nd Commencement

Two hundred and thirty-four students graduated from the University on Saturday, May 14, during the 2011 Commencement Exercises – the University’s 102nd Commencement ceremony. President Donald Zillman conferred degrees for the 2010-2011 academic year upon 136 students who participated in the ceremony held in Wieden



Dr. Anthony Cortese, this year’s Keynote Speaker, receives an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from UMPI.

Gymnasium. Dr. Anthony D. Cortese, a nationally known advocate for environmental sustainability, addressed the graduates as

this year’s commencement speaker. During the graduation event, an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree was presented to Dr. Cortese.



Dr. Cortese is one of the pioneers in the effort to integrate sustainability principles and programs into higher education in the United States. He is the President of Second Nature, a non-profit organization he co-founded in 1993 with Senator John Kerry and Teresa Heinz with a mission “to develop the national capacity to make healthy, just, and sustainable action a foundation of all learning and practice in higher education.” As an advocate for teaching and modeling sustainability in higher education, Second Nature has worked with over 4,000 faculty and administrators at more than 500 colleges and universities.

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UMPI chapter of CJ Honor Society chartered

University officials are pleased to announce that the UMPI chapter of the Criminal Justice Honor Society has officially been chartered as Chapter Mu Nu.

Dr. Charles Johnson, Alpha Phi Sigma Advisor and Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, commented, “It is indeed a privilege to have a chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma at UMPI for those students who strive to be the ‘best and the brightest’ in the area of criminal justice. There are fewer than 400 Alpha Phi Sigma chapters in the United States, and Mu Nu is the only chapter at a college or

university in Maine. This unique opportunity for our criminal justice students is an excellent example of the kind of offerings that UMPI strives to provide for its campus community.”

Founded in 1942 at Washington State University, Alpha Phi Sigma is the only national honor society for criminal justice students. According to its official website, the society recognizes academic excellence of undergraduate and graduate students of criminal justice and is open to those seeking a juris doctorate.



A significant benefit extended to Alpha Phi Sigma members is that upon entering federal government service, they receive an honorary pay-grade bump one level higher than their competitors. Academically,

Alpha Phi Sigma members represent the top 10 percent of students in their field.

“The honor society will grow into its role as an organization concerned with identifying the needs of criminal justice agencies and the public at large in an effort to offer support and assistance,”

Dr. Johnson

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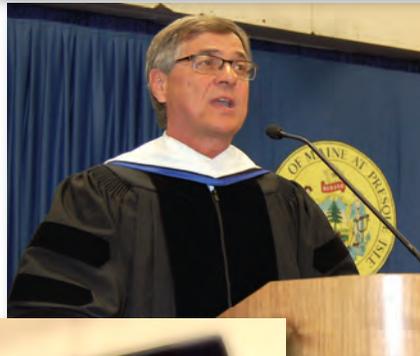
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Cortese graduated from Tufts University with B.S. and M.S. degrees in civil and environmental engineering, and earned a Doctor of Science in environmental health from the Harvard School of Public Health. Prior to co-founding Second Nature, he served in the U.S. Public Health Services, the original EPA, followed by five years as Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Cortese returned to his alma mater, Tufts University, where he was the Dean of Environmental Programs. In 1989, he founded the award-winning Tufts Environmental Literacy Institute, the first effort in the United States to incorporate environmental and sustainability perspectives into a broad spectrum and number of courses.

Dr. Cortese is co-organizer of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), which was launched in 2007 to engage college and university leadership in addressing climate issues. ACUPCC currently has 677 signatories, including the University of Maine at Presque Isle, in its network. He is also co-founder of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, co-founder and co-coordinator of the Higher Education Association Sustainability Consortium, a Woodrow Wilson Fellow for higher education, and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

During UMPI's commencement exercises, Samuel W. Collins brought greetings from the University of Maine System and its Board of Trustees. Stephen D. Richard, UMPI Board of Visitors Chair, and Keith Madore, UMPI Director of Alumni Relations, offered remarks on behalf of each organization,



