UMPI Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Sonntag stepped down on Jan. 31 to accept the top position at the University of South Carolina Sumter. He had served as UMPI’s chief academic officer since 2007.

As USC Sumter’s Regional Campus Dean, Dr. Sonntag will serve as the chief executive officer of the campus, with responsibility for the overall management and administration of the institution. USC Sumter is one of the regional campuses of the University of South Carolina.

The campus serves students in a six-county area of central South Carolina. Because work in the position at USC Sumter began immediately, Dr. Sonntag had to leave his post at UMPI at the beginning of the Spring 2014 semester.

“Mike has done incredibly important academic work during his six and a half years with us, from his systemwide contributions and his work with MSSM to the connections he helped to build between UMPI and several schools in China,” UMPI President Linda Schott said.

“Though he will be greatly missed, we know this is an excellent opportunity for Mike and we look forward to hearing about the great things he will do in his new position.”

During his time at UMPI, Dr. Sonntag worked with faculty leaders to build a strong online academic campaign.

UMPI, UMFK announce new out-of-state tuition rate

A new tuition structure for out-of-state and international students attending UMPI and UMFK offers competitive pricing in those markets and also acts as a catalyst for economic development in Aroostook County.

Starting with the Fall 2014 semester, UMPI and UMFK will be simplifying their tuition structure by offering out-of-state students the same tuition rate extended to students who participate in the New England Board of Higher Education Tuition Break Program. For the past few years, the tuition rate at UMFK and UMPI has been $220 per credit hour for Maine residents, $330 per credit hour for residents from the New England states and Canada, and $552 per credit hour for all other out-of-state and international students.

The new change means all students in that third category will also receive the $330 per credit hour tuition rate. For those students, that means their tuition would see a 40% reduction from $16,560 a year to $9,900 a year. Local economic development leaders are welcoming the rate change and what it means for the area.

“In these challenging economic times, UMPI and UMFK are undertaking a noble effort to advance education opportunities,” Bob Dorsey, President and CEO of Aroostook Partnership for Progress, said. “We know that our regional students have benefited from these universities’ cost effective rates and with this...
UMPI hosts spring AMA courses

The University will be offering two courses this spring beginning Monday, March 24, and Tuesday, March 25, respectively, as part of its American Management Association’s certificate programs. The course registration deadline is March 19.

These spring courses, part of a multi-course curriculum leading to Certificates in Management and Human Resources Management, are specifically created to meet the unique needs of working professionals who want to be more effective in their current positions and better prepared for future advancement, according to Keith Madore, campus AMA coordinator.

The newly developed course The Legal Side of Human Resources will be held on Mondays from March 24 to April 28, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Campus Center, Alumni Room. Filled with workplace examples and step-by-step explanations, this course will provide a deep understanding of HR law fundamentals and the tools needed to legally recruit, onboard, manage, discipline, and lead others. Clare Exner, Professor of Business Management at UMPI, will lead the course.

A Manager’s Guide to Human Behavior is scheduled for Tuesdays from March 25 through April 29, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Campus Center, Room 118. This course will prepare managers to better understand, motivate and focus the energies of individual employees and the collective energy of their work teams. Key theories and their practical application to typical management situations will be examined. Ruth White, Director of the “Early College for ME” Program at NMCC, will facilitate the course.

To earn an AMA certificate, each student is required to complete six courses for Management or five for Human Resources Management. Courses may be taken in any order and there is no time limit for completion of the program. Courses also can be offered on-site, Madore said.

Each course meets once a week for six weeks and one or more courses may be taken per term. The cost is $250 per course, and includes instruction, text and materials. For more information or to register, contact Keith Madore at 768.9568 or keith.madore@umpi.edu. ★

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presence, increase summer course offerings, and develop a number of new agreements with schools like Northern Maine Community College, the Maine School of Science and Mathematics, and the University of Maine at Augusta. Dr. Sonntag also supported an increase in faculty research and scholarship, integration of technology in teaching, and increased internationalization through partnerships in China. Along with other campus leaders, he worked to strengthen relationships between the campus and the community as well as within the University of Maine System.

