UMPI partners with BalanceBPO, TxVia on course

The University, BalanceBPO, Inc., a premium business process outsourcing service provider, and TxVia, a New York City-based digital payments company, have announced the launch of the Business Process Outsourcing [BPO] Certification Course.

Set to begin in January 2012, the course will encompass 75 hours of on-campus classroom learning that will prepare students for the highly skilled work underway at BalanceBPO and TxVia.

Maine State Governor Paul LePage praised the program saying, “This BPO Certification Course is a shining example of the University of Maine System working closely with private industry to provide the workforce with the tools they need to enhance their careers in Maine. The idea that contact center organizations all over the world could be accessing training materials created in Aroostook County is thrilling, and I applaud the efforts of President Zillman, Tim Lavin, Matthew Nyren, and their respective organizations, for these exciting endeavors.”

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Project Compass hosts panel on Native basket-making

The University will welcome five respected basket-makers from Native tribes throughout the region when Project Compass hosts the panel presentation The Evolution of Basket-Making: From Function to Art on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 6 p.m. in the Campus Center.

The panelists will discuss basket-making, its origins and history, and how members of the Native community are keeping the tradition alive today. Panelists are scheduled to include Fred Tomah from the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Victor Bear from Tobique First Nation, Roldena Sanipass from the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, Jennifer Neptune from the Penobscot Indian Nation, and Jeremy Frey from the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe.

Fred Tomah is a master basket-maker from the Maliseet Tribe who has worked with brown ash for about 35 years. His work is sought after by collectors.
Looking for a bird’s eye view of campus?

It’s just a mouse click away now that the University has installed two new, high definition webcams to provide campus and community members, as well as virtual visitors from all over the world, with a real-time look at the campus and its facilities.

The new webcams have been installed in Folsom Hall, pointing toward the Campus Center, and in the Campus Center, pointing toward the wind turbine. From the Folsom Hall webcam, visitors can view students and others bustling on the walkways between Folsom Hall, Wieden Hall, the Library and the Campus Center. From the Campus Center webcam, visitors are able to see part of the athletics fields, the bike path and the main campus driveway, in addition to the wind turbine and the panoramic landscape behind it. This new view of the Park Family Field may allow for some fun spectating during future home games.

Check out these two new webcams, and a third webcam that has been up for some time – it is stationed on top of Normal Hall and points toward downtown Presque Isle – by visiting http://www.umpi.edu/webcams.

You can also navigate to the webcams from the UMPI homepage. A new UMPI Webcams link appears near the bottom of the page, under the “Featured” section. Feel free to direct people there to see a live view of campus anytime.

New UMPI webcams offer live campus views

UMPI partners

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technology available, and they too need similarly highly skilled employees to complement the highly skilled individuals they have in Presque Isle working in diverse areas including identity verification and fraud detection.

Topics for the new certification course will include, “Contact Center History and Outsourcing Trends,” “The Customer Experience,” and customized curriculum specific to BalanceBPO and TxVia’s clients’ industries. The course eventually will be open to students currently enrolled at UMPI, the public, and to those seeking employment with BalanceBPO or TxVia. In the near future, the course will be made available online, allowing BalanceBPO and TxVia, and their clients, direct access for use in their own recruiting and training endeavors outside of Presque Isle.

Soon after BalanceBPO and TxVia’s arrival to Presque Isle, UMPI President Don Zillman recognized the opportunity for the institutions to work together. “We realized early on that collaborating with BalanceBPO and TxVia could help to create some very exciting educational and economic opportunities for Aroostook County,” said President Zillman.

“BalanceBPO is thrilled to be partnering with UMPI to create this unique program which is so relevant to each of our own, and combined, endeavors,” BalanceBPO President & CEO Tim Lavin said. “The BPO Certification Course is highly targeted and creates immediate value for us and our clients, and represents an amazing game changer in our industry.”

Matthew Nyren, Senior Vice President of Managed Services at TxVia said, “The BPO Certification Course aligns perfectly with TxVia’s strategy to create a meaningful career path for our employees, and exceptional service to the customers we serve.”