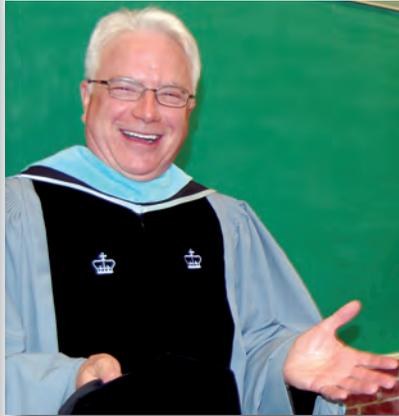
PHOTOS from top left, clockwise

- Podium party - left to right - back row - David Ferrell, President Don Zillman, Sam Collins, Anthony Cortese, Steve Richard, Mike Sonntag; front row - Annie Charles, Keith Madore, Chris Corsello, Sue Beaudet, Rep. Joyce Fitzpatrick
- UMPI Men's Soccer players Ben Costello (left) and Matt Carrington are all smiles at this year's commencement ceremony
- left to right: International students Bikram Shrestha, Marie Querel, and Amriterijal Regne pose for photos
- Sam Collins brings greetings from the UMS Board of Trustees
- UMPI Phi Eta Sigma member and Fine Arts Major Chastity Bernier receives her degree
- Chair of the Board of Visitors, Steve Richard, addresses graduates



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respectively. Annie Charles performed the National Anthem, while David Ferrell sang the Canadian National Anthem.

Several members of the University's Class of 1961 were present and recognized on their 50 year milestone. In addition, WWII veteran and Class of 1943 member Edward F. Holden accepted his Certificate of Graduation during the commencement ceremony.

In addressing the graduating class and the hundreds gathered for the event, President Zillman recounted the exciting year the University has had and highlighted some of the stellar accomplishments of UMPI students.

"It has been another remarkable year at the University of Maine at Presque Isle," said President Zillman. Achievements noted included a national award for institutional excellence in climate leadership, \$750,000 in funding received for the Pullen Hall renovation project, capacity audiences at Wieden Auditorium for the UMPI production of John Cariani's *Almost, Maine*, qualification of its first skier, freshman Welly Ramsey, for the NCAA National Men's Skiing Championship, and the announcement that Keren Morin, a 2011 graduate, was selected by the Maine Community Foundation as a member of the Maine Policy Scholars 2010-2011 class.

"We are very pleased about the successes we have enjoyed this academic year," stated Zillman, "and excited for our graduates as they build on their successes here and prepare to follow the thousands of University of Maine at Presque Isle students before them in making their own unique mark on the world."

A reception for graduates, family and friends was held in the Campus Center immediately following the ceremony. ★



PHOTOS from top left, clockwise

- Graduate Chelsea Glovins
- UMPI Associate Professor of Arts Leo-Paul Cyr
- A 1943 graduate, Edward F. Holden, receives his diploma from President Don Zillman
- Graduates listen attentively to the keynote
- Two grads from 1961: Dana Lougee and Lucille Hay marched with graduates at this year's commencement ceremony
- Dr. Linda Graves led the way as Grand Marshal



Students organize domestic violence training

University students in an honors class on domestic violence helped to organize a training session for healthcare professionals held on Friday, April 29.

Approximately 35 healthcare attendees from throughout the community participated in the training session, titled *Health Care Response to Intimate Partner Violence: Reach Out, Recognize, Respond, Refer*. The event was sponsored by the UMPI Criminal Justice Program and the Hope and Justice Project.

The work students did was part of a service learning project they completed for their class, according to Dr. Lisa Leduc, UMPI Associate Professor of Criminal Justice. Every two years, Dr. Leduc's students conduct a service learning project with the Hope and Justice Project. This year, when the 13 students in Dr. Leduc's class talked with the Hope and Justice Project about how they could help, officials said they could use some assistance in organizing a training for healthcare response to domestic violence. The Hope and Justice Project offered the actual training, but the students handled the planning, logistics and registration efforts.

"The idea behind this training session is that healthcare

providers have the potential to refer people for services if they see someone who needs help," Dr. Leduc said. "Sometimes people feel more like opening up because they know it's confidential when they talk to their healthcare provider, so this is a way to ensure people are trained for that."

The April 29 event included presentations by trainers with the Hope and Justice Project, Spruce Run, and the Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center. It also included a Reader's Theater, where stories of domestic violence and response were shared. Several UMPI Criminal Justice students performed in the theater activity.

All of the students involved in the event kept a journal and wrote a reflection paper that explained how this project related to what they learned in class.

"This is something that connects with their understanding of how complicated the issue of domestic violence is, and what they could be dealing with once they get into the career field," Dr. Leduc said.