Dr. Sonntag first came to Maine in 2007 from Lander University in Greenwood, S.C. where he was an associate professor of psychology, chair for the Department of Psychology, and director of assessment and planning.

“My time at UMPI and in Aroostook County has been both personally and professionally rewarding,” Dr. Sonntag said in reflecting on his years in the community. “I owe a debt of gratitude to Don Zillman and the faculty and staff of UMPI for taking a chance on a relatively green kid from the South. I have learned so much, and we have accomplished so much, that I simply could not be happier about my time at this special place. Dr. Schott is now taking UMPI in exciting new directions and I am grateful I could be a part of the birth of this new and grand vision. My wife and children have benefitted from the wonderful folks in The County, the wonderful schools, and everything else the area has to offer. We have been strengthened and rewarded by our time here, and humbly hope we leave The County and its people enriched by our stay.” ★
UMPI, City of Presque Isle prepare for pool collaboration

Officials with the University and the City of Presque Isle are working to ensure a smooth transition for community members when the city’s aquatics program begins offering its lessons at the Gentile Hall pool starting in March.

In an effort to familiarize community members with UMPI’s pool, officials will be hosting two open house events—on Friday, Feb. 14 from 12:30-1:30 P.M. and on Saturday, March 1 from 4-5 P.M.—providing tours of the building, a brief orientation on how the city’s aquatics programming will be offered at the UMPI facility, and an opportunity to get a wide variety of questions answered. The public is invited and encouraged to attend these free events.

“We realize this is a major transition for our local residents, who have utilized the city’s indoor pool for many years,” Chris Beaulieu, Presque Isle Recreation and Parks Director, said. “We appreciate everyone’s understanding as we’ve worked to find the best solution so we could still offer our high quality aquatics programming to the community and we think people will be pleased with the pool facilities available at Gentile Hall.”

City officials are closing the municipal indoor pool, located on Mechanic St. in Presque Isle, at the end of February in an effort to cut costs and cope with losses in state revenue sharing funds. To provide the most budget-conscious programming possible, the City will focus on offering just its swimming lessons and exercise classes. It will not be able to provide general swim and lap swim times for community members, but instead encourages them to look into a Gentile Hall membership for those services.

Together, City and UMPI officials have worked to set up a schedule for sharing the pool facilities in the coming months. The next round of municipal classes and lessons starts up on March 3.

New Center for Student Success hosts open house

The University celebrated the establishment of the newly created Center for Student Success with an open house and ribbon cutting on Friday, Feb. 7. UMPI’s new Center for Student Success is located on the first floor of South Hall, providing students with a one-stop area for many offices and services focused on their needs and their educational success.

The Center for Student Success was an outgrowth of the Project Compass initiative, which called for the design of a comprehensive center for students, staff and faculty to share and learn together.

Since then, the project has evolved, with officials creating a two-phase plan. For phase one, the Center for Student Success was created to focus specifically on students’ needs and bringing student-focused services together in one place.

Construction on phase one began during the summer of 2012 and continued through 2013. This new area contains the following services and offices: Career Preparation and Employer Relations, Counseling Services, Disability Services, Equal Employment Office, International Student Services, Mentoring, National Student Exchange, Student Support Services, Tutoring, and the Writing Center.

New equipment and furnishings were provided through a UMS Strategic Initiative Fund (SIF) grant. The new layout of the area includes a more open tutoring and Writing Center area and a new front desk. Also created were more testing areas and a media room, which will permit teams of students to work more collaboratively through the use of technology.

With the new Center for Student Success officially in place, phase two of the project is expected to begin within the next year.
UMPI announces new employees and appointment

The University is welcoming two new employees and announcing one new appointment at the start of the Spring 2014 semester.

LEIGH BELAIR joins the University as Co-Director and Assistant Professor for Medical Laboratory Technology. Belair has been a long-time instructor with UMPI’s MLT program, and also served as a science teacher at Central Aroostook Junior-Senior High School from 2000-2013. She previously worked as a medical technologist at The Aroostook Medical Center. Belair earned her Bachelor’s degree in Clinical Laboratory Science in 1994, and her Master’s of Education degree in Instructional Technology in 2009, both from the University of Maine in Orono.

