UMPI hosts thank you reception for UCU

The University hosted a special reception for University Credit Union in appreciation of a generous donation that has helped the campus complete a beautification project. Campus and community members gathered on Dec. 3 in the Campus Center’s Alumni Room for the special event.

A gift from UCU officials this fall allowed the University to install new light pole and entryway banners throughout campus and update many of the flags displayed in its International Circle of Flags, located near Wieden Hall. Two of the larger banners now on display welcome campus and community members to Preble Hall, the campus administration building—which is one of the first buildings people visit when they come to campus—and the Campus Center, which serves as the institution’s major hub for student activities, community events, and cultural programs.

One of UMPI President Linda Schott’s premier initiatives after coming on board in July was to spruce up the campus and ensure it was as welcoming as possible to residents, visitors, and prospective students. Many

University participates in Holiday Light Parade

The University celebrated the 2012 Holiday Light Parade in style on Dec. 1, with a student-created float in the parade as well as its annual holiday reception on campus that night. The Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce’s Holiday Light Parade draws thousands of spectators to Main Street in Presque Isle every year, and was even more special this year with the addition of community open houses, and a tree lighting led by nine-year-old Hadley McLean, a brain cancer survivor whom many campus members will remember from her special guest appearance at last year’s Planet Head Day event.

UMPI again participated in the parade with a brightly lit float and lots of walkers (of the two-legged and four-legged variety) encircled by
UMPI celebrates Native Heritage month

UMPI’s Native Voices Club and Native Education Center celebrated Native American Heritage Month in November with two film showings in Wieden Auditorium—Turquoise Rose on Nov. 15 and Crooked Arrows on Nov. 29.

Turquoise Rose is about a Native American college student who turns down a once in a lifetime trip to Europe with her best friend. This choice chases her back to the reservation where she finds herself taking care of her ailing grandmother. After the showing of the movie, a panel of students described their route to college and the hurdles they have had to overcome to attend college.

Crooked Arrows is a story centered on a Native American lacrosse team making its way through a prep school league tournament. After the film, a student of the Native Voices Club spoke about the film’s themes and how they relate to personal experiences and the reality of today.

Each year, officials with the University work to host an event in honor of Native American Heritage Month. Last year, organizers welcomed five respected basket-makers from Native tribes throughout the region to participate in a panel presentation titled The Evolution of Basket-Making: From Function to Art. The year before that, the University’s Distinguished Lecturer Series hosted The Honorable Judge Graydon Nicholas, Lieutenant-Governor for the Province of New Brunswick, for a talk on Education & Preservation of Native Culture.

Native American Heritage Month recognizes the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S., according to the Native American Heritage Month official website. In 1990, President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 “National American Indian Heritage Month.” Similar proclamations, under variants on the name (including “Native American Heritage Month” and “National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month”) have been issued each year since 1994. To learn more, visit www.nativeamericanheritage-month.gov.

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colleges and universities use banners throughout campus to send that very message.

The gift from UCU enabled the University to purchase dozens of banners, which are decked out in the school’s colors—blue and gold—and are visible along campus walkways, the main driveway, and on Presque Isle’s Main Street. These colors were designed by Dick Harrison, UMPI’s Coordinator of Graphic Design and Photography.

“We are delighted to have these bright, new additions thoughtfully placed throughout the University grounds and to be able to showcase our UMPI pride to everyone who steps onto campus,” Schott said. “We very much appreciate University Credit Union’s help in making this beautification project happen and were so pleased to be able to gather together the campus and the community for this special recognition event.”

Four new recognition markers have been installed just outside the Campus Center. The markers—which indicate the banners are proudly supported by University Credit Union—recognize UMPI for its contribution and hang directly underneath four of the new blue and gold lightpole banners. ★

UMPI would like to mark the passing of two longtime members of its campus community.

**IN MEMORIAM**


Brenda Mullen, a Bookkeeper in the Business Office for 18 years, passed away December 3, 2012.
Art program hosts Visual Arts Day

More than 60 students from local high schools in the region visited UMPI recently for a day filled with learning about everything from drawing and clay to photography and sculpture. The event, Visual Arts Day, was organized by UMPI’s Art Education program for Aroostook Regional Gifted and Talented [ART]. This was the first time the art program was opened to high schoolers.