For more information or to learn more about UMPI's Criminal Justice Program, contact Dr. Lisa Leduc at 768.9436 or lisa.leduc@umpi.edu. ★

CJ Honor Society

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explained. "Members of an Alpha Phi Sigma chapter in Texas recently sponsored mentoring for children of incarcerated people in an effort to help to break the offender cycle. Mu Nu members will be seeking out similar needs in Maine."

Alpha Phi Sigma (Mu Nu) Founding Chapter Members include: Dana Austin, Jennifer Benn, Sheila Blair, Jeremy Brock, Richard Clavette, Nate Cronkite, Christina Hall, Sam Johnson, Ryan Kilcollins, Andrew Levesque, Assistant Advisor Dr. Lisa Leduc, and Advisor Dr. Charles Johnson.

For more information about Alpha Phi Sigma (Mu Nu) or to learn more about UMPI's Criminal Justice program, please contact Charles Johnson, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, at 768.9598. ★



The founding members of Alpha Phi Sigma (Mu Nu) are, from left to right, front row: Sam Johnson, Sheila Blair, Dana Austin, and Andrew Levesque; back row: Dr. Lisa Leduc, Assistant Advisor, Christina Hall, Jeremy Brock, Nate Cronkite, and Dr. Charles Johnson, Advisor. Not pictured are Jennifer Benn, Richard Clavette, and Ryan Kilcollins.

UMPI professor awarded MDIBL fellowship

UMPI Biology Professor Dr. Rachael Hannah will take part in a two and a half month research project at the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory after earning a Visiting Scientist Fellowship from the prestigious research institution. Her fellowship is being funded in part by the Maine IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence [INBRE] program.

Dr. Hannah is working at the MDIBL from May 15 to July 31, and will focus her research on creating a central nervous system injury model in the zebra fish to better understand neuron regeneration. She will work with the researcher Dr. Voot Yin, an expert in limb regeneration, on her project. According to Dr. Hannah, nothing like this has been reported thus far. She explained that using zebra fish for her

research will help to answer basic questions regarding what happens to our brains after an injury.

“Zebra fish on their own are a very powerful model system because of the ability to modify their genes,” she said. “Instead of mice where it takes two to three years to achieve a genetic model, zebra fish take two to three months to create viable genetic models.”

If her model provides information that leads to further study of neuron regeneration in zebra fish, Dr. Hannah hopes to bring it north so she can do research at UMPI, and engage students in the research work.

Dr. Hannah earned two Bachelor’s degrees in Molecular Biology and Marine Biology in 1994 from the Florida Institute of Technology and her Ph.D. in Anatomy and Neurobiology from the



University of Vermont in 2010. She has completed several abstracts and peer-reviewed manuscripts including two publications in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. Her article in the *Journal of Cerebral Blood Flow and Metabolism* was selected as a feature article, and one of the images that illustrates her findings is on the cover of the May issue (pictured above) of this journal, part of the Nature publishing group. Dr. Hannah is a member of the Society for Neuroscience and the American Physiological Society. ★

Dr. Gelder delivers lecture in Tennessee

Dr. Stuart R. Gelder, Emeritus Professor of Biology at UMPI, and his colleague, Bronwyn W. Williams of the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Alberta, Canada, recently presented two lectures at the Discover Life in America [DLIA] annual meeting in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

DLIA is the non-profit organization that coordinates the All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory [ATBI] in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park [GSMNP].

The lecture by Dr. Gelder was a review of non-parasitic crayfish worm biology that concluded with the problems resulting from species being imported. Ms. Williams concentrated on the results obtained from the work she and Dr. Gelder conducted last year in the GSMNP. This study has provided the first inventory of crayfish worms and their crayfish hosts in the national park.

According to Gelder and Williams, the world’s top researchers in this field of study, the Appalachian region has the highest concentration of branchiobdellidan species

in the world. Their research involved the collection and identification of crayfish worms from crayfishes sampled at selected sites across the Park. From this information, they constructed a species and distribution list for the Park.

The distributional results obtained have been entered into the Park’s database which is accessible to schools and biologists across the country. The information has also been compiled into a manuscript which will be published in the next issue of the *Southeastern Naturalist*.

During a short side visit prior to returning to Presque Isle, Gelder and Williams obtained crayfish from the Nashville area on which they discovered a new species of crayfish worm. Representative specimens have been deposited in the New Brunswick Museum, Canada. The description of this species, *Pterodrilus robinae* – named after the landowner from where the species was collected – was made by Williams and will be published in a separate joint paper also in the next issue of the *Southeastern Naturalist*. ★

Students from UMPI, Poland enjoy debate

UMPI Education students from the U.S. and Canada recently participated in an international debate about higher education with students from Adam Mickiewicz University in Poland.