PAM EASLER joins the University as the administrative specialist in the TRiG Upward Bound office. She comes to the University with experience in customer service, business management, and as a health center administrative assistant at Northern Maine Community College. Easler earned her Associate in Applied Science degree from NMCC in 2013.

In addition to these new hires, the University is welcoming a familiar face to lead its academic affairs office. Dr. RAYMOND RICE is serving as UMPI’s Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs starting Feb. 3, following the announcement that Dr. Michael Sonntag would be stepping down from the post to accept the top position at the University of South Carolina Sumter. Dr. Rice has served as a member of the English faculty for more than a decade and as the Chair of the College of Arts and Sciences for the past five years. In his work as chair, he has served on several systemwide task forces and committees. Dr. Rice earned his Bachelor’s degree from Dickinson College in 1989. He earned his Master’s degree in 1993 and his Ph.D. in 1998, both from the University of Connecticut.

We want to hear about your news & events!

If you would like to submit an item for the March 2014 issue, the deadline for submissions is 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19. Submissions received after that date may not be included. Email news or event information to: gshaw@umpi.edu.

Fall 2013 Dean’s List released

Two Hundred and ninety-nine students at UMPI were named to the Dean’s List for the fall semester, according to Dr. Michael Sonntag, former Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Congratulations to all of the students on this accomplishment. To view the list: umpi.edu/deanslist

New out-of-state tuition

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new initiative, we will hopefully see students from all over the country benefit as well. It is APP’s hope that this will not only attract more students to The County but that we can find more internship opportunities for them so that they are more inclined to stay here and help grow the vitality of our workforce.”

This out-of-state rate reduction comes at a key time—when projected employment opportunities in Aroostook County over the next five years are increasing and the 18- to 44-year-old workforce is decreasing.

The current out-of-state and international rate was established many years ago when in-state tuition was subsidized through state appropriations at a rate of approximately 60 percent. Students from beyond Maine were charged higher rates so as not to provide them with a subsidy paid for by Maine taxpayers. In today’s market, in-state tuition is subsidized at a rate more closely approaching 35 percent. Continuing to charge out-of-state and international students the original rates established many years ago has put UMFK and UMPI at a competitive disadvantage in attracting students from beyond Maine’s borders.

Officials said that the tuition change does impact budgets in the near-term, but that the new out-of-state rate is expected to serve as a significant attraction for this important demographic, and a modest increase in out-of-state students would make the change sustainable. Such an influx of students would have the added benefit of increasing cultural diversity on the campuses and giving students a chance to interact with those from different cultural, geographical, and national backgrounds. In addition, national statistics are showing a need for northern Maine’s two public universities to move in this direction.
Representatives from The County’s four colleges and the Aroostook Aspirations Initiative gathered together in January to announce their continued support of scholarships granted to graduating seniors from each of northern Maine’s 16 high schools.

Joining AAI in the announcement were leaders from UMPI, NMCC, UMFK, and Husson University, which has a division of extended learning site in Presque Isle. The press conference was held at UMFK, UMPI and the Houlton Higher Education Center with the sites connected via videoconference technology.

AAI is designed to boost educational attainment and economic development in Northern Maine. It was publicly launched in April 2013, has since gained statewide attention and been cited as a model partnership between business, community and educational entities.

Just as the Gauvin County Scholarship Fund of the Aroostook Aspirations Initiative is gearing up to award its first $1,000 scholarships to an Aroostook County graduating senior at each of the 16 county schools, all four County colleges and universities have stepped forward to sweeten the deal to help provide those students with an affordable local undergraduate education.

“By extending the scholarships for another year, the students will gain added access to financial support that will sustain their being able to attain a post-secondary education in Aroostook County. Currently, there is more financial assistance available for the first year of college, and students must struggle during their later post-secondary years. This way, they will get an extra ‘boost,’” said Sandy Gauvin, president and co-founder of AAI.

