



Three middle school students in the Aroostook Regional Gifted and Talented program work in the University's clay studio during the annual Visual Arts Day on campus.

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UMPI garners \$95,000 in EPSCoR funding

A team of UMPI professors has received \$95,000 in grant funding from the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research [EPSCoR] to continue a wide range of research on the Aroostook River Watershed and its sustainable development.

This is the third year in a row the team has received funding from EPSCoR, a program under the auspices of Maine's Office of Innovation. EPSCoR grants are awarded by the National Science Foundation to states that are typically not targeted for research grants. The funding UMPI has received – which totals \$236,000 and includes a \$75,000 grant last year and a \$66,000 grant the year before that – is part of a larger grant led by the University of Maine in Orono



Members of UMPI's research team took part in a day-long river trip from Masardis to Ashland last summer, surveying ecological, geological and archaeological features during year two of UMPI's EPSCoR grant. On the trip were, from left, foreground, Scott Belair, Matt Crandall, Tom Pinette, Gary Parent (red hat), Chelsey Ellis, Ashley Filiminow, David Putnam, Rhonda Ireland, and Jason Johnston. UMPI's research team has received \$95,000 in EPSCoR funding for year three of the grant program.

Aroostook River Watershed through Research and Stakeholder Partnerships. The Aroostook River Watershed, which is the most populated region in northern Maine, spans central Aroostook County and encompasses the communities of Presque Isle, Caribou and Fort Fairfield.

The work the UMPI team is doing during this grant year involves evaluating the potential of grass biomass production for central Aroostook County using the watershed as a sampling space and the community of Fort Fairfield as

and the University of Southern Maine. The University could potentially receive funding for a total of five years.

The UMPI research team is using the grant funding for its project *Assessing the Feasibility and Sustainability of Renewable Energy Production in the*

a way to focus on one stakeholder municipality. The project will include coordinating efforts to locate and establish up to 10,000 acres of grassland, and evaluating the potential ecological impact, or benefit, to grassland birds.

This year's team, [continued on page 2](#)

UMPI announces development of PTA program

The University is helping to expand options for area residents who want to pursue healthcare careers by taking major steps this fall to develop a Physical Therapist Assistant program. When it is accredited, the program will be one of two Physical Therapist Assistant programs available in the State of Maine.

"This is going to open many doors for those who want to work in this particular healthcare field and don't want to travel hours away to get their training," President Don Zillman said. "The PTA program is an important addition to

our range of healthcare program offerings – which includes Medical Laboratory Technology, Athletic Training, and our premedical concentration in Biology – and is helping us to provide even more instruction in the STEM fields. With careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math as the largest growing job sector in Maine, providing degree programs like this is of the highest priority and is helping to fill an important need for the state."

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UMPI takes part in Holiday Light Parade



Hootie the Owl mascot poses for a photo with the four little owls that rode on the UMPI float during the Holiday Light Parade. They include Olivia Parsley, Sarah Sonntag, Jacob Hamel and Harleigh Parsley.

The University celebrated the 22nd annual Holiday Light Parade

in style, taking part in a number of different ways. As it has for the past several years, the University opened its doors for a holiday open house at Gentile Hall, complete with free cocoa and cookies. The spot made for a great location for those who wanted to watch the parade from inside or warm up after the parade. On display were posters highlighting recent work at the University, including the rededication of energy efficient Pullen Hall, an update on the wind turbine, the developing Physical Therapist Assistant program, and the exciting collaborative program with BalanceBPO and TxVia corporations.

In downtown Presque Isle, UMPI students with the Fine Art program were enjoying the evening's festivities while "bringing functional clay art to the people" with their Mug Sale. Passersby were able to get a sense of what goes on

in UMPI's Ceramics/Sculpture Studio and warm up with the purchase of a handmade mug that came with a free filling of hot chocolate. UMPI Art Professor Hyrum Benson said the Mug Sale was a great way for his students to see their art put to good use.

Last but not least, UMPI again participated in the parade with a float and dozens of walkers (and roller skiers). This year's theme was "Have a Hootie Holiday" and featured Hootie, the UMPI Owl mascot (Jason Fortin), atop a large rocking horse surrounded by four little owls (Sarah Sonntag, Jacob Hamel, and Harleigh and Olivia Parsley). Buddy the Elf (Aaron Tomlinson) also entertained the crowd as UMPI's Nordic Ski team roller skied up and down the road and walkers waved, danced and handed out owl-shaped 'silly bands' and basketball schedule cards. Plans are already underway for next year's float. ★

EPSCoR funding

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which is being led by Dr. Jason Johnston, Assistant Professor of Wildlife Ecology, includes Professor David Putnam, Lecturer of Science; Dr. Kimberly Sebold, Associate Professor of History; and Dr. Chunzeng Wang, Associate Professor of Earth and Environmental Science. Also on the team is David Vail, the Adams Catlin Professor of Economics, Emeritus, at Bowdoin College.