The hour-long debate, titled *Higher Education in the USA, Canada & Poland: Similarities & Differences*, was able to happen in real time through the use of teleconferencing technology. The debate, conducted in English, was held during University Day on April 13 and was organized by UMPI's chapter of the Student Education Association of Maine [SEAM].

"The idea of organizing a debate was in response to questions about higher education in Poland I had been asked on a number of occasions by American and Canadian students at UMPI," Dr. Tomasz Herzog, Associate Professor of Social Studies Education and UMPI's SEAM advisor, explained. "It was also aimed at letting students from Adam Mickiewicz University

learn about higher education from their North American peers." Adam Mickiewicz University is Dr. Herzog's alma mater.

During the event, several aspects of student life were discussed, including: admission requirements, the process of recruitment, and exams; the program of studies, internships, courses, and international exchange programs; interdependence between education and the situation for graduates in the labor market; and student life.

SEAM students took care of all the organizational and logistical details on the American side of the discussion. The four main participants at UMPI included Kate Heighton and Seth Renaud, both Teacher Certification Program students from Canada, and Samuel Picard and Michael Leclair, both Secondary



Students from UMPI (on screen) and Adam Mickiewicz University (in foreground) participate in an international debate about higher education during University Day in mid-April.

Education Social Studies majors from the U.S. Their portion of the event was supported organizationally by Professor Carolyn Dorsey and Linda McLaughlin.

The main participants from Poland included Jakub Wierzbicki (moderator), Zuzanna Szczepaniak and Marta Warciarek. Their portion of the event was supported organizationally by Dr. Małgorzata Rosalska and Mr. Michał Jankowski.

For more information about UMPI's Education Program, please contact Dr. Herzog at 768.9429 or tomasz.herzog@umpi.edu. ★

Felini presents art at Waterville cinema

UMPI Art professor Renee Felini showcased the next installment of her Art as My Vehicle series at the Railroad Square Cinema on April 16.

Felini premiered a short film as the final result of Art as My Vehicle #9: Run a Mile - Climbing My Mount Everest, followed by a question and answer session with the artist. She described the piece like this: "At age

30, I could not say that I had ever run a full mile. When playing soccer while younger, the running was in spurts. One of the main reasons I quit the volleyball team after junior high was that I could not meet the running requirements levied by the high school coach. I reluctantly admit that I even cheated on the running portion of the Presidential Fitness Test in

grade school, skipping laps in the mile. I finally decided it was time I meet this challenge head on. No time requirements were set. I simply had to run a full mile, start to finish. I received motivation from the team of two camera operators and the driver in the car I ran behind. The accomplishment is documented with a video of me running *continued on page 7*

Students attend Social Work Day at the State House

UMPI Social Work majors gave a presentation during University Day on April 13 about the opportunity they had to meet with their state legislators and learn about how their future careers intersect with state government during a recent trip to Augusta.

Four Social Work majors talked about their trip on March 9 during Social Workers' Legislative Day at the State House, which included opportunities for current and future social workers to meet their legislators, receive an update on National Association of Social Workers [NASW] Maine Chapter's legislative advocacy, and take a tour of the State House.

Jean Cashman, Associate Professor of Social Work, took the students to Augusta so they could participate in the day's offerings. The students included Dustin Damboise of Caribou, Brian Day of Castle Hill/Presque Isle, Jared Carter of Houlton, and Holly Beaton of Easton.

"It is important for social work students to understand the legislation which affects the policies they will be using to work within social services," Cashman said. "It also is important for them to see how they can advocate for changes in laws and the process for legislation."

Students had the chance to explore some of Maine's history during their visit, such as documents that included a letter signed by George Washington. UMPI Junior Social Work major Dustin Damboise said he had the opportunity to meet with Rep. Peter Edgecomb and also learned about an unexpected way that the field of social work plays a role in the government.

"I found out there are a few representatives that have a social work background which is helping them in their work today," Damboise said. "This trip allowed me the opportunity to meet with some representatives that I may have never had the chance to meet and it also opened up my eyes to how my major can affect governmental decisions."