What do space science education and cancer awareness have in common? They’re both the focus of this region’s most unique fundraiser, Planet Head Day, where participants raise money for a local cancer organization by having their heads shaved and painted as planets, dwarf planets, moons, comets and asteroids. Aroostook County’s 8th annual Planet Head Day takes place on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in UMPI’s Wieden Gymnasium. This not-to-be-missed event is free and the public is invited to attend.

Planet Head Day is the major fundraising event for C-A-N-C-E-R [Caring Area Neighbors for Cancer Education and Recovery], an Aroostook County-based organization that assists cancer patients and their families. This year, organizers hope to exceed the $25,000 they raised last year.

Planet Head Day was originally established as a NASA-funded celebration of the University’s involvement in the New Horizons space mission to Pluto. The University’s Northern Maine Museum of Science has always sought imaginative ways to teach science and developed the program to combine science and cancer education into a single package.

The staff of the Parsons Street Barber Shop and Great Beginnings Hair Boutique will be available again this year to provide free haircuts, while “bald” caps will offer a less permanent option for participants.

Live emceeing during the event will again be presented by WAGM’s Ted Shapiro and UMPI student Andrew Hunt, and Pizza Hut will once again provide free pizza.

For more information, contact Kevin McCartney at 768.9482.
The University’s Foundation has received a generous gift for a scholarship to be established in memory of Raymond B. and Elizabeth (Estabrook) Johnston. The gift was given by the couple’s six grown children.

The scholarship, to be known as the Johnston Estabrook Family Scholarship, is meant to serve as a lasting memorial to the couple. Raymond B. Johnston was born Sept. 12, 1921, and Elizabeth Estabrook was born on July 25, 1923. The course placed a high value on education and knowledge.

The Johnstons moved to Presque Isle in 1956 for Raymond’s job with New England Telephone Company. Their six children—Loretta, Mary, Bill, Chuck, Janice, and John—all graduated from Presque Isle High School. Raymond is remembered for his one-of-a-kind personality, his never forgotten stories, memories and lessons, his fondness for his children, his principles and his strength.

The scholarship is also a tribute to Elizabeth Johnston, who was a 1970 UMPI alumna. Not only did she pursue her formal secondary education as a mother of six with many family and other responsibilities, she had a passion for learning, a commitment to furthering her education, and embraced the opportunity that UMPI afforded her and others.

The scholarship represents her zest for education and helping others in their endeavors. In fact, the Johnston Family would especially like the scholarship to be awarded to working parents with dependent children at home who want to enrich their lives through higher education.

The first scholarship from the new fund will be awarded in the Fall of 2014 in the amount of $500.

For more information or to contribute to the Johnston Estabrook Family Scholarship Fund, please contact UMPI’s Office of Development at 768-9568.

UMPI assists with Maine Regional Brain Bee

UMPI Biology professor Dr. Rachael Hannah assisted faculty from the University of Maine at Machias and the University of New England in offering the Maine Regional Brain Bee competition in early February. This event is associated with the International Brain Bee, a not-for-profit neuroscience competition designed especially for high school students that tests their understanding of brains and the nervous system and how they work together.

UMM’s Dr. Lois-Ann Kuntz, UMM Associate Professor of Psychology—with support from Dr. Hannah and Dr. Michael Burman, Assistant Professor of Psychology at UNE—hosted the Maine Regional Brain Bee for high school students across Maine on Feb. 8 at UMM.

Organizers hosted the event to inspire young people about brain research. Directed by founder Dr. Norbert Myslinski of the University of Maryland, this competition is intended to increase high school students’ interest in the brain and inspire them to pursue careers in brain research. The motto for the International Brain Bee is “Building Better Brains to Fight Brain Disorders.” The winner of the Maine regional competition advances to the national competition taking place on March 14-15 at the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

Dr. Hannah served as the official judge for the Maine competition. She helped initiate the Vermont Regional Brain Bee competition and was able to bring high school students from Aroostook County to the Maine event.

She said she was “very excited to be the judge for the Maine Regional Brain Bee and to help get students from Aroostook and Washington counties, and across Maine, interested in science and involved in an international event.”