Students spent the day Nov. 16 on campus taking part in hands-on art workshops in the Pullen Hall Art Room and the Ceramics Lab. Students also had the opportunity to further experience the campus environment, enjoying lunch in the University’s dining hall.

Event organizer Heather Sincavage, UMPI Assistant Professor of Art, said the day included an illustration workshop led by UMPI Art student Karrie Brawn, a ceramics workshop by UMPI Assistant Professor of Art Hyrum Benson, a sculpture workshop with Carleton Project teacher and UMPI alumna Heather Nunez, and a photography collage workshop with UMPI alumna Bryanne Thomas.

During Brawn’s workshop, Introduction to Using the Pottery Wheel, students explored making hand-thrown pottery through various techniques. Students were encouraged to get muddy and create their own mug or vase to take home and show off.

Nunez’s workshop, The Mad Hatter’s Tea Party, encouraged students to build hat “sculptures” with chicken wire and various other materials to impress their friends and family. The sculptures, which were created over tea and biscuits, challenged students to think in new and creative ways.

Students also had a chance to take part in a Photography Collage Workshop led by Thomas. In this workshop, students were given a black and white photo and were taught to manipulate it through various techniques resulting in unique creations.

There will be another Visual Arts Day in Spring 2013 especially for ARGRT middle school students in the region. For more information, contact Sincavage at 768.9442 or heather.sincavage@umpi.edu.

Social Work group prepares for Guatemala trip

The University’s Social Work program is planning a return trip to Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, in order to take part in an international service learning project.

The group consists of seven UMPI Social Work students—Gaila Allan, Ashley Brewer, Breigha Debison, Melanie Maynard, Katelyn McNeil, Jenna Rideout, and Amanda Scott—and three Canadian women with ties to the group—Darlene Debison, Amanda Danylik, and Sharon Tobin. The trip is being led by Shirley Rush, UMPI Associate Professor of Social Work and Bachelor of Social Work Program Director.

The group’s venture to Central America starts on Feb. 13 and lasts for 10 days. However, the adventure has already begun. The group started raising the $8,000 needed for the UMPI students to participate in the trip this past summer. The women worked hard selling sno-cones at various summer festivals. Two recent fundraisers, a FAST CASH raffle and apple pie sale, pushed them closer to this goal. During the apple pie sale, the group made and sold a whopping 200 pies.

The group just wrapped up two other fundraisers. One was for a full cord of cut and split maple firewood donated by Westin Enterprises. The other was for a handmade quilt donated by Valerie Maynard. The group plans to conduct a few more fundraisers prior to their trip departure.

While in Guatemala, the group will spend five days working with community organizations in Quetzaltenango. During the stay, the group will also experience the culture as much as possible. The women will visit Mayan villages to learn about weaving and pottery making, and travel to the highlands where Quetzaltenango (Xela) is located.

The Social Work Program’s service learning experience grew out of a 2008 trip to New York City where 10 Social Work students took part in the annual Social Work Day at the United Nations as well as an International Social Work Conference for students at Fordham University. In 2009, four UMPI students spent a week in Guatemala doing community service. In 2011, Rush accompanied a cohort of four UMPI students, an alum, and a Husson student on a similar service learning trip to Moshi, Tanzania.

To learn more about this service learning trip, please contact Rush at shirley.rush@umpi.edu or at 551.9954.
Putnam speaks about Bhutan research trip

UMPI faculty member David Putnam presented a talk about his recent research trip to Bhutan, titled *Climate Change in Shangri La: Glacial Research in the Bhutan Himalaya*, on Nov. 28 in the Campus Center. Campus and community members were treated to Putnam’s humorous and captivating storytelling as well as the gorgeous landscapes and expedition highlights Putnam photographed during his trip.

Putnam, archaeologist and UMPI Lecturer of Science, discussed his participation in an international research expedition to Bhutan organized by Columbia University. He joined his son Dr. Aaron Putnam, a glacial geologist and post-doctoral research associate at Columbia’s Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, on the trip—the very first significant scientific expedition into the high Himalayas of Bhutan.

The trip, which took place from Sept. 23 to Oct. 19, included research team members from the U.S., Sweden, Bhutan, and New Zealand. The international research team spent its time investigating the causes of and potential solution for glacial outburst flooding in the region by reconstructing the past and present behavior of glaciers in the high Himalayas and identifying how changing climate may have impacted them.

The results of the expedition could have far-reaching impacts on issues ranging from climate change to the future of water resources in southern Asia.