The UMPI faculty committed to the course has extensive and diverse experience in business, English and communications, graphics and media, and psychology, each crucial to the development of the teaching plan.

Together with UMPI and Assistant Professor of Business Carolyn Dorsey, who has been dedicated to the project, BalanceBPO and TxVia are finalizing the curriculum on the run up to the January 2012 launch. Information on how to sign up will be posted on the UMPI website in the coming weeks.
The University and the Caribou Regional Technology Center have signed an articulation agreement that will allow Aroostook County students to earn college credit for the high school level Criminal Justice classes they take at CRTC, and get a head start on a Criminal Justice degree from the University.

CRTC and UMPI officials held a press conference and signing ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at the technology center to announce the collaboration.

“We are so pleased to be establishing this connection with the Caribou Regional Technology Center and creating a path for high school students who are serious about getting the best comprehensive Criminal Justice education available in the region,” President Don Zillman said.

As outlined in the articulation agreement, students who take part in CRTC’s Criminal Justice program and receive at least 85% as a final grade will have three elective Criminal Justice credits transferred to UMPI to be applied toward their Bachelor’s or Associate’s degree in Criminal Justice.

The technology center’s Criminal Justice Program was the only one of its kind at the high school level in Aroostook County until this year. According to Reed Nonken, the CRTC instructor who oversees the program and is a police officer himself, the coursework is rigorous: three periods a day, five days a week, all year long. The program looks at the entire Criminal Justice system, from law enforcement to adjudication to corrections. Students from high schools in Caribou, Presque Isle, Limestone, Fort Fairfield, Easton, Washburn and Ashland are able to take advantage of this CRTC program, one of seven certified programs of its kind in the State of Maine.

Nonken said the technology center and its steering committee worked hard to improve and refine its Criminal Justice program in order to make it a “college prep level” course, which served as a major catalyst for the establishment of the articulation agreement with UMPI.

PE students host 14th Fit & Fun Day

Fit and Fun Day returns for its 14th semi-annual event designed to promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles for local children. This fall’s Fit & Fun Day will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19 in Gentile Hall. Registration begins at 9 a.m.; admission is free. UMPI Physical Education students will facilitate the activities and provide instruction throughout the day. The University’s Athletic Training staff and students will be on site as first aid responders. ■ Fit & Fun Day is open to local children in grades 1 through 5 and will teach them about a healthy lifestyle through physical activity. The multipurpose court in Gentile Hall will be used for the various activities, such as parachute, soccer, cup stacking, and more. ■ Dr. Christine Standefer, Professor of Physical Education at the University, said the event is great for both elementary and college students. ■ “The children can realize that physical activity isn’t just about exercise; it can be lots of fun, too,” she said. “It’s about playing and just being a kid. This is a great opportunity for UMPI students to work with school-age children. The more our students get to work directly with children, the better their teaching skills become.” ■ Once again this year, the climbing wall and swimming pool will be open from 12-1 p.m. to all of the Fit & Fun Day participants. Parents need to sign a release form, provided during registration, in order for their children to use the swimming pool and rock wall. ■ The walking track will be open for parents who would like to be active while keeping an eye on their children.

Coffee and tea for parents will be provided by Aramark Food Services. Water will be provided to the participants, but they should bring their own appropriate swim attire and snacks for this event, if desired. For more information, call Dr. Chris Standefer at 768.9457.
The University celebrated the completion of its $2.3 million renovation project at Pullen Hall – which included the installation of solar panels on the roof, a biomass boiler in the basement, and many updates and energy efficiencies in between – with an official Rededication Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting on Thursday, Oct. 27 in the Pullen Art Gallery.

The event provided community members with their first opportunity to view the renovation work done at Pullen Hall. Construction crews outfitted the building with new floors, windows, ceilings, insulation, exterior facades, entrance doors, and updated heating and ventilation systems.

North Peak Architecture of Presque Isle completed the architectural work and A&L Construction of Presque Isle served as the general contractor on the renovation project.

The updates were the first significant improvements Pullen Hall has received since it was built in 1969. The 19,500-square-foot facility serves as one of the University’s two major classroom buildings. A similar renovation project was completed in 2008 to the adjoining classroom building, Folsom Hall.