As they have done for the past two years, each research team member is taking the lead on a different component of the project. Dr. Johnston will continue to work on ecological aspects of current and proposed new grasslands and evaluate the potential impact to grassland birds. Dr. Wang will continue his work on estimat-

ing available acreage for grass biomass purposes and classify that land (i.e., fallow, pasture, hay). He will use satellite imagery and USDA aerial images to accomplish this work. Putnam will focus on engaging stakeholders, local farmers, business workers and other individuals on efforts related to the project including surveying, interviewing and outreach efforts.

Dr. Vail will begin collecting data through various survey instruments to conduct an economic analysis focused on the potential for grass biomass production in the area. Dr. Sebold will continue exploring historical land use patterns of the region, and focus on how to use local historical knowledge as a way to engage stakeholders. The team as a

whole will develop and test hypotheses about how people view future landscape change.

"We are so pleased to have our UMPI research team receive EPSCoR funding for the third year in a row," UMPI Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Sonntag said. "This is significant STEM-supporting work that is driven by our faculty and it is having a significant impact on our community. Our proposals have been positively received each year, and reflect the strength of our faculty and the work they are doing. Without highly qualified and well trained faculty, this sort of work and the grant dollars it brings to our community is simply not possible." ★

Students present projects to Canines for Disabled Kids Executive Director

Students in UMPI's Business Communication class recently had the unique opportunity to present the projects they'd created for the non-profit Canines for Disabled Kids to the Executive Director of the national organization – in person.

Students in Dr. Jacqui Lowman's class have been working all semester on projects for nonprofits such as the Aroostook County Action Program and Canines for Disabled Kids, developing media that will help the organizations spread their messages.

By the end of the Fall semester, all of their projects – books, brochures, cookbooks, and everything in between – will be turned over to the respective organizations. In early December, however, students were able to present their newly finished, assistance dog-related projects to Kristin Hartness Law, the Executive Director of Canines for Disabled Kids, who traveled from Massachusetts to see the students' work first-hand.

Canines for Disabled Kids was founded in 1998 as an offshoot of the NEADS Dog for Deaf and Disabled



UMPI Business Communication students are pictured with the projects they presented to the Executive Director of Canines for Disabled Kids, Kristin Hartness Law. They include, from left, front row: Mike Greaves, Stephanie Coriveau, Tyler Hutchinson, Kellie Peers and Hartness Law with her assistance dog Bronson; back row: Peter Fischer, Cooper Plaisted and Daniel Cote.



UMPI offers J-Term on trial basis

The University is offering its first ever J-Term – that's January Term – to see if there is interest from its student population and the greater community in providing a short class term between the fall and spring semesters.

"UMPI is increasingly focused on providing courses when and where students want them," UMPI Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Sonntag said. "We've increased our online and summer offerings, and with the addition of J-Term courses, the University will effectively offer a robust schedule of courses year round."

Sonntag said the University has added these non-traditional schedules strategically to allow students to stay on track and complete their degrees in a shorter period of time.

Earlier in the fall, a committee composed of faculty members Charles Johnson (chair), Ray Rice, Shirley Rush, Peng Peng Yu and Christopher Rolon proposed that the University begin delivering live and online courses during a January term, on a trial basis.

Courses to be offered as part of UMPI's J-Term include courses in Criminal Justice, History, Math, Political Science, and Art. All of these courses are online offerings.

The J-Term takes place between Dec. 19 and Jan. 13. Courses will be four weeks in length.

"The faculty embraced the opportunity to offer J-Term courses because they recognized the need was there, especially for students seeking those last few credits to complete their graduation requirements," Professor Johnson said. ★

Americans training program. According to its website, CDK is an assistance dog program that fills the important need of providing trained assistance dogs for children under the age of 12. These dogs are trained to help children with autism, trauma, hearing impairments, and other physical disabilities, and assist disabled children in classroom settings.

The Business Communication students produced a series of children's books for the

nonprofit focusing on different disabilities. They include a book on each: therapy dogs, social dogs for children with autism, hearing dogs, and service dogs for people with physical disabilities. A fifth book is told from the viewpoint of a service

dog who meets many children with disabilities until finding her match.

During the Dec. 8 classroom presentations before Hartness Law, students described the process they went through to create their books. Along with the expected interviewing, writing, editing and picture-finding, the students "tested" their books on a group of local fourth-graders. Many of the UMPI students expressed a hope that readers of their books would develop a greater understanding about assistance dogs and children who need their aid.

Hartness Law told the students how pleased she was with the projects and, at the end of class, showed them a brochure that a high school student had created for their organization years ago. The nonprofit modified the brochure, she said, but continues to use it to this day. She thanked the students for their efforts and told them that their projects would be useful to the organization long after they've graduated. ★

Online journal publishes Fall/Winter 2011 issue

The staff of the University's online literary journal *Upcountry* has finished its last round of editing and the latest issue is now available for viewing in an interactive new format.