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members of UMPI’s Nordic ski team on roller skis. Marching ahead of the float this year was UMPI President Linda Schott, her husband Tom Fuhrmark, son Jack, and family dog, Zora, enjoying their very first Holiday Light Parade.

This year’s float featured Hootie, the UMPI Owl mascot, and several little owls and kiddos surrounding a blue-and-gold decorated holiday tree and lighted gingerbread house. The group waved, danced, and handed out candy to parade-goers. Plans are already underway for next year’s float.

Before, during and after the parade, the community was invited to visit the University for its annual Holiday Open House at Gentile Hall and enjoy warmth, fellowship and refreshments. It’s become an annual tradition for the University to open its doors during the Holiday Light Parade, providing complimentary hot cocoa, coffee and cookies, as well as a great location for those who want to watch the festivities from inside or warm up and meet friends after the parade.

“We were so pleased to open our doors for this holiday tradition again this year,” UMPI President Linda Schott said. “Whether people made Gentile Hall their base for viewing the annual Holiday Light Parade, or warmed up with us after the parade was over, we always enjoy welcoming the campus and community in for this special event.”

Putnam shared the details of his adventure trekking into the high Himalayan pass of Rinchen Zoe, the research he was able to do while there and its future impacts, and the close call he and his son had in leaving the mountain pass. He also discussed his observations of Bhutanese culture and everyday life.

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This year’s float parade coordinator Vanessa Pearson pauses for a photo as she hands out candy to parade-goers along the parade route.

President Linda Schott, her husband Tom Fuhrmark, and son Jack enjoy their very first Holiday Light Parade.
HEAF awards scholarship to Megan Bradley

The trustees of the Higher Education Assistance Foundation [HEAF] are pleased to announce the awarding of a scholarship in the amount of $1,000 to Megan Bradley, a native of Easton majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting. She is a graduate of Easton High School.

MeHEAF student scholarship recipients must be Maine high school graduates majoring in a business related area in their second, third, or fourth year, and be in good academic standing. Previous recent scholarship recipients from the UMPI include Benjamin Rosser in 2011, 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 1950's as a guarantee fund for student loans. The founders included a wide range of banks, businesses, community organizations and individuals. In 1990, the HEAF 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, and 16 scholarships are awarded annually to students in high academic standing who attended Maine high schools and who are currently pursuing business-related studies.

Since 1990, a total of $282,000 in scholarships has been awarded.

UMPI recognized by Maine Tobacco-Free College Network

The University was recently recognized by the Maine Tobacco-Free College Network with a Silver Award as part of its Gold Star Standards of Excellence Recognition Program. The program celebrates the efforts of Maine institutions of higher education to address tobacco use on their campuses.

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 on Nov. 15 during the Great American Smokeout to highlight the efforts of its 2012 award winners. Linda Mastro, Director of UMPI’s Health Center, accepted the award on behalf of the University.

UMPI was among a short list of nine universities across the state to be recognized for their achievements in advancing their campus tobacco-free policies and promoting tobacco-free lifestyles for their communities. Other campuses included Kennebec Valley Community College, the University of Maine in Orono, University of Maine Hutchinson Center, University of Southern Maine, Northern Maine Community College, Unity College, University of New England, and the University of Maine at Machias. Two campus champions were recognized as 2012 Gold Star Honorees. They were: Bruce Davis at KVCC and the USM Tobacco Policy Committee.

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.
Maine INBRE newsletter features UMPI article

An article by Dr. Bonnie Wood, recently retired Biology faculty member, appeared in the October 2012 issue of the Maine INBRE newsletter. The Maine IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence is a National Institutes of Health-supported network of Maine institutions that has an overall goal of strengthening Maine’s capacity to conduct NIH competitive biomedical research.

Dr. Wood’s article INBRE and the University of Maine at Presque Isle focused on the significance of UMPI’s connection with Maine INBRE and the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory.

“This collaboration not only enriched the undergraduate experience of nearly every biology major at UMPI, but also contributed to maintaining my own energy and excitement that comes with learning,” Wood said in the article.

UMPI became part of Maine INBRE in 2009 and, since then, students have taken part in short courses on molecular biology research techniques and bioinformatics. The connection has also given UMPI students the opportunity to work as INBRE summer research fellows at MDIBL. All of these efforts have helped UMPI students to increase their scientific knowledge, laboratory expertise, and ability to deliver scientific presentations.