The trip to Augusta was part of a class titled *Social Work 380: Methods and Practice with Families*. According to Cashman, the



TOP PHOTO: Four UMPI Social Work students participated in Social Workers' Legislative Day at the State House, including, from left, Holly Beaton, Jared Carter, Brian Day and Dustin Damboise. **BOTTOM PHOTO:** UMPI students in the class titled *Social Work 380: Methods and Practice with Families* conducted poster sessions during University Day on April 13 based on work they did researching proposed bills for this legislative session that affect families and social services. Delivering one of those poster presentations are, from left, Chad Kelley, Kelsey Albert, and Carolyn Allison. An UMPI student looks on as he listens to the presentation.

students' assignment, which they presented on University Day, was to research a bill proposed for this legislative session that affects families and social services.

The UMPI Social Work Program has taken students to Augusta to attend the Social Workers' Legislative Day for several years. Participating in the event is one of the many opportunities the program provides its majors as they prepare for careers in the Social Work field. To learn more about UMPI's Social Work Program, contact Shirley Rush, Bachelor of Social Work Program Director, at 768.9427 or shirley.rush@umpi.edu. ★

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toward the camera for a mile."

Felini's Art as My Vehicle series, now in its tenth year, is a "life performance project" that includes 10 pieces so far. The series focuses on actions Felini has taken to change her life cir-

cumstance and the art that has emerged from those actions. She has said the series has allowed her to face fears, overcome personal boundaries, and gain new life experience. Her hope is that her artwork inspires others to acknowledge the art present in their own everyday lives.

The timing of Felini's film premiere was strategically picked to be held the same day as PechaKucha Night Waterville v3, which took place on the evening of April 16 at the Waterville Grand Hotel. For more information about Felini's artwork, visit www.ReneeFelini.com. ★

Sports! Sports! Sports!

2011 Athletic Awards Banquet Award Recipients

Donald N. Zillman Award

The first Donald N. Zillman award was presented to Desiree Smith (Jr. – Thomaston, ME). With this award, UMPI honors one student-athlete whom,



Donald N. Zillman Character Award
Desiree Smith,
President Don Zillman

through his/her actions in the competitive arena of intercollegiate athletics, has demonstrated one or more of the ideals of character development through sportsmanship, including: fairness, civility, honesty, selflessness, respect and responsibility. The recipient should promote and enhance the integrity of higher education.



Al Arman "Make a Difference" Award

The recipients for this year's Al Arman Award were Paul Rucci (Sr. – Millinocket, ME) and LeAnn Abbott (So. – Sumner, ME). This award



Al Arman "Make a Difference" Award
Paul Rucci,
Tricia Pelkey (presenter),
LeAnn Abbott, Barb Blackstone
is presented to student-athletes or students who have made a difference within athletics and/or the campus community. These contributions can range from being a team manager to being a star player. Attitude and effort mean everything.

Stanley Small Award

Megan Korhonen (Sr. – Littleton, ME) is this year's recipient of the Stanley Small Award. Students selected for the Stanley Small Award are either jun-



Stanley Small Award
Barb Blackstone,
Megan Korhonen, Sharon Roix

iors or seniors who have shown exemplary dedication to the athletic program during their years at the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

Ruel Parks Award

The 2011 Ruel Parks award was given to Kayla Fleming (Sr. – Hodgdon, ME). This award is in memory of former assistant women's basketball coach, Ruel Parks, and is awarded to a passionate



Ruel Parks Award
Deb & Abigail Parks (presenters),
Kayla Fleming (recipient),
Tracy Guerrette (WBB Coach)
women's basketball player who may not always be the star, but is very dedicated to her team, has a passion for the game of basketball, and is essential to team chemistry.

Athletes of the Year selected

Megan Korhonen with Dean of Students/Athletic Director Christine Corsello

Kyle Corrigan with Dean of Students/Athletic Director Christine Corsello



Sports! Sports! Sports!

Lady Owls Softball Season Ends with Loss in Conference Championship

The University of Maine at Presque Isle women's softball team saw their season come to a close in 8-0 decision against SUNY Canton in the championship game of the Sunrise Conference tournament at Regis College in Weston, MA. The Lady Owls finish their 2011 season at 14-13 overall.

Owl Baseball Battles Through Sunrise Conference Tournament

The University of Maine at Presque Isle baseball team had their season come to an end in a 7-5 loss against SUNY-Canton in the 2011 Sunrise Conference Baseball tournament. The Owls end their season with an overall record of 7-29. ★

Players of the Week

Congratulations to these spring athletes

Sunrise Conference Player & Pitcher of the Week

April 11, 2011

DYLAN WORSTER (Fr. – Howland, ME) was named Pitcher of the Week after his shutout against Lesley University striking out five batters and allowing just four hits and one walk. With this win, Worster earned his first collegiate career win.