Dedicated to showcasing poems, short stories, personal essays and visual art from the campus community, *Upcountry* is a publication of the University's English program. It is published twice yearly.

The journal's advisor, Dr. Melissa Crowe, said that this year, the staff decided to make the leap to a more interactive format to give viewers a more hands-on reading experience. The journal appears in a browsable magazine format through a digital publishing platform called Issuu. The platform allows pages of uploaded print material to be viewed much like a

traditional printed publication, with animated, flipping pages and left-to-right page viewing.



Crowe said, "Flipping the pages of *Upcountry* in its new format is both an intellectual and tactile pleasure. The staff is thrilled with the final product, which truly showcases the fine work of UMPI students."

The Fall/Winter 2011 issue of *Upcountry* features the work of 18 writers, poets and artists. Works range from Lila Albert's essay *Back to Godhead* and Andrew Bellamy's poem

Going Downstate No. 1, to Anthony Scott's story *The Great Buford Family Crisis of 2010* and Cassie Green's poem *Stealing from a Beggar*.

"Honestly, we were overwhelmed with the caliber of the submissions we received this semester, and the work included in the issue makes me proud to be associated with these students and alumni. I can't wait to see what comes over the transom in the spring," said Crowe.

This year's student editors are Mika Ouellette and Barat Qualey. The *Upcountry* staff will host a reading/launch party for the issue during the Spring 2012 semester.

To view the latest issue in its new, interactive format, visit <http://upcountryjournal.wordpress.com/> and click on the "Expand" button. ★

PTA program

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it through the two-year accreditation process with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education [CAPTE]. Rolon comes to the University from River Valley Community College in Claremont, NH, where he was an Associate Professor and Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education from 2007 to 2011. At this stage in the process, UMPI's PTA Associate of Science degree program is considered a developing program.

Already, Rolon has begun working with area hospitals to develop partnerships and collaborations with the program, and in collaboration with the Athletic Training department and local physical therapy professionals, he's been laying the foundation for the program with the development of policies and procedures, the new curriculum, equipment needs, and clinical site contracts. In the next several weeks, an Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education will be hired to round out the program staff, and, in March 2012, Rolon will apply to CAPTE for UMPI's program to become a Candidacy Program. If successful, he will begin phase II of accreditation.

"I'm hopeful that by the summer of 2012, the University will receive the go-ahead for the professional phase of the program so we can begin offering the technical courses during the Fall 2012 semester," Rolon said. "Students would complete two semesters of technical courses, a semester of clinicals, and then the first cohort of students would graduate in August of 2013 and become eligible to sit for a national PTA exam."

Rolon explained that the University would become accredited with the successful completion of the first graduating class.

Though still a developing program, Rolon said there is tremendous interest and excitement in the community about the PTA program.

"We've had dozens of inquiries and many current students, alumni, and transfer students plan to apply for the technical phase of the program starting next fall," he said.

To learn more about UMPI's developing PTA program, please contact Rolon at 768.9542 or email to christopher.rolon@umpi.edu. ★



Chris Rolon

MeHEAF awards scholarship to Benjamin Rosser

The trustees of the Maine Higher Education Assistance Foundation [MeHEAF] are pleased to announce the awarding of a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to Benjamin Rosser, an UMPI Business Administration major. He is a graduate of Caribou High School.

Rosser, the son of Ron and Johna Rosser of Caribou, is a senior at UMPI. He served as the captain of the Owl Men's basketball team his freshman and sophomore year. Since his junior year, he has balanced a full-time job in addition to his school work. He and his wife, Emily Rosser, have been married for two years and the couple just had their first son, Andrew, five months ago.

Recent scholarship recipients from UMPI include Laura Schools in 2010, Lance Masse in 2009, Tory Bradbury in 2008, Katie McNally in 2007, Jessica White in 2006, and Linda Gover in 2005.

The Maine Higher Education Assistance Foundation was established in the 1950s as a guarantee fund for student loans. The founders included a wide range of banks, businesses, community organizations and individuals. In 1990, the MeHEAF trustees, to continue the original intent of the founding members, initiated a scholarship program funded by the return on the original loan guarantee funds. The fund is now managed by the Maine Bankers Association, 489 Congress Street, Portland.

Since 1990, a total of \$271,000 in scholarships has been



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The Maine Higher Education Assistance Foundation recently awarded a scholarship to UMPI student Benjamin Rosser. Taking part in the presentation are, from left to right: Maine State Senator Troy Jackson; State Representative Peter Edgecomb of Caribou; Rosser; Carolyn Dorsey-Durepo, UMPI Assistant Professor of Business Management; and Christopher Pinkham, President of the Maine Banker's Association.

awarded. Colleges receiving MeHEAF grants each year are: Husson University, Maine Community College System, St. Joseph's College, Thomas College, University of Maine at Augusta, University of Maine at Farmington, University of Maine at Fort Kent, University of Maine at Machias, University of Maine at Presque Isle, University of New England and University of Southern Maine. ★

UMPI recognized by Maine Tobacco-Free College Network

The University was recently recognized by the Maine Tobacco-Free College Network with seven stars as part of its Gold Star Standards of Excellence Recognition Program.