President Zillman led the afternoon’s ceremony, which included greetings from Sam Collins on behalf of the University of Maine System’s Board of Trustees; sentiments from Maine’s Congressional Delegation delivered by office representatives; project history and details by Charles Bonin, Vice President for Administration and Finance; and details on the solar and biomass energy projects by UMPI faculty member Dave Putnam and Rob Clark of the U.S. Forest Service – Northeastern Area.

Following remarks by Putnam and Clark as well as recognition of architect Mark Carter and general contractor Rick Nadeau, the event ended with an official ribbon cutting ceremony in which President Zillman declared the Folsom Hall renovation work officially completed and ready for many more years of campus and community use.

Native basket-making

around the globe and his Katahdin Arctic Butterfly Basket is featured in the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian.

Victor Bear is known throughout eastern Canada as a lifelong producer of Maliseet baskets and is Tobique First Nation’s only full-time basket-maker. His work is on display in the Smithsonian and the Museum of Man in Ottawa.

Roldena Sanipass is a third-generation basket-maker who creates everything from pack baskets to her signature miniature potato baskets. Her work is on display at the Abbe Museum in Bar Harbor. She was taught by her mother and revered Native basket-maker, Mary Sanipass.

Jennifer Neptune is a Penobscot basket-maker and bead-worker with the Maine Indian Basketmakers Alliance. Her work is on display in the Maine State Museum and she contributed to the book North by Northwest, which explores traditional arts from three Native tribes, including the Wabanaki.

Jeremy Frey is an eighth generation Passamaquoddy basket weaver. He recently earned the unique distinction of winning Best of Show awards from two of the country’s major Indian Markets – the Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair & Market and the Santa Fe Indian Market. His work is on display at the National Museum of the American Indian and the George Gustav Heye Center in New York City.

The event will include a Native Blessing and an introduction by President Don Zillman. The panel will be led by facilitator John Dennis, Cultural Director for the Aroostook Band of Micmacs. Following the panelists’ remarks, there will be a Q&A. After the presentation, all are invited to attend a reception in the Alumni Room. Light refreshments will be served and baskets made by the panelists will be on display and for sale. For more information, contact 768.9452.
Giles helps to find piece of WWII history

University Professor Anderson Giles has helped to locate an important piece of World War II history – the hardstand which the B-29 bomber ENOLA GAY returned to after the Hiroshima mission.

Through a Faculty Development grant, Giles was able to lead an expedition this summer to the island of Tinian to locate the hardstand – the very large, crushed coral pad on which a huge, 4-engine B-29 was serviced and prepped for its missions and parked after its missions. Over the years, this hardstand had become covered in jungle growth and lost to historians.

For decades, Giles has documented the personnel, sites and visual materials connected to the World War II events on Tinian Island, which led to the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

As part of his documentary film Echoes from the Apocalypse, Giles located the ENOLA GAY’s permanent hardstand, which since has been cleared of jungle and is now open to the public. After the atomic strike mission, however, the ENOLA GAY was directed to a temporary hardstand so it could be checked for radiation contamination. That hardstand was the spot where all of the now-famous archival footage and photographs were taken.

Upon reexamination of archival footage, Giles realized he might be able to find this hardstand. Giles arrived on Tinian on June 23 and met with the Director of Historic Preservation, Carmen Sanchez, to discuss his findings. Convinced that Giles was correct, a small expedition team headed into the overgrown area of North Field and attempted to locate the famous hardstand.

“After chopping through the jungle growth – in 95 degree heat and 98 percent humidity, we did in fact locate the hardstand,” Giles said. “By locating this historic site, it will be possible to erect a historical marker at some future date to mark the site for future generations. Visitors will be able to connect the archival historic visual images with the site they are standing on.”

Faculty Noon Seminar Series returns for Fall 2011

The University’s Faculty Noon Seminar Series has returned for the Fall 2011 semester. Seminars generally are held on the final Thursday of every month from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Normal Hall Faculty Lounge. Presentations are 20-30 minutes in length followed by a discussion period.