Sunrise Conference Players & Pitcher of the Week

April 20, 2011

SOFTBALL

DANIELLE HUMPHREY (Sr. – New Gloucester, ME) was named Player of the Week after leading the Owls to a 4-2 week. Humphrey recorded 10 hits, 14 RBIs, six runs, three doubles, and a two-run home run in just four games against Vermont Technical College; averaging .476 at the plate.

KRISTA COFFIN (Fr. – Presque Isle, ME) was named Pitcher of the Week after

shutting out Vermont Technical College two times in one week. Coffin also recorded her first no-hitter, and only allowed VTC to earn one hit in the second contest. Coffin finished the week with 21 strikeouts.

BASEBALL

CARLOS VILLORIA (So. – Caracas, Venezuela) was named Player of the Week after tallying three doubles, six runs, and four RBIs in six games. Villoria hit his way to a .455 batting average for the week.

NCAA Association of Division III Independents Player of the Week

April 19, 2011

CARLOS VILLORIA (So. – Caracas, Venezuela) was named player of the week after leading his team at the plate with a batting average of .455 as the Owls went 3-3. Villoria produced six runs, three doubles, and four RBIs. Congratulations and great job! ★

The Association of Division III Independents All-Independent teams

The association consists of 13 Division III independent institutions that have joined together to recognize student-athletes for outstanding athletic achievements throughout their respective seasons. These UMPI athletes were honored:

SOFTBALL First Team

KRISTA COFFIN (Fr. - Presque Isle, ME) - Pitcher

BRITTANY HUMPHREY (Sr. - New Gloucester, ME) – Shortstop

SOFTBALL Second Team

EMILY MOORE (Jr. - Lisbon, ME) - Pitcher

DANIELLE HUMPHREY (Sr. - New Gloucester, ME) – Catcher

CAROLYNN TUCK (Jr. - Brewer, ME) – Outfield

SOFTBALL Honorable Mention

DESIREE SMITH (Jr. - Thomaston, ME) – Third base

BASEBALL Second Team

CARLOS VILLORIA (So. - Caracas, Venezuela) – DH/1B

SUNRISE CONFERENCE 2011 All-Conference Teams

These student-athletes were named to the 2011 All-Conference teams for their outstanding play on the diamond this spring:

SOFTBALL

Danielle Humphrey (Sr. - New Gloucester, ME)

Brittany Humphrey (Sr. - New Gloucester, ME)

Carolynn Tuck (Jr. - Brewer, ME)

Krista Coffin (Fr. - Presque Isle, ME)

BASEBALL

Carlos Villoria (So. - Caracas, Venezuela)



notes

UMPI students and staff members get 'Thank You' from AARP

UMPI once again opened its doors to the AARP Tax-Aide Program. This year, 164 area taxpayers were able to get services through the program. UMPI staff members Mary

Lawrence and Lisa Udasco were commended for their efforts in coordinating the use of UMPI facilities. Students Amrita Rijal and Bikram Shrestha also received thanks from AARP District Coordinator Lowell Glidden for their outstanding contributions as their grasp of tax law, computer applications, and personal dedication stood out from the crowd. Thanks to all who helped make this year's AARP Tax-Aide Program a success!



Biology Majors participate in symposium

Three UMPI biology majors, accompanied by Dr. Rachael Hannah and Dr. Bonnie Wood, participated in the 38th Maine Biological and Medical Sciences Symposium at the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory on April 15 and 16. On the first day of the Symposium, UMPI students Stephanie Corriveau, Taylor-Jo Quint and Dan Sheffield gave the presentation Exploring Bioinformatics with Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms of CYP2C19 and ACTN3: An INBRE UMPI/UMFK Bioinformatics & Molecular Biology Short Course. On the second day of the Symposium, Dr Rachael Hannah presented Dynamic Regulation of Cerebral



Arteriole Diameter by Potassium Channels: the Difference between Life and Death. Approximately 200 people attended this year's symposium. Dr. Bonnie Wood serves on the Organizing Committee for the symposium and can be contacted at bonnie.s.wood@umpi.edu.