The Maine Tobacco-Free College Network, which is leading Maine's efforts to strengthen campus tobacco policies and reduce tobacco use on college campuses, held a celebration in Bangor last month to highlight the efforts of its 2011 award winners to create tobacco-free environments and promote tobacco-free lifestyles. Linda Mastro, Director of UMPI's Health Center, accepted the award on behalf of the University.

UMPI was among a short list of eight universities across the state to be recognized as 2011 award winners. Other campuses included the University of Maine in Orono, Kennebec Valley Community College, University of Maine

Hutchinson Center, Unity College, Northern Maine Community College, University of Maine at Machias, and the University of New England. Three people were recognized as 2011 Individual Gold Star Honorees. They were: John Delile, Bethany Fortier, and Barbara Larsson.

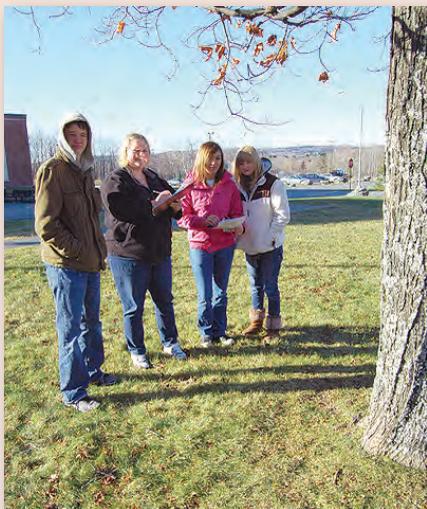
According to its website, the Maine Tobacco-Free College Network is dedicated to providing Maine post-secondary learning institutions with the information and resources needed to make campuses smoke- and/or tobacco-free. The network formed in February 2002 as an outgrowth of collaboration between the University of Southern Maine, Healthy Maine Partnerships, Communities Promoting Health, and Healthy Portland.

For more information about the Maine Tobacco-Free College Network, visit its website at www.mainetobaccofreecollegenetwork.org. ★



Visual Arts Day

Middle school students from Van Buren to Houlton were on campus for Visual Arts Day learning about everything from drawing and clay to printmaking and sculpture. The event was organized by UMPI's Art Education program for Aroostook Regional Gifted and Talented.



(Left) Learning teams composed of Dr. Bonnie Wood's Biology 112 students took to the outdoors for an exercise titled "Thermoregulation: How Do Plants Deal with the Cold?" Students tried to determine where the cold stresses were in plants at several sites on campus, how those plants managed to deal with those stresses, and how those mechanisms might be similar to or different from those employed by animals.



UMPI Math Faculty members welcomed area Gifted and Talented high school students to campus for a day of math exploration. Dr. Zhu-qi Lu presented an introduction to number systems, Dr. Peng Peng Yu (pictured above) presented on the geometry and topology of two-dimensional surfaces in relation to symmetry groups, and Terry Chalou had students color blocks to create an "Instant Insanity Puzzle" and then challenged them to solve the puzzle graphically. GT students also explored science and history topics during the day-long event.



(Left) Basket-makers from five tribes in the region spoke during a special panel presentation at UMPI held on Nov. 30. Taking part in the event were, from left, Fred Tomah, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians; Victor Bear, Tobique First Nation; Roldena Sanipass, Aroostook Band of Micmacs; Jennifer Neptune, Penobscot Nation; and Jeremy Frey, Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Sports! Sports! Sports!

Women's Soccer players named to All-Independent teams

The 2011 All-Independent Women's Soccer teams were announced on Nov. 22 by the Association of Division III Independents. The following UMPI Women's Soccer players received this national recognition:



Herring named Offensive Player of the Year

UMPI junior **LAINLEY HERRING** (Houlton, ME) has been named the 2011 Offensive Player of the Year for the Association of NCAA Division III Independents. The Association described Herring as "one of the best strikers in the AD3I" as she led the Owls this season with 14 goals; three of those goals were game-winners. Herring was selected for this honor by soccer coaches from AD3I member institutions across the country.



Maffei named Defensive Player of the Year

UMPI senior **CRAIG MAFFEI** (Readfield, ME) has been named the 2011 Defensive Player of the Year for the Association of NCAA Division III Independents. Though Maffei earned this recognition for his outstanding play, he also led the Owls with eight goals on the season.