The series kicked off with a presentation on Oct. 19 by visiting scholar Professor HUIJUN GAO titled Synopsis of the Chinese Public Education System. Professor Gao serves as Vice Dean in the Department of Public Administration at Communication University of China in Beijing.

On Oct. 28, Dr. STUART R. GELDER presented Crayfish worm research; a multi-disciplinary education. Dr. Gelder, Emeritus Professor Biology at UMPI, is one of the world’s top researchers in the field of branchiobdellidan biology.

On Nov. 17, DAVID PUTNAM and AARON PUTNAM will present Tides of Grass: Cultural Responses to Climate Change in Inner Asia. Putnam and his son Aaron, a post doctoral research associate with the Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University, will discuss paleoenvironmental data collected over the past two summers in northwestern China. This presentation will be held in FOLSOM HALL, ROOM 105.

On Dec. 8, UMPI History Professor Dr. JOHN ZABORNEY will describe parts of his forthcoming book with Louisiana State University Press, Slaves For Hire: Renting Enslaved Laborers in Antebellum Virginia. For more information about the Faculty Noon Seminar Series, contact Charles Johnson at 768.9598 or Tomasz Herzog at 768.9429.

Water Polo

Play Water Polo

Wednesdays, 7-8pm
Gentile Hall Pool
No experience necessary!
Humphrey receives Pioneer Scholarship

UMPI Junior Business Management Major Cody Humphrey recently was recognized for his hard work and dedication as a Mitchell Scholar with an award given to just 18 out of the nearly 1,800 scholars and alumni who have gone through the Mitchell Institute.

Humphrey received the Leon and Lisa Gorman Pioneer Scholar Award, presented to a Mitchell Scholar who has demonstrated strong qualities of leadership, character, and hard work. He was given the award during the Mitchell Institute’s 2011 Gala event held in late October in South Portland.

“I’m very honored,” Humphrey said of the award. “It’s definitely an honor to get chosen for this and know that people are noticing your hard work.”

Humphrey said that, since becoming a Mitchell Scholar, he has participated in just about all of the activities the Mitchell Institute has offered to its scholars, including retreats, resume workshops, and community service projects. For example, he recently climbed Mount Katahdin with a group of Mitchell Institute scholars as part of a leadership activity.

The Mitchell Institute was created in 1995, when Senator George Mitchell founded the Mitchell Scholarship Program to support the educational goals of Maine high school graduates. Over $8.2 million has been awarded in scholarship assistance to more than 1,800 Maine students. Each year, one graduating senior from every public high school in Maine is selected to receive a Mitchell Scholarship. The amount of each scholarship is up to $6,000 ($1,500 for each year of college for a maximum of four years). Humphrey was the recipient of the scholarship from Gray-New Gloucester High School in 2009.

Humphrey said he has benefited in many ways from his participation in the Mitchell Institute – last year, the Institute helped to provide him with a stipend so he could do internshlp work for the Portland Water District in collaboration with the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership. He expects that the Institute will continue to benefit him past graduation.

“With the networking and contacts I have through the Institute, I know that after graduation, if I need help getting a job, I can give them a call,” Humphrey said. “The Institute goes the extra mile for its scholars to help them with internships and careers.”

In addition to his participation in the Mitchell Institute, Humphrey was a member of this year’s golf team and he serves as a student ambassador for the Admissions Office. He also volunteers for Central Aroostook ARC once a week. He is the son of Lonnie and Pam Humphrey of New Gloucester.

UMPI student participates in SEA semester

UMPI Senior Biology Major Justine Cyr is spending her fall semester at sea, as part of the study abroad program through Sea Education Association in Woods Hole, Mass. While away from studies at UMPI, Cyr has completed a six-week shore component, earning academic credit for curriculum in oceanography, nautical science, and maritime studies. During her SEA semester, she also is spending six weeks at sea, sailing on a tall ship from San Diego to Honolulu, a journey of about 3,000 nautical miles, and conducting research along the way.