Student-athlete creates fitness website

UMPI sophomore and Captain of the UMPI Men's Basketball team Patrick Manifold spent this year's Spring Break a little differently than your average college student. Manifold created a free fitness website designed to give back to UMPI and the surrounding community. Inspired by his passion to help fight obesity, Manifold works at Gentile Hall and is often approached by members regarding what exercises they should be doing; this sparked the basketball stand-out's week-long project. The website provides the general public with a variety of exercises whether they're trying to lose 20 pounds, get more toned, or build muscle mass. This is a great example of an UMPI student-athlete giving back to the community. Great job Pat! To view the website go to: www.workouts4all.webs.com.



Art class creates symbolic quilt

Students in UMPI's Women and Art online course taught by Renee Felini recently collaborated to create a special quilt. Each of the 12 students in Felini's course were asked to create two squares for the quilt. The first square reflects on each student's personal

feelings about what it means to be a woman or represents a women's issue. The second square was created to pay homage to the artist each student chose for individual research. Throughout the semester, the course examined various cultural periods to evaluate women in society. Students learned about and discussed how women's roles and rights changed throughout early human existence and how they have shaped present attitudes and conditions.



UMPI professor and students complete U.S. Border Patrol Citizens Academy

Dr. Charles Johnson, UMPI Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, and three Criminal Justice Honor Society students, recently completed the U.S. Border Patrol Citizen's Academy in Fort Fairfield. The students, Andrew Levesque, Nate Cronkite, and Dana Austin, were treated to a whirlwind overview of the new mission of the Border Patrol since its restructuring post 9/11. The academy, which was conducted in three-hour blocks over six weeks, included demonstrations of Border Patrol capabilities and authority pertaining to Homeland Security. The course culminated in a picnic and live-fire demonstration of small-arms munitions at the Houlton Police Range. Professor Johnson and the students participated in shooting semi and fully automatic weapons. Completion of the citizen's academy is the top of a



forth-coming paper to be presented by the UMPI attendees at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences conference in New York City next March.

Dodgeball tournament a success!

The UMPI Disc Sports Club Club invited the UMPI campus and community to participate in the inaugural National Amateur Dodgeball Association [NADA] Dodgeball Tournament on May 8 in Wieden Gymnasium. Twelve teams, approximately 85 players, participated in this year's tournament and helped the club raise \$560. Half of the money raised was then donated to the Easton Girls athletic program. So who won the tournament? The winning team was the Birderers. Team members were: Ben Costello, Matt Carrington, Corey Fournier, Josh Mackinnon, Aaron Tomlinson, and of course Mark 'Captain Canada' Payne who entertained the crowd by wearing a red unitard, a cape that was the Canadian flag, and a red face mask. Thank you to all participants!



Alum gives social work blessing

UMPI's Student Organization of Social Workers hosted a blessing ceremony on May 5 for their service learning trip to Tanzania. Glenda Wysotte-Labillois, an UMPI Social Work program alum, agreed to give the blessing. Glenda is an Elder in her Native community in New Brunswick. She graduated from the UMPI program in 2010 and was recognized as an outstanding student in the graduating class.

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UMPI hosts Go Green Day

The event began at the Circle of Flags at UMPI. International students raised their respective flags proudly near their flag poles. The raising of the flags



by the students was a great representation of the Earth, our world, being smaller and more interconnected than we realize.

President Zillman welcomed participants to the first-annual UMPI Go Green Day. Students, faculty, and staff were then invited to participate and help UMPI clean up campus. This event served as a celebration of Earth Day, the anniversary of our wind turbine dedication, and UMPI's continued progress to a more

green campus and world. Thank you to all who participated this year!

Natalie Stovall hit the stage at UMPI

UMPI hosted fiddle-playing singer Natalie Stovall on May 7 in Wieden Gymnasium. Since her first professional gig singing and playing the fiddle at the age of 10, Natalie has performed everywhere from Oprah to the Grand Ole Opry. She was the first performer ever to be invited to sing *God Bless America* for the President at the White House Press Correspondents Dinner. She has also performed at colleges all over the United States and recently she brought her talents to UMPI for a night of great entertainment.

SAGE held readings and discussions event

UMPI's Seniors Achieving Greater Education (SAGE) group hosted Let There be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with Me readings and discussions on May 5 in the university's Campus Center Alumni Room. Alice Bolstridge, John Cancelarich, Johnnie Cancelarich, Janet Snow, Carolyn Wadman, and Ginny White presented at the event. SAGE is a University of Maine at Presque Isle program that comprises



local residents over 50 and believes in "learning for life."