Aaron Hutchins named Player of the Week

Sophomore guard **AARON HUTCHINS** (East Millinocket, ME) was recognized by the USCAA as he was named its Division I Men's Basketball Player of the Week for the week of Nov. 19. Hutchins averaged 16.5 points per game through the team's four contests of the week, including a 27-point performance against Newbury College at the Thomas College Tip-Off Tournament. Hutchins also shot 83 percent from the free throw line.

First Team -

Lainey Herring

Junior (Houlton, ME)

Forward

Susan Lavertu

Sophomore (Madawaska,

ME) Midfielder

Second Team -

Elizabeth Keagan

Freshman (Amherst, NS)

Defender



Lainey Herring



Susan Lavertu



Elizabeth Keagan

The Association consists of 11 Division III institutions that have joined together to recognize student-athletes at independent institutions, and provide exempted post-season championship competition. More information about the Association of Division III Independents is available at:

www.d3independents.org ★

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Nordic Skiing

Women's Team

NAME	YEAR IN SCHOOL	YEAR ON TEAM	HOMETOWN
Justine Cyr	Junior	2nd Year	Fort Kent, ME
Desiree Smith	Senior	2nd Year	Thomaston, ME
Kati Christoffel	Junior	3rd Year	Clifton Park, NY
LeAnn Abbott	Junior	2nd Year	Sumner, ME
Chelsea Beauchemin	Redshirt Freshman	1st Year	Adams, MA
Carly Langley	Sophomore	2nd Year	Truro, NS
Molly Lindsey	Freshman	1st Year	Winthrop, ME

men's Team

NAME	YEAR IN SCHOOL	YEAR ON TEAM	HOMETOWN
Justin Fereshetian	Redshirt Junior	2nd Year	Turner, ME
Joey Bard	Sophomore	2nd Year	Woodland, ME
Daniel Dermody	Freshman	1st Year	Cheshire, MA
Richard Landry	Sophomore	2nd Year	Mill Village, NS
Andrew Nesbitt	Freshman	1st Year	Williamstown, MA

Thinking about becoming an Owl?

Here's what Athletic Director Christine Corsello and Head Coach Paul Stone have to say about the opportunities that await you here at UMPI:

"In Presque Isle we have early snow, a 10-minute drive to one of the world's top Nordic venues, a passionately supportive community, the Maine Winter Sports Center, exciting events like World Cups and World Championships and a quality university that is the best value for student-athletes in NCAA skiing," said Chris Corsello. "Now in Paul, we believe we also have the person who can pull all these pieces together and establish our program."

"The University of Maine Presque Isle has so much going for it, I believe it is only a matter of time before the high school skiers in the East discover the opportunities here," Stone said. "The cost of the colleges that offer an NCAA ski team today puts skiing out of reach to many, but UMPI offers a great education, some of the top skiing facilities in the world, and all at less than half the cost of most schools."

Visit <http://wp.umpi.edu/forms/prospective-student-athlete-form/> and fill out our Prospective Student-Athlete Form today!

Nordic Ski News

UMPI Head Ski Coach Paul

Stone is in his second season with the Owls following an outstanding first year that made school history. During the 2010-2011 season, first-year student-athlete **Welly Ramsey** became the first UMPI skier to qualify for the NCAA Skiing National Championship. Coach Stone and the Owls also made headlines last year in the *Portland Press Herald* (Portland, ME) and *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (Washington, D.C.).

This year, Coach Stone will look to his group of returning skiers and newcomers to build on last year's success. UMPI will once again face stiff competition including skiers from perennial powerhouses Dartmouth, Harvard, and the University of Vermont. Look for Coach Stone and the Owls to rise to the occasion. ★



Paul Stone



Welly Ramsey

Saucier named Player of the Week



Rashell Saucier

UMPI Women's Basketball player **Rashell Saucier** has been named Player of the Week for the second time this season. The Association of Division III Independents first recognized Saucier for her efforts during week one of contests for the 2011-2012 season. The sophomore from Washburn, ME averaged 16.7 points per game and nine rebounds per game for the week. The United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) followed in suit by naming Saucier their Player of the Week for week two of contests. Saucier again averaged in double-digits for both points per game and rebounds per game, with 12 and 13.6 respectively. ★

Sports! Sports! Sports!

UMPI Cross Country athletes qualify for USCAA National Championships Owls compete at Olympic Training Center, site of 1980 "Miracle on Ice" Winter Olympics

The **UMPI Cross Country teams** closed out their 2011-2012 season by qualifying eight runners to compete in the USCAA National Championship held mid-November at the Olympic Training Center (Lake Placid, NY) a site most known for being the host of the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" Winter Olympics where the USA Hockey team pulled off one of the greatest upsets in sports history as they beat the USSR in the 1980 Winter Olympic semi-finals.