At the program’s Woods Hole campus, Cyr developed a research project that she is completing aboard SEA’s 134-foot-long sailing school vessel the Robert C. Seamans, one of the most sophisticated research equipped vessels under sail in the United States. On, shore, Cyr lived, studied and worked alongside professional researchers, scholars and mariners. During her time at sea, Cyr is collecting data for her research project as well as helping to provide weather observations to a national database, learning to chart the course of the vessel using celestial navigation and serving as the Junior Watch Officer, which involves taking full command of the vessel during a watch. Cyr’s shipmates come from colleges and universities around the country. Their shipboard experience provides the opportunity to develop teamwork and decision-making skills and a greater respect for others.

Sea Education Association, headquartered in Woods Hole, was founded in 1971. It is the only full-credit undergraduate program in the United States that combines rigorous academic and research curriculum with a voyage to the deep sea under sail.

On campus, Cyr is one of UMPI’s hard-working scholar-athletes and serves as a member of UMPI’s women’s cross country running and Nordic ski teams. UMPI officials are pleased Cyr has been able to enrich her educational experience by participating in an exciting study abroad program like this.
Reed Gallery presents *Logging in the Maine Woods Today*

The Reed Fine Art Gallery presents *Logging in the Maine Woods Today*, a photographic exhibition on tour from the Maine Museum of Photographic Arts [MMPA], from Nov. 4 through Dec. 17. An opening reception was held at the gallery on Friday, Nov. 4 in conjunction with the Presque Isle First Friday Art Walk.

Funding from the Robert & Dorothy Goldberg Charitable Foundation is supporting this MMPA inaugural traveling exhibit, which features contemporary photographic images by Tonee Harbert. *Logging in the Maine Woods Today* explores the entrepreneurial community, stewardship and spirit of industry in the Maine woods.

Harbert has explored the diversity of Maine culture for more than 20 years. His subjects have included migrant workers, refugee immigrants as well as musicians and brides. He received his degree in Visual Communications from Ohio State University. He continued his education informally by working for the Library of Congress printing archival photographs from the Depression Era of the Farm Security Administration. He has resided in Maine since 1988. His work is held in private and public collections across the country.

The University is the third venue to house this traveling exhibition, which opened on Jan. 15, 2011, at the Fryeburg Academy in Fryeburg, Maine. It remained there until March 4, 2011, and then traveled to The Albert Brenner Glickman Family Library, located on the Portland Campus of the University of Southern Maine, where it was on exhibition from March 31 to Aug. 21, 2011.

“We’re delighted to be showcasing the Maine Museum of Photographic Arts inaugural traveling exhibition,” Sandra Huck, Reed Fine Art Gallery Director, said. “These contemporary black and white images offer a compelling glimpse of logging in Maine today. We invite everyone to visit the gallery so they can view these striking images of an industry with such close ties to our region.”

The Reed Fine Art Gallery is open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is closed Sundays and University holidays. For more information, please contact Huck at 768.9611.

Hyrum Benson displays work at Sorpreso

UMP Art Professor Hyrum Benson had his work on display at Café Sorpreso during the month of October. Benson, a ceramicist and one of UMPI’s newest faculty members, exhibited several of his ceramics pieces. A reception for his show was held on Friday, Oct. 7 as part of the Presque Isle First Friday Downtown Art Walk.

In his artist’s statement, Benson writes that he “looks at architecture and structures, how the structures are made, how the parts join together, how the lintel connects with the post . . . The forms have been reduced in detail to just the form to force the viewer to focus on the overall structure and not the details. Forms are left unglazed to show off the material for what it is, clay; it is subjected to the effects of the fuel and flame which marks the surface with interesting flame marks. This is similar to how structures are left to be marked by the environment.”

Benson joined the Art Program this fall as an Assistant Professor of Art. He most recently taught ceramics and interior design at Tartant County College in Fort Worth, Texas. Prior to that, he taught and served as an Assistant Administrator in the College of Visual Arts and Design at the University of North Texas.

Benson is also an accomplished artist with several years of successful exhibits and shows. He has presented exhibitions in galleries from Texas and Georgia to Kansas and Idaho, and has art work in the permanent collection at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. Benson holds an MFA in Ceramics from the University of North Texas. He earned his BFA in Ceramics and his ASA in Graphic Design, Fine Arts and Spanish from Brigham Young University-Idaho.