While Wood is now retired, she expects that the important relationship between UMPI and Maine INBRE will continue to “multiply opportunities for both our students and faculty.”

Maine’s INBRE provides research support and core facilities to junior faculty, creates research and training opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, serves as a pipeline for students to pursue health research careers, and enhances the scientific and technical knowledge of Maine’s workforce.

The Maine INBRE includes Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory as lead institution, Bates College, Bowdoin College, Colby College, College of the Atlantic, The Jackson Laboratory, Southern Maine Community College, University of Maine at Farmington, University of Maine Honors College, University of Maine at Machias, University of Maine at Fort Kent, University of Maine at Presque Isle, and the University of Maine.

UMPI assists with holiday Polar Express event

The University was pleased to assist the group Momentum Aroostook in its Dec. 8 family-friendly event All Aboard the Polar Express!, providing a departure location for the special evening of holiday rides as well as UMPI students to keep children occupied and active while they waited for their rides to begin.

Organizers with Momentum rang in the holiday season with the event, which provided passengers with a ride on the Presque Isle Historical Society’s Molly the Trolley, a visit to “the North Pole” for cookies and time with Santa at the Wintergreen Arts Center, and a jingle bell to take home. Tickets for the event sold out four hours after going on sale Nov. 27.

The fun began as families gathered inside Gentile Hall to keep warm and await their departure times on Molly the Trolley, which left for the Wintergreen Arts Center every 20 minutes. In the gym, members of UMPI’s Physical Education Majors Club facilitated mini-versions of their Fit and Fun Day activities with local children to keep them entertained during their wait.

Once on the trolley—still decorated in lights and other decorations from the annual Holiday Light Parade—participants enjoyed a short ride through town to look at the holiday light displays, sing holiday songs, and be entertained by the conductor of the Polar Express.

Upon arrival at the Wintergreen Arts Center, participants were whisked inside by several elves (played by local high school students), and then decorated a holiday cookie with arts center staffers, enjoyed cookies and cocoa, and had a chance to talk to Santa Claus (played by Jim Burrill), who gave each of them their very own jingle bell to remind them of their magical evening.

Activities ended with a return trolley ride back to Gentile Hall. More than 250 people participated in the evening’s festivities. Officials already are discussing plans to make the event bigger and better for next year.

Momentum Aroostook is a diverse network of friends, business associates, and individuals who are active in the community. Its mission is to provide opportunities for Aroostook County residents through professional and social events that highlight the advantages of working and living in northern Maine. For more information about Momentum Aroostook, visit www.momentumaroostook.com.
Ellis Paul to perform at UMPI Jan. 12

A nationally acclaimed singer-songwriter who has spent more than 20 years touring as a musician, and who just happens to call Presque Isle his hometown, will head home for a special performance at the beginning of the new year. Ellis Paul will take the stage at UMPI’s Wieden Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013.

This special concert serves as a fundraiser for children’s programming at the Wintergreen Arts Center as well as UMPI’s efforts to make 149 State Street a Cultural Center with established museum-quality, downtown gallery space on the floor above WGAC.

This particular visit home is an extremely special one for Ellis Paul. On Jan. 11, he will be inducted into the Presque Isle High School Hall of Fame. Jan. 12, he will be inducted into the University of Maine at Presque Isle Hall of Fame.

The following evening, Ellis Paul will take the stage for a night of familiar favorites as well as songs from his latest album, City of Silver Dreams (holiday album) and The Day After Everything Changed.

Ellis Paul is one of the most respected artists in the folk genre. Since even before the song The World Ain’t Slown’ Down came out as the title track to Jim Carrey’s blockbuster film, Me, Myself and Irene, he has been impressing audiences and earning loyal fans around the world with his meticulously written songs and compelling live shows.

As one of the top American singer-songwriters, Ellis Paul has won numerous awards including an unprecedented 15 Boston Music Awards. He has performed with countless acclaimed musicians, including Patty Griffin, John Mayer, Ani DiFranco, John Prine, and Sugarland. At the request of Woody Guthrie’s daughter Nora Guthrie and after several trips to the Woody Guthrie archives, he even has a co-write credit with the music legend, their song God’s Promise.