On the men's side, UMPI senior Justin Fereshetian (Turner, ME) qualified to compete at nationals and was joined by Philip Boody (Fr. – New Sweden, ME), Richard Landry (So. – Millville, ME), Daniel Dermody (Fr. – Cheshire, MA), and Andrew Nesbitt (Fr. – Williamstown, MA).

For the women, junior Kati Christoffel (Clifton Park, NY)

qualified to compete at nationals and was joined by teammates Sarah Taylor (Fr. – Industry, ME) and Emily Wright (Fr. – Mapleton, ME).

The following are the individual results from the 2011 National Championship:

Philip Boody	17th of 149	29:47
Justin Fereshetian	33rd of 149	30:58
Dan Dermody	63rd of 149	23:32:43
Richard Landry	144th of 149	42:01
Kati Christoffel	8th of 111	26:34
Emily Wright	28th of 111	28:47

This was the first year UMPI competed within the USCAA as they dropped their membership with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) at the end of the 2010-2011 school year to join the USCAA. Prior to this season, Head Coach Chris Smith had led the Owls to 16 NAIA National Championships in his 25 years of coaching at the University. Currently, the Owls are dually affiliated with the USCAA and the NCAA. Congratulations to the UMPI Cross Country teams and Head Coach Chris Smith for an outstanding season! ★

2011-12 UmPI owls

Basketball

Women's First Semester Results

Date	Opponent	Site	W/L	Score	Record
Tue, Nov 15	@ Maine Maritime Academy	Castine, ME	L	63-43	0-1
Fri, Nov 18	@ UMaine Farmington Tip-Off Classic				
	UMPI vs UMF	Farmington, ME	L	54-47	0-2
Sat, Nov 19	@ UMaine Farmington Tip-Off Classic				
	UMPI vs USM	Farmington, ME	L	85-44	0-3
Fri, Dec 2	@ Wesleyan University	Middletown, CT	L	76-32	0-4
Sat, Dec 3	@ Wesleyan vs Worcester State	Middletown, CT	L	68-40	0-5
Sun, Dec 4	@ Pine Manor	Chestnut Hill, MA	W	57-48	1-5
Tue, Dec 6	UMaine Machias	HOME	W	66-60	2-5
Thu, Dec 8	@ UMaine Augusta (Bangor Arena)	Bangor, ME	L	66-57	2-6
Sat, Dec 10	UMaine Fort Kent	HOME	W	65-61	3-6

men's First Semester Results

Date	Opponent	Site	W/L	Score	Record
Tue, Nov 15	@ Maine Maritime Academy	Castine, ME	W	45-32	1-0
Fri, Nov 18	@ Thomas Tip-Off Tournament	Waterville, ME	L	81-66	1-1
Sat, Nov 19	@ Thomas Tip-Off Tournament vs Newbury	Waterville, ME	W	81-68	2-1
Sun, Nov 20	@ University of Southern Maine	Portland, ME	L	93-64	2-2
Sat, Dec 3	@ Bowdoin	Brunswick, ME	L	96-66	2-3
Tue, Dec 6	UMaine Machias	HOME	L	63-57	2-4
Thu, Dec 8	@UM Augusta (Bangor Arena)	Augusta, ME	L	67-52	2-5
Sat, Dec 10	UMaine Fort Kent	HOME	L	80-58	2-6

IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

2012-2013 Academic Year

- Applications for scholarships to be awarded for the new academic year are now available **in the Financial Aid Office** (232 Preble Hall) **or online** at www.umpi.edu/files/current-students/financial-aid/finaid-scholarship-app.pdf
- Please print, fill out, and return to the Financial Aid Office
- Students with a GPA of 3.0 or greater are urged to apply.
- **Application deadline is February 17, 2012**
- ***Late applications will not be accepted***



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UMPI athletes excel in the classroom

The following Fall athletes at the University were named to the United States Collegiate Athletic Association's (USCAA) All-Academic teams for their respective sports:

Women's Soccer

Susan Lavertu (So. - Madawaska, ME)
 Taylor Ussery (Jr. - La Verne, CA)
 Carolyn Tuck (Sr. - Brewer, ME)
 Jacquelyn Poulin (Sr. - Washburn, ME)

Men's Soccer

Kyle Corrigan (So. - Caribou, ME)
 Lucas Bartlett (So. - Bradley, ME)

Golf

Mike Balmer (So. - New Smyrna Beach, FL)

Volleyball

Randi Kaplan (Fr. - Embden, ME)
 Shaina Hood (So. - Princeton, ME)

Cross Country

Philip Boody (Fr. - New Sweden, ME)
 Richard Landry (So. - Millvillage, ME)
 Justin Fereshetian (Sr. - Turner, ME)
 LeAnn Abbott (Fr. - Sumner, ME)
 Sarah Taylor (Fr. - Industry, ME)

Carly Langley (So. - Truro, NS)

Kati Christoffel (Jr. - Clifton Park, NY)

Ninety percent of the UMPI Cross Country team members who met the criteria to have their GPAs considered for this award were named to the All-Academic team.