In addition to the competition, there were neuroscience demonstrations before and after the Brain Bee in order to further promote psychological science to participants and non-participants alike.

To learn more about the International Brain Bee, please visit www.internationalbrainbee.com.
The Reed Fine Art Gallery presents Navigation Lights by Portland artist Carrie Scanga from Jan. 27 through March 8, 2014. The public is invited to view the exhibition throughout the show’s run.

Carrie Scanga is a printmaker and installation artist. She has been featured in over 50 solo and group exhibitions and has received critical recognition in The New York Times and The Boston Globe. She has exhibited in locations from Portland, Maine, to Quito, Ecuador; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Chico, California.

Scanga is revered for her experimentation within the discipline of printmaking. Her exhibition, Navigation Lights, is a new series of etchings that are dark and loosely drawn, using marine beacons and nighttime at the fair as subject matter. Scanga remarked, “They are meant to appear very ‘touched,’ because I drew them with powdered photocopy toner that I pushed around with my fingers and blew threw a straw all over the plate before etching.”

Scanga attended Bryn Mawr College and the San Francisco Art Institute as an undergraduate and earned her MFA degree from University of Washington in Seattle in 2001. Her current projects include a book arts collaboration with Maine artist Rebecca Goodale, her traveling solo exhibition and performance work, Breathe: The Emergent Colony, and ongoing explorations in printmaking.

She has been awarded two consecutive fellowships from the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, a fellowship from the New York Foundation for the Arts, a fellowship from The MacDowell Colony, and residencies at the Blue Mountain Center, Fundación Valparaíso, Sculpture Space, Artspace, and the Salina Art Center. Grants from the Pollock Krasner Foundation and the Ludwig Vogelstein Foundation have supported the development of her work.

She is currently an Assistant Professor of Printmaking at Bowdoin College. For more information about her current projects, please see her website: www.carriescanga.com.

A First Friday Reception was held on Feb. 7 during the First Friday Art Walk.

New addition to BalanceBPO presents to UMPI students

During his visit at UMPI, Gotham talked to a group of about 50 students about his business experiences at Dell, his plans to use those experiences at BalanceBPO, and ways to enhance business performance and processes. He also shared with them where they should focus their studies to work for a “Fortune 50” company someday and tips on how to interview for and get an internship at a large corporation.

Gotham joined Dell Inc. in 2000, during the company’s expansion to Nashville, TN. After several years in Sales, he was transferred to the main campus of Dell, Inc. in Round Rock, TX. During his tenure at Dell Inc., he most recently served as Director of Change Management and Deployment working on a multi-year project for the federal government. He spent a significant amount of time opening and managing contact centers for Dell, Inc. around the world. He has contact center experience in the Philippines, Panama, El Salvador, Argentina, India and the US.

Other leadership positions at Dell included Director of Customer Experience Operations. In this capacity, he was responsible for the deployment and competitive analysis of Dell’s Customer Loyalty program. Gotham designed a portfolio of consultative global surveys to identify deficiencies in customer engagements, providing opportunities for driving customer loyalty and expanding global business opportunities.

Gotham holds a degree in Business from Michigan State University and an MBA from St. Edward’s University. He is a Six-Sigma Black Belt and was recognized as the World Wide Six-Sigma Mentor of the Year, Project/Program Manager of the Year, and the Community Volunteer Ambassador of the Year, among other prestigious awards during his career at Dell.
Hotham named GSAC Player of the Week

UMPI freshman center Thiago Conceicao (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) has been named both the Association of Division III Independents men’s basketball Player of the Week and Maine Men’s Basketball Coaches and Writers Association (MMBCWA) Co-Rookie of the Week for games played in early January.

Conceicao was nearly perfect from the field at the 2014 Can-Am Classic, going 22-of-25 (88 percent) from the floor including a perfect 14-of-14 shooting performance against St. John’s of New Brunswick, Canada for a game-high 28 points in only 29 minutes of action.