2011 Senior Class Banquet held

The annual Senior Class Banquet was held on May 13 at UMPI and served as a way for the Class of 2011 and their families to celebrate all of the hard work the students have put in over the last four years. Throughout the evening, attendees enjoyed a speech from the 2011 Senior Class President Chad Parker, musical performances by students, awards presentations for senior class officers, a dinner, and a slide show that concluded the evening. Big thanks to Keith Madore for planning and coordinating such a memorable night for our 2011 Senior Class. ★

Community

DUTCH SOCCER ACADEMY RETURNS TO UMPI

The Dutch Soccer Academy will be offering two weeks of overnight summer camps for youth and young adults at the University of Maine at Presque Isle. The first summer camp will be held from July 3-8, 2011, and is for students entering grades 5 to 12. The second week of camp is for students in grade 7 to those preparing to enter college in the fall and will be held from July 10-15, 2011.



FEED THE COUNTY SUMMERFEST



Rich, Gretchen Wilson, and Cowboy Troy are scheduled to perform on August 20th in Caribou at Spud Speedway. The financial goal of the benefit concert is to sell 7500 tickets and raise \$75,000 to feed the hungry in northern Maine. Organizers are asking everyone to support this worthy cause by purchasing tickets to the concert or making a tax deductible cash donation to "Feed the County Summerfest," c/o

Aroostook Savings and Loan, P.O. Box 808, Caribou, Maine 04736-0808. **Tickets are On Sale Now!**

For more information go to www.spud-speedway.com.

BIG ROCK NATIONAL TRAILS DAY HIKE

Saturday, June 4, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Hike to the summit via the International Appalachian Trail for a (bring your own)



picnic lunch. All ages and abilities are welcome; hikers should wear sturdy foot wear. *Difficulty:* Moderate *Cost:* FREE! *Directions:* Take US Route 1A to Mars Hill and turn east onto Boynton Rd. Bear right (south) at T-intersection, then take first left (east) onto Graves Rd. Meet at trail head

straight ahead at the bottom of South Star Triple Chairlift **CHAMBER SOCIETY CONCERT TO BE HELD AT UMPI** The Chamber Society Concert will be held on May 28 at 7 p.m. in the UMPI Campus Center Multi-purpose Room. ★



BATTING CAGES FOR RENT

\$10 per hour per person for 1 or 2 people
\$5 per hour for 3 to 5 people
\$5 per person for 6 to 20 people and requires rental of both cages.



All rentals include instruction and assistance from UMPI players and coaches. Proceeds will help the teams with their expenses. Contact Coach Leo Saucier 768.9421, leo.saucierjr@umpi.edu for availability and scheduling. *Public Rentals Available*

activities 5.22.2011 – 6.18.2011

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MAY 28

Chamber Society Concert 7 p.m., Campus Center

MAY 30

Memorial Day holiday offices closed

MAY 31

Gentile Hall summer hours now in effect 768.9772

JUNE 4

Big Rock National Trails Day Hike 10 a.m., Mars Hill ■ **Presque Isle Area-Wide Yard Sale**

JUNE 11

FFA Tractor Pull Northern Maine Fairgrounds 768.9506

JUNE 18

3rd Annual Aroostook State Park Birding Festival 5 a.m.-1 p.m.



Please join us as we extend our condolences to the families of UMPI Geology faculty member and professor emeritus William Forbes and long-time UMPI Education faculty member Ruth Anderson, who both recently passed away. Our thoughts go out to their families during this difficult time.

at left: The finished project- a quilt made by 12 students in Renee Felini's Women in Art online course. Story on page 10

at right: Young Professionals Institute participants recently traveled to Orono to help facilitate the Maine Young Professional Exchange as part of their course work. YPI is put on by Momentum Aroostook, UMPI and MMG Insurance; the Exchange was organized by Momentum Aroostook, Fusion Bangor and the Realize Maine Network. YPI participant Anna Blackstone, standing, speaks during a breakout session.

Dodgeball Tournament



top: UMPI Athletic Trainer Aaron Tomlinson and his Dodgeball Team, Team Birderers, cruised to victory at this year's National Amateur Dodgeball Association Dodgeball Tournament held at UMPI. bottom: Mark 'Captain Canada' Payne of team Birderers made his presence known at the NADA Dodgeball Tournament. Story on page 10



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