"Academics are always a priority. We always strive for excellence in both. We are fortunate to have a group of solid student-athletes in our programs right now that have the discipline to be successful on the course and in the classroom," said Head Coach Chris Smith.

USCAA All-Academic team members are student-athletes that are either sophomores, juniors, or seniors and have excelled off the field by achieving a minimum GPA of 3.5. ★

First Team -

Kyle Corrigan

Sophomore (Caribou, ME)

Forward

Craig Maffei

Senior (Readfield, ME)

Defender

Second Team -

Richard Felbaum

Senior (Saco, ME)

Goalkeeper



Kyle Corrigan



Craig Maffei



Richard Felbaum

The Association consists of 11 Division III institutions that have joined together to recognize student-athletes at independent institutions, and provide exempted post-season championship competition. More information about the Association of Division III Independents is available at: www.d3independents.org. ★



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If you have any questions, please contact the Student Affairs Office, 768.9615. ★

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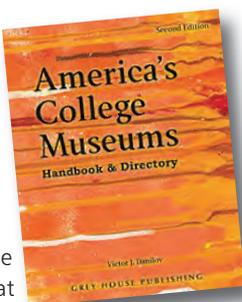
Suits for Students a success

The Suits for Students drive was once again a success this Fall. Approximately 200 articles of professional clothing were donated by UMPI faculty and staff. The donations included shirts, jackets, slacks, dresses, and ties, among other items. All were put on display in the Folsom Hall foyer for students to take as they needed, and were provided free of charge to the students. Thank you to all who donated professional clothing for our students!



UMPI's Northern Maine Museum of Science listed in nation-wide directory

Grey House Publishing has listed UMPI's Northern Maine Museum of Science in its *America's College Museums Handbook and Directory*, an updated version of their 1996 work, *University and College Museums, Galleries, and Related Facilities: A Descriptive Directory*. The updated directory includes information about 1,736 facilities across the country at America's universities, colleges, and other related organizations. The history, operations, and offerings of museums, galleries, libraries, planetariums, observatories, science centers, sculpture gardens, aquariums, botanical gardens, arboretums, herbariums, and nature centers are listed in this Second Edition and include some of the most



highly regarded facilities of their kind including: the Harvard Art Museum, the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, and the Yale University Art Gallery. UMPI's Northern Maine Museum of Science listing includes a description of the museum and describes it as a "natural history museum at the University of Maine at Presque Isle." The listing also discusses the kinds of collections that can be found at the museum.

UMPI students hold senior thesis sneak peak

Four UMPI seniors in the art program are giving a mini-show in the Pullen Hall Art Gallery. Alanna Venturo, Ashley Williamson, Bryanne Thomas, and Carolyn Anderson are showing what they have been working on in preparation for their Senior Thesis Exhibition to be held this Spring. All are encouraged to stop in at the gallery and view their work.

Students help with moose bio-check efforts

Four UMPI students helped out with a Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife project to "bio-check" moose – collecting blood and other samples from moose that were brought in to weigh stations in Presque Isle, Houlton and Island Falls during the moose hunting season. The samples collected provided the Maine DIF&W with important information on a variety of moose attributes, from sex, age and antler spread to reproduction and tick counts. In one location, the students also collected samples for Maine Medical Center Research Institute's Vector-Borne Disease Lab so



researchers could check for Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Students were trained on how to collect these samples in October, and worked from Nov. 7-12 on the collection efforts. Students who helped out with the bio-check work included Amy Michaud, Scott Belair, Matthew Crandall and Ashley Filimonow.

Ski or Ride BigRock for just \$10!

UMPI Students, faculty, and staff can ski or ride BigRock in Mars Hill for just \$10 by showing their valid UMPI ID cards. Students can also purchase a College Season Pass for \$100. For an added bonus, BigRock passholders can get a FREE day of rafting with New England Outdoor Center and take advantage of a two-for-one lift ticket program at the following ski areas: Camden Snow Bowl, Hermon Mountain, Lost Valley, Mt. Abram, Spruce Mountain, Titcomb Mountain, and Poley Mountain. Simply show your BigRock season pass to take advantage of the savings!



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Looking for the perfect Holiday gift?

The UMPI Senior Class of 2012 is selling Owl hats! These hand-stitched hats will keep your head warm all winter long. Youth hats can be purchased for \$20 each and adult hats only cost \$25. If you would like "UMPI" stitched on the back, please let them know upon ordering. Contact Keith Madore in the President's Office to see a sample hat and place your orders. All proceeds will benefit the Senior Class. Place your orders today!