The freshman followed that performance up with a 17-point effort the very next day on 8-of-11 (72.7) shooting from the field in 19 minutes of work. The center also had an impressive showing on the glass during the week, securing eight rebounds against 8-1 Eastern Nazarene College in the Owls’ lone loss of the week and had nine rebounds against St. John’s of New Brunswick.

For the week, Conceicao averaged 17.7 points per game in only 23.3 minutes per game, shooting at a blistering 76.5 percent (26-of-34) clip while securing 7.7 boards per game and rejecting 1.7 shots per game as the Owls finished 2-1 and improved to 6-5 on the year. This marks the second time the UMPI center has won the MMBCWA award during the season.

Awards roll in for Conceicao

The Great South Athletic Conference announced the women’s basketball Player of the Week for games played December 16 – January 5 during the holiday break and, following voting by the league’s sports information directors, UMPI’s Amanda Hotham (Fort Fairfield, ME) won the first-ever award for the Owls.

Hotham scored 55 points in 3 games over the course of one week for the Owls, including a team-high 21 against St. John’s of New Brunswick, Canada on Jan. 4. The sophomore forward was 15-of-22 from the field, 2-of-4 from beyond the arc and 23-of-25 from the foul line during the three-game stretch. Hotham also had 21 rebounds, 3 assists and 3 steals in only 67 minutes of action.

Hotham is ranked in the top-40 nationally in foul shooting at 90.2% and is UMPI’s leading scorer (14.2 ppg) and second leading rebounder (5.9 rpg) despite averaging only 22 minutes a game. For the season, Hotham is shooting 47.7% from the field and 50% from three-point range.

Outing Club Spring schedule

Thursday, March 20, 6 p.m. SNOWSHOEING at the Nordic Heritage Center. Meet at Gentile Hall. Snowshoes and transportation will be provided for the first 10 participants. There is a minimum of 4 participants for this outing to happen. Cost is $4 for UMPI students and $6 for non-students.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 25, 26, and 27, ASSOCIATION FOR EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION REGIONAL CONFERENCE, in Colebrook, CT. Thursday, May 1, 3-6:30 p.m., HIGH ROPE COURSE OPEN HOUSE. Experience not required and it is free.

Saturday, May 10 (rain date, May 11), OUTDOOR ROCK CLIMBING, Acadia National Park. Bus departs Gentile Hall at 6 a.m. No experience necessary. Cost is $40 for UMPI students and $50 for non-students.

FMI before March 1 - Amanda Baker, amanda.g.baker@umpi.edu; after March 1 - Dick Gardiner, richard.gardiner@umpi.edu
Keli Marston, UMPI’s Fitness and Wellness Coordinator, will be holding a **SnoWshoe LUNCh & LEARn** on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at noon at Gentile Hall. You can bring your own snowshoes or they are available at Gentile Hall. Please let Keli know if you are interested in attending. This activity will count towards RiseUp! To contact Keli: keli.marston@umpi.edu.

**Rec Basketball Intramurals**

When forming a team, you need to consider the following:

- Varsity basketball players from UMPI or other campuses or schools are NOT permitted.
- You must be at least 18 years of age.
- Teams must have at least 4 UMPI students on the team.
- Teams must have at least 1 female player on the court at all times.
- Any team member that is NOT an UMPI student must be either a Gentile Hall member or purchase a Day Pass ($7).
- No spitting or swearing at any time.
- No hanging on the rims.
- Dues are NOT required.
- All players must wear shirts, pinnies, proper shorts and sneakers (no shirts vs. skins).
- All calls made by the acting referees are final.

Basketball games are played every Tuesday and Thursday while classes are in session from 8 – 9:30 p.m.

FMI, contact Amanda Baker at 768.9401 or amanda.g.baker@umpi.edu.

### What are you doing for LUNCH?

**College of Arts & Sciences LUNCH AND LEARN**
12:30-1:30pm in the Owl’s Nest

**Tuesday, Feb. 11**
**VAWLT** - a new, innovative virtual writing lab. Virtual Academic Writing Lab Tutors is a digital tutoring space designed by University College to provide writing lab support to students in your distance courses.