Athletic Training Student Club

Spaghetti Dinner & Auction

Friday Nov. 18, 5pm, Campus Center

Bid on donated items from local businesses and community members.

ATSC gives students the chance to pursue local, state and national educational opportunities, attend conferences, symposiums and lectures.

Tickets $5. info & tickets: Deena Albert-Parks 768.9637, deena.albertparks@umpi.edu
UMPI athletes named to USCAA All-Academic team

Women’s Soccer
Susan Lavertu, Sophomore from Madawaska, Maine
Taylor Ussery, Junior from La Verne, California
Carolynn Tuck, Senior from Brewer, Maine
Jacquelyn Poulin, Senior from Washburn, Maine

Men’s Soccer
Kyle Corrigan, Sophomore from Caribou, Maine
Lucas Bartlett, Sophomore from Bradley, Maine

USCAA All-Academic team members are student athletes that are either sophomores, juniors, or seniors and have excelled in the classroom by achieving at least a 3.5 GPA.

Maffei receives national recognition
UMPI midfielder Craig Maffei (Sr. - Readfield, ME) was named to the Honorable Mention list for the USCAA All-American team this fall. Maffei closes out his four-year soccer career with the Owls by leading his team in goals this season. "Craig had an outstanding four-year career here," said Coach Alan Gordon. "I am pleased he got this recognition for what he accomplished this season."

Congratulations... to the Women’s Soccer team!
The Lady Owls had a successful season this year, finishing 10-4 and were ranked #10 in the USCAA Coaches’ Poll, narrowly missing out on an invitation to this year’s USCAA National Tournament being held in Asheville, N.C. Great work, ladies!

... to the Men’s Soccer team!
The Men’s Soccer team persevered through a tough schedule and injuries this season, finishing 4-10. The young team showed improvement in their play throughout their first season as members of the USCAA, and will look to build on that experience for next year.

Hutchins named USCAA Player of the Week
UMPI midfielder AARON HUTCHINS (Fr. - Medway, ME) was named the USCAA Men’s Soccer Player of the Week for the week of Oct. 26 after leading UMPI to its fourth win of the season against Fisher College. Hutchins scored two goals and assisted two others during the game. Hutchins was the first player on the men’s team to receive the honor this season.
Midnight Madness marks beginning of the 2011-2012 basketball season

On Nov. 2, UMPI faculty, staff, students, and community members streamed into Wieden Gymnasium for an event that marked the beginning of the basketball season for our Owls. Team scrimmages, contests, and the Staff vs. Students basketball game entertained all in attendance. Missed the fun? Be sure to check out the 2011-2012 schedules so you can see the Owls in action!

(left) Junior Emily Pelletier will be a key returner for the Lady Owls this season. (right) Patrick Manifold dunks during Midnight Madness.

Cross Country results from the State Championships, Gray, Maine

Men’s team
Team finish results: 7th of 12 teams - 159 finishers
Justin Fershetian 51 of 159 28:51
Phillip Boody 85 of 159 30:01
Dan Dermody 100 of 159 31:01
Andrew Nesbitt 106 of 159 31:37
Jaron Gray 149 of 159 37:30
Tim Chase 153 of 159 39:58
Richard Landry 155 of 159 44:21
Zach Abbotoni 156 of 159 45:31

Women’s team
Team finish results: 10th of 11 teams - 150 finishers
Kati Christoffel 75 of 142 22:30
Emily Wright 88 of 142 23:32
Molly Lindsey 104 of 142 24:52
Sarah Taylor 131 of 142 28:12
Leanne Abbott 137 of 142 31:16
Carly Langley Did Not Run N/A