In addition to performing more than 150 shows annually for the past 20 years, Ellis Paul has performed at the Rock ‘N Roll Hall of Fame, Carnegie Hall, festivals, clubs, schools and community coffeehouses all over the globe. Through the record label Black Wolf Records, which he co-founded in 1994, he has released over 20 CD projects, as well as book and DVD projects.

Tickets for the Jan. 12 show in Wieden Auditorium are $20, $15 for students and seniors, and will be on sale at the Wintergreen Arts Center. For more information, please contact UMPI’s Community and Media Relations Office at 768.9452.

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University to host College Goal Sunday

While the Super Bowl is not exactly around the corner, UMPI officials want high school and college students to save the date for an important event that takes place every year around that time. One week before the Super Bowl and all the festivities surrounding it, the University will host College Goal Sunday.

Staff members will be on hand at two locations on Sunday, Jan. 27, beginning at 2 p.m. – in Folsom 105 on the UMPI campus and also at the Houlton Higher Education Center – to assist students in completing and filing their FAFSA [Free Application for Federal Student Aid] forms. This free event is open to the entire community. High school seniors and parents are especially encouraged to attend, along with currently enrolled college students, or anyone needing to complete a FAFSA form.

The University is one of eight sites across Maine hosting College Goal Sunday. Additionally, there will be numerous “College Goal Maine” sites happening on other days. For example, a College Goal Maine event will be held at the St. John Valley Technical Center on Sunday, January 14, 2013, at 2 p.m. The purpose of the event is to help students and families in completing the FAFSA form – the first step in receiving monetary help for college, and a step that is repeated every year that a student is in college. College Goal Sunday/College Goal Maine, sponsored by the Finance Authority of Maine and coordinated by TRiO College Access Services at UMPI, is a free event that helps high school seniors and their families, current college students, or anyone needing to complete a FAFSA form.

Students and their parents should bring their most recent tax information, such as completed IRS 1040 tax returns, W-2 statements and other income and benefits information, along with their Personal Identification Number (PIN) to sign the form electronically. This PIN can be obtained in advance by going to www.pin.ed.gov. It also can be obtained the day of the event.

The 2012 taxes do not have to be completed to file the FAFSA. Estimates may also be used.

For more information about this event, contact Darylen Cote, campus TRiO College Access Services Director and Site Coordinator of College Goal Sunday, at 768.9456 or darylen.cote@umpi.edu.
Overcoming the Odds:  
**USCAA All-American Reynold Brown’s Story**

**Newport News, Va. - It's not everyday someone tells you your life expectancy is 19 years, especially when you are unable to comprehend what is being said to you. But that's the uphill battle Reynold Brown has endured, and won.**

At the age of three months, Reynold’s parents were told of their son’s genetic condition that would affect his respiratory and digestive systems throughout his life. That condition, cystic fibrosis, is generally unkind to those affected, and at the time of diagnosis, the average life expectancy was 19 years.

Thirty-three years later Reynold is a USCAA Second Team All-American on the University of Maine-Presque Isle golf team. His story is one of difficulty and triumph, pain and joy, hard work and a never-ending “bucket list.”

A non-traditional student in every sense of the word, Reynold’s successes both on the course and in the classroom are remarkable. Forget his 12-over par finish at the 2012 USCAA Golf National Championships at the Penn State Blue Course in early October, which saw him finish in a tie for ninth—even forget the three individual medalist wins he carded during the regular season for the Owls.

The grind that is every round of golf pales in comparison to the grind that is everyday living for someone affected by CF, as it is commonly known.

“Every day starts with three antibiotics which are inhaled, and a one hour treatment of using an inflatable vest which is hooked to a small air compressor,” says Reynold, who spends nearly two hours each morning going through specific procedures to help him through the day. “I then take my blood sugar levels and insulin is administered as needed. I take several pills and vitamins, and sometimes an additional antibiotic.”

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**Men’s & Women’s Basketball Schedule**

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**USCAA Second Team All-American on the University of Maine-Presque Isle golf team.**

All HOME GAMES will be webcast from a link on the Athletics webpage http://owls.umi.edu
That's hardly where it ends for the Veterinary Medicine major. In order to keep his lungs healthy and maintain his weight, Reynold spends ten hours a week in the gym. His routine of high-intensity cardio and weightlifting actually helps him keep weight on, as he battles the difficulties that most CF patients face. Because nutrients and calories are not easily absorbed by CF patients, exercise and proper diet become essential to maintain a healthy lifestyle for Brown, who maintains a diet of 5,000-5,000 calories per day.