UMPI celebrates retiring staff member

Please join us as we thank our former Director of Facilities, David St. Peter for his 25 years of service to the UMPI community. Thank you for your tireless work ethic and dedication to UMPI's faculty, staff, and students as well as the surrounding community. ★



Dave St. Peter

A quick look at
Spring 2012
events

JANUARY

- 5 [UMPI BBall](#) vs. Houghton College 4 p.m. & 6 p.m.
- 14 [Annual Elks Hoop Shoot](#) at UMPI
- 15 [UMPI BBall](#) vs. UMaine Augusta 12 p.m. & 2 p.m.
- 17 [Classes Begin](#)
- 22 [UMPI BBall](#) vs. SUNY Canton 12 p.m. & 2 p.m.
- 23 [Last Day to Add a Class](#)
- 25 [Registration Deadline for OAPI Saddleback Ski & Ride Trip](#)
- 27 [UMPI BBall](#) vs. UMaine Fort Kent 5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- 29 [OAPI Dog Sledding Adventure](#)

FEBRUARY

- 1 [Red Cross Blood Drive](#)
- 1 [Night Skiing at Big Rock](#) 4-9 p.m.
- 3 [OAPI Snowshoe](#) at Aroostook State Park 2 p.m.
- 8 Diversity Committee: [Black History Month Presentation](#)
- 8 [Distinguished Lecturer Series](#) presents Ed Webster
- 10 [Registration Deadline for OAPI Katahdin Winter Ascent](#)
- 10-12 [OAPI Saddleback Ski & Ride Weekend Getaway](#)
- 12 [UMPI BBall](#) vs. Virginia University-Lynchburg 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
- 15 [Night Skiing at Big Rock](#) 4-9 p.m.
- 15 [UMPI BBall](#) vs. Bates College 5:30 p.m.

MARCH

- 16 [Diversity Day](#)
- 18 [Planet Head Day](#)
- 20 [February Vacation Begins](#)
- 27 [Classes Resume](#)
- 29 [Night Skiing at Big Rock](#) 4-9 p.m.

MARCH

- 2 [OAPI Cross Country Ski](#) at Aroostook State Park 1:30 p.m.

- 6 [Distinguished Lecturer Series](#) presents Andrew Vietze
- 7 Diversity Committee: [Women's History Month Presentation](#)
- 10-11 [OAPI Winter Ascent of Mt. Katahdin](#) (experience required)
- 13 [Mid-Term Grades Due](#)
- 14 [Night Skiing at Big Rock](#) 4-9 p.m.
- 23-25 Annual Presque Isle [Fish and Game Club Sportsman Show](#) at UMPI
- 26 [Spring Vacation Begins](#)
- 27-April 1 OAPI Healthy Hometowns Adult Adventure Initiative [Gaspé Trip](#)

APRIL

- 2 [Classes Resume](#)
- 5 Annual Spring Runoff [5K Race](#)
- 11 [University Day: Distinguished Lecturer Series](#) presents Gary Marx
- 13 [OAPI Kayak Roll Clinic](#) 2 p.m. – Gentile Hall
- 16 [Patriot's Day](#) – Offices Closed
- 28 [OAPI Adventure in Grand Falls](#)
- 30 [UMPI Community Band Spring Concert](#)

MAY

- 4 [Last Day of Classes](#)
- 5 [OAPI Rock Climbing in Acadia](#)
- 7 [Final Examinations Begin](#)
- 10 [Final Examinations End](#)
- 12 [Commencement](#)

For more information about OAPI trips and activities: Kim McCrea, 768.9401; for all other event information, contact Sara Martin, 768.9452.

Congratulations Julia Lunn

November Student of the Month

Hodgdon native and Elementary Education major, Julia Lunn has been named Student of the Month. Julia, a senior at UMPI, is a writer for the *University Times*, is a member of the band, plays ultimate Frisbee, and is an avid supporter of UMPI athletics. In addition to her extensive involvement on campus, she is also very active in the surrounding community. Julia teaches English to children, gives guitar lessons to individuals who cannot afford to pay for lessons, and puts together baskets for needy families. She is also a Sunday School teacher with a cheerful personality and is always willing to help students and staff at UMPI. In the classroom, Julia excels. She is an outstanding student and a role model to all. One of the many nominations received for Julia stated, "Julia Lunn is one of the kindest and most helpful students I've ever met at UMPI. She is a person of integrity, with a wonderful work ethic. She is a very honest person, who genuinely cares for her peers. Her GPA shows clearly that Julia is an excellent student that strives to achieve as much as possible, both on campus and off campus." Congratulations Julia! ★



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Congratulations

TO **Chris and Tyna Rolon**, and big sister Rachel Rolon, on the birth of **Carlson Everet Rolon**.



Carlson arrived weighing 7lbs. and 15

oz. on Nov. 12 in Caribou. He was 21 in. long.

TO **Luke Joseph and Dena Dudley** on the birth of **Kohen Joseph** on Nov. 9. Kohen came



into the world weighing 9lbs., 6.6 oz., and was 22.5 in. long.

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