2011-12 UMPI Owls Basketball Women’s Schedule

Date Opponent Site Time
Tue, Nov 15 @ Maine Maritime Academy Castine, ME 5:30PM
Fri, Nov 18 @ UMaine Farmington Tip-Off Classic Farmington, ME 7:30PM
Sat, Nov 19 @ UMaine Farmington Tip-Off Classic Farmington, ME 1PM
Fri, Dec 2 @ Wesleyan University Middletown, CT 6PM
Sat, Dec 3 @ Wesleyan University Middletown, CT 6PM
Sun, Dec 4 @ Pine Manor UMaine Machias
Tue, Dec 6 @ UMaine Augusta (Bangor Arena) Holland College
Thu, Dec 8 HOME
Sat, Dec 10 HOME

Men’s Schedule

Date Opponent Site Time
Sun, Dec 4 @ Pine Manor Chestnut Hill, MA 1PM
Tue, Nov 15 @ Maine Maritime Academy Castine, ME 7:30PM
Fri, Nov 18 @ Thomas Tip-Off Tournament Waterville, ME 7:30PM
Sat, Nov 19 @ Thomas Tip-Off Tournament Waterville, ME 7:30PM
Sun, Nov 20 @ University of Southern Maine Waterville, ME 7:30PM
Sat, Dec 3 @ Bowdoin Portland, ME 3PM
Tue, Dec 6 UMaine Machias HOME
Thu, Dec 8 @UMaine Augusta (Bangor Arena) HOME
Sat, Dec 10 Holland College HOME

Site
Castine, ME
Farmington, ME
Farmington, ME
Middletown, CT
Middletown, CT
Cheestnut Hill, MA
HOME
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Fresh balsam wreaths for sale!
The UMPI Criminal Justice Club will be selling 24-inch, fresh balsam wreaths from the Blier Farm in Fort Fairfield. Wreaths will cost $25 each and proceeds will go towards the club’s spring trip to San Francisco. For more information, contact Lisa Leduc or stop in to Normal Hall Room 208 to check out a sample wreath.

UMPI professor leads workshop
Dr. Bonnie Wood led the Oct. 28 workshop Lecture-Free Teaching: A Learning Partnership between Science Educators and their Students at the Society for College Science Teachers (SCST) in Hartford, Conn., after which Dr. Wood was able to sign copies of her book for attendees. Twenty-five science educators from high schools and colleges in the Northeast participated in the workshop. Dr. Wood is a member of the SCST’s Executive Board.

Holiday Farmers and Artisans Market to be held at UMPI
UMPI’s College of Arts and Sciences will sponsor a Farmers and Artisans Market hosted by the Presque Isle Farmers Market on Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in UMPI’s Campus Center. Vendors from Aroostook County Farmers Markets such as: Presque Isle, Caribou, Fort Fairfield, TAMC, and Mic Mac have been invited to participate; memberships include producers of meat, dairy products, eggs, baked goods, and winter vegetables. Artists producing pottery, jewelry, sculpture, photographs, paintings, drawings, and fiber art will be displaying their works as well, along with the works of UMPI students. This event is open to the public.

Treats for Troops drive successful
UMPI’s Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society members collected 93 pounds of individually wrapped candies and 49 holiday cards during their Treats for Troops drive at the end of October. The candies and cards will be sent overseas to U.S. troops in remote war zones. The group would like to thank all those who participated in the drive. For more information on how you can continue to contribute, visit www.treatfortroops.info.

Fall Blood Drive draws large numbers
The Annual Fall Blood Drive at UMPI was the third-largest fall blood drive since the beginning of the university’s collaboration with the American Red Cross. The drive collected 98 pints of blood. In 2008, 108 pints were collected, and the drive in 2008 collected 99 pints. According to the American Red Cross, approximately 5 million patients receive blood in the U.S. each year. A big thank you goes out to all those who gave their time and supported the cause.

Women’s Climbing Night continues at UMPI
The university’s 37-foot climbing wall will be reserved just for women on Nov. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. Those who do not currently have a pass to Gentile Hall will be asked to pay the $7 entrance fee at the front desk before participating. For more information, contact Kim McCrea at 768.9401.

UMPI’s Dr. Hannah featured in INBRE newsletter
Maine’s IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) Oct. 2011 issue featured UMPI’s own Dr. Rachael Hannah. The article Visiting Scientist Fellow: Rachael Hannah, PhD. highlighted the Assistant Professor’s INBRE-funded fellowship that provides the opportunity for her to work with Dr. Voot Yin. Hannah and Yin conducted research at the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory focused on creating a central nervous system injury model in zebrafish in an effort to better understand neuron regeneration.