“I need to take excellent care of myself to perform at my highest level possible,” adds Brown. “Doing all of these things enables me to practice and play my best golf.”

Brown didn’t play his best golf at the 2012 USCAA Championships, but still he was able to walk away with a top-10 finish during the two-day event. Chilly temperatures affected first round scoring, as did a tough but fair course.

“A course that offers great risk/reward is one of the great traits of a championship course,” Brown says. “I loved how (the Blue Course) was set up hard one day and accessible the next. If you played the course the way it was supposed to be played, it was scorable.”

Brown got his start in golf at the age of 15, when his stepfather took him to the Canon Greater Hartford Open, a PGA Tour event in Connecticut (now The Travelers). There, instead of watching golf on television and falling asleep, he was actually able to fall in love with the sport. Being a perfectionist, Brown began to work on his game and quickly found an idol in Greg Norman, who he received an autograph from at the tournament.

Then Brown would begin his real work on the golf course. A member at Mars Hill Country Club, he would play 36 holes a day and practice for hours. The work paid off, as Brown left high school and had a +1.1 handicap. Brown’s success, though, wouldn’t be possible without the support of his family and teammates.

“My family has always been very supportive of anything I have ever wanted to do,” Brown says. “I think sometimes they reserve their expectations outwardly toward me because they know how much pressure I put on myself to be the best in anything I set out to do. They understand that golf is a priority to me.”

That understanding comes with the sacrifice of added travel and missed family time. The travel can also take its toll on Brown, who must awake several hours before his teammates so he can go through his treatments. He always travels with a few extra heavy bags with medical equipment, but his teammate and roommate on the road, Mike Balmer, is always there to lend a helping hand.

“Mike is the best teammate I could ever ask for,” raves Brown. “If I’ve acquired nothing else out of my collegiate golf career, I have gained a great friend.”

While Brown’s collegiate golf career likely comes to an end in the USCAA after this year (he has yet to make a final decision on when and where he will head next), he hopes to continue to play at his next destination. He will be applying to the University of Florida’s veterinary medical school, and hopes to move to Florida to enjoy the weather and one of his other favorite past times, jet skiing.

Brown also gives back to the CF community, helping out with CF fundraisers, including a golf tournament at TPC River Highlands, the same course he went to see the pros play in the Greater Hartford Open. The event raises money through donations, as individual participants raise money through donations in order to compete in the tournament. And now that CF has become more manageable due to advances in medicine and treatments, fundraising has become even more important.

Brown works with the tournament, and even though he didn’t have success qualifying for the Greater Hartford Open, he’s happy to help out others with CF.

“I was good enough at one point to try and qualify for the GHO right out of high school, but didn’t quite make it,” he adds. “It was a great bucket list experience, but I enjoy being able to help out during the CF fundraiser.”

And unlike most other people, Brown looks at everything as a part of his bucket list. In fact, the way he sees it, he’s living on someone else’s time.

“I’ve always said that life experiences are worth more than the money it takes to live them. The way I see it, I’m living on time I wasn’t supposed to have to begin with, so everything at this point is just ‘gravy’.”

Brown’s sentiments become lessons learned, especially when you realize we’re all living on time we were never guaranteed.

To learn more about cystic fibrosis, find a local chapter or to donate, visit Reynold’s foundation of choice at www.cff.org.
**Suits for Students**

Another successful “Suits for Students” was held in December with over 100 donations made by UMPI faculty and staff. The donations included shirts, jackets, slacks, dresses, and ties among other items. All items were put on display in the Folsom Hall 2nd floor 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!

**HHEC hosts events for high school students**

The Houlton Higher Education Center will be hosting College Goal Sunday on Jan. 27, 2013 from 2-3 p.m. at the Center in Houlton. This event is geared towards high school students and is to assist them in applying for financial aid for college. There will be a presentation on filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and then the computer labs will be open for students and parents to fill out FAFSA applications online. Following this, from 3-4 p.m., will be HHEC’s “Save Your Presidents” event, which is also for high school seniors and their parents. It will include a slide show, visiting and questions & answers with current students and graduates from UMPI, UMA, and NMCC, door prizes, and giveaways from the campuses. Students will also receive Admissions Application fee waivers from the campuses. Light refreshments will be served. FMI, contact Jean Henderson at 521.3100 or jean.henderson@umpi.edu.