Former UMPI Distinguished Lecturer and County native makes front page of The New York Times
The daughter of UMPI’s own Virginia Fischer, Karin Fischer, spoke at UMPI in the fall of 2011 as part of the University Distinguished Lecturer Series. Fischer spoke to the crowd about the increasing number of students who are choosing to come to the United States from their native country, China, for their post-secondary education. In her New York Times article, The China Conundrum, the senior reporter covering international education for The Chronicle of Higher Education revisited the topic. The full New York Times article can be found at: www.nytimes.com/2011/11/06/education/education/the-china-conundrum.html?pagewant=ed1&_r=1&emc=eta1
Join the UMPI Swim Club
Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Gentile Hall Pool.
It’s a great way to stay fit, have fun, and learn new skills!

Ride Molly the Trolley
The Presque Isle Historical Society’s Molly the Trolley will be in this year’s Holiday Light Parade scheduled for Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. There are 26 available seats for individuals interested in riding the trolley during the parade. The cost to ride will be $5 per person and seats will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. To reserve your seats, call 762.6300. Be sure to leave your name, the number of seats desired, and phone number where you can be reached.

After leaving your message, send your payment to the Historical Society at PO Box 285, Presque Isle, ME 04769. Once your payment is received, you will get a confirmation phone call. Come join the fun!

Congratulations
Christopher Moore
October Student of the Month

Chris is a senior from Manganese, Nova Scotia majoring in Physical Education and is very involved on campus. Currently, he serves as the Vice President of the Senior Class, President of the Physical Education Club, Captain of the Hockey team, Secretary of the Hockey Club, and Treasurer of the Track and Field Club. Chris is also a Resident Assistant and an excellent student. He is a great role model and is always willing to help others.

Do you like Homemade Apple Pie?
The Student Organization of Social Workers will be selling apple pies until 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17. Each of the pies is 9 inches in diameter, is delivered unbaked, and costs $8. Delivery/pick-up is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 20. All proceeds will go towards the students’ trip to the United Nations and the International Student Social Work Conference in New York City.

For more information, contact Shirley Rush at 768.9427.

It’s that time of year again!
Register for the University’s e2campus emergency notification system. All faculty, staff, and students should register for this free service. Contact the Student Affairs Office at 768.9582 for more information on how to register to receive notifications – the process is simple, just two easy steps and you’ll receive notifications related to University closings, weather emergencies, power failures, bomb threats, campus violence, etc. Register today!

Join the UMPI Swim Club
Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Gentile Hall Pool.
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Monday, November 28, 7pm, Wieden Auditorium
Zillman co-authors Maine Tort Law supplement

President Don Zillman recently added another title to his list of publications – he and colleague Jack H. Simmons co-authored the Maine Tort Law 2011 Supplement.

Published by LexisNexis, the work provides updates to the 2004 edition of Maine Tort Law, which was co-authored by Zillman, Simmons and David D. Gregory. According to the LexisNexis website, Maine Tort Law serves as a quick reference guide for civil litigators and summarizes the legal requirements of virtually every cause of action based in tort recognized in Maine.

The 87-page supplement covers 19 chapters and provides updates on everything from assault and battery and false imprisonment to products liability and defamation. ‘Torts are civil wrongdoings for which damages can be sought by the injured party.’

“It has been a pleasure to plug in to the efforts of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, the U.S. Congress and the Maine State Legislature – and the work they have done that impacts tort law in Maine – in order to put this supplement together,” Zillman said.

We want to hear about your news & events!

If you would like to submit an item for the December image, the deadline for submissions is 4:30 p.m. Monday, November 21. Submissions received after that date may not be included.

Email news or event information to sara.martin@umpi.edu.

The electronic suggestion box is open and available for your ideas!

Please e-mail: umpi-suggestions@maine.edu with your concerns and ideas for solutions to make our campus the best place it can be to study and work. On behalf of the Campus Quality Improvement Work Group, thanks for your input!