**Employee Holiday Luncheon and Auction**

The University will be having its annual employee holiday luncheon on Friday, Dec. 14, at noon in the Campus Center. New gifts will be accepted at the Giving Tree for over 200 local foster children. Some gift suggestions are: dolls, games, books, jewelry, toiletries, and gift certificates for the mall, movies, and restaurants. After the luncheon, there will be an auction of donated items from the UMPI family. Money raised will go to the Wards of the State, with DHHS buying the gifts for them. You may bring your gift, monetary donation or auction items to the Human Resources Office anytime. FMI, contact Barbara Lambert at 768.9549.

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**Dr. Bonnie Wood and Robyn Oster have case study accepted for publication**

Dr. Bonnie Wood, Professor Emerita of Biology, and student, Robyn Oster, were notified that their case study entitled “The Buzz about Colony Collapse Disorder: A Look into the Causes, Effects, and Cures for CCD” has been accepted for publication by the peer-reviewed case collection of the National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science (NCCSTS). Robyn was a biology major who attended UMPI during the 2011-2012 academic year through the National Student Exchange Program. She wrote the case for her final project in Dr. Wood’s Spring 2012 Science Seminar and it will be published in about two months. At that time one can access it at http://sciencecases.lib.buffalo.edu/cs/collection/.

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**Athletic Training Symposium**

UMPI Athletic Training recently hosted the University of Southern Maine and University of Maine athletic training students for the Maine Athletic Training Student Symposium. The annual event is hosted by one of the four colleges in Maine that has an athletic training program, USM, UM, UMPI, and UNE. The students heard presentations on athletic pubalgia, female athlete triad and general medical conditions mixed with games, activities, and scenarios over two days.

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**We want to hear about your news & events!**

If you would like to submit an item for the February image, the deadline for submissions is 4:30 pm. Monday, January 28, 2013. Submissions received after that date may not be included. Email news or event information to gshaw@umpi.edu.
American Mathematics Competition

More than 40 students participated in the American Mathematics Competition that took place at UMPI on Nov. 13 at the Campus Center. The event was organized by the Mathematical Association of America and was for students ages 8 to 14.5. Schools could either register to participate in the competition or they could participate at UMPI if their school didn’t participate in the competition. There will be a competition in February for students in grade 9-12.

Criminal Justice Raffle

The Criminal Justice Club is selling calendar raffle tickets. For the month of February, there will be a prize winner every day. Winning tickets are re-entered into the drawing. The tickets cost $10 each and each day’s prize is a minimum $20 gift card/certificate. Some of the prizes are $25, Pat’s Pizza; $20, Wal-Mart; $20, Braden Theater; $25, Amatos; and the drawing on the 28th will be for $200! FMI, contact Lisa Leduc at 768.3496 or lisa.leduc@umpi.edu.

Scholarship Information

Applications for scholarships to be awarded for the new Academic Year are now available in the Financial Aid Office – 232 Preble Hall (top floor) 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: Feb. 15, 2013. *Late applications will not be accepted*

Rock the Walls Holiday Party at the Rock Wall in Gentile Hall!!

Friday, Dec. 14, 3-9 p.m. (Yes, the last day of classes! Yippee!) Everyone is invited, bring your family and friends. Snacks, Music, Climbing and Fun for everyone! Holiday costumes are highly encouraged! Gentile Hall membership or day pass required. FMI, contact Amanda Baker, 768.9401 or amanda.g.baker@umpi.edu

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, which will notify you of snow day cancellations and emergency shutdowns for various reasons. In order to get these messages, you must sign up by going to www.umpi.edu/e2campus and following the instructions on that page. FMI, contact Jim Stepp at 768.9601.
First Friday Art Walk
Friday, Dec. 7 was the First Friday Art Walk in Presque Isle. In conjunction with Art Walk, the University had an Opening Reception for Crafted: Fine Craft of Northern Maine, curated by UMPI Assistant Professor of Fine Art Hyrum Benson. Some of the featured artists included Terry Kelly, furniture maker; Edith Greiner, weaver and fibers artist; Heather Bessey, potter; Jeremy Frey, basket maker; Russell Mount, wood carver; Mary Sanipass, basket maker, and Hyrum Benson, ceramics. The exhibit will run through Jan. 5, 2013 in the Reed Fine Art Gallery. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is closed Sundays and University holidays. *