**Thursday, Feb. 13**
**One-Up Your Presentation Skills with Prezi** - Prezi is an openly available tool on the web that allows you to create dynamic, engaging, web-friendly presentations that are a step up from slideshows. This is the software that BJ and Mina have used to provide lunch-and-learn presentations, and now you can learn how to use it.

Please RSVP if you can: e-mail nicole.like@umpi.edu and tell her which session you will attend.

Lunch tickets will be available at the door.

More Lunch and Learns are coming in March and April!

**Tuesday, Feb. 25**
**Two UMPI Environmental Studies graduates** relate their UMPI experiences to their current professional positions. Marcus Flewelling, Crop Production Services and Kathryn (Kassy) Michaud, Central Aroostook SWCD – Executive Director.

**Tuesday, March 25**
**PI3K amplification** as a predictor of response to targeted therapies in lung cancer cell lines, with Allan Espinosa, M.D. Oncologist/Hematologist, Cary Medical Center.

**Tuesday, April 8**
**Experience dependent brain plasticity**. How what you do today affects who you are tomorrow, with Scott Dobrin, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biology, UMPI.

**Tuesday, April 22**
**Silicoflagellates** with Kevin McCartney, Professor of Geology, UMPI.
Get fit in the new year!
Gentile Hall would like to encourage everyone to take advantage of their wonderful fitness facility. There is something for everyone, a clean fitness center packed with machines and free weights, a walking/running track, a 2-court gymnasium, 37-foot rock wall and a 6-lane pool. In addition, there are group classes that you can attend. FIT CAMP is Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, 5-6 p.m. STEP-N-TONE is Tuesday and Thursday from Noon-1 p.m. WATER AEROBICS is Monday and Wednesday, 10:30-11:30 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, 5-6 p.m. Members pay only $3 a class. Also, for $30, students can purchase a fitness class voucher card good for any and all classes ALL SEMESTER long! You can also do personal training with Keli; check it out, 768.9773.

Phi Eta Sigma Inductions
The UMPI chapter of Phi Eta Sigma inducted 26 students into its national honor society on Dec. 14, 2013. New inductees include: Jorge Alvarado, Elizabeth Barbosa, Zachary Benner, Karrie Brawn, Ethan Burke, Kelsey Churchill, Elizabeth Day, Amanda Dayringer, Benjamin Everett, Felicia Farnham, Shawn Frost, Kody Gates, Jaron Gray, David Guy, Elizabeth Harwood, Erica Hemphill, Heather Herbert, Amanda Larrabee, Brittany Luetjen, Tyler Michalowski, Walter Mosher, Nicholas Park, Kathryn Patenaude, Cody Pond, Laurence Shorte, and Danielle Thibodeau. Congratulations to all the inductees!

UMPI Professor Emerita given award
Alice Sheppard, Professor Emerita of Psychology at UMPI, was recently presented with the Extension Service Award from the University of Maine’s Cooperative Extension when they celebrated the 4-H’s 100th anniversary. Congratulations to Alice on receiving this honor!

Keli Marston featured on WAGM-TV
UMPI’s own Keli Marston will be featured about once a month on the WAGM morning show at 6:55 a.m. She will be doing special fitness segments with the morning anchors and taking the opportunity to promote fitness and Gentile Hall to WAGM viewers through the region! Be sure to check it out!

UMPI hosting Titan Challenge
The University will host the Junior Achievement of Maine Titan Challenge on Wednesday, Feb. 12 from 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the Campus Center. The event brings area high school students to campus to compete against their peers across the state on business finance and marketing exercises. All Maine high schools are invited to participate in this day-long competition, free of charge. Currently, 142 teams from 41 Maine high schools are registered. Twenty-seven of these teams are competing here at UMPI. This event is sponsored on campus by the faculty of the Business Administration program. FMI, contact Michelle Anderson at 347.4333 or manderson@jamaine.org.

UMPI/Community Band Winter Concert
The UMPI/Community Band

The Everyone Matters Campaign has begun!
Three years ago, UMPI was the first campus in the nation to design an Everyone Matters social media campaign. This program encourages inclusivity and the expression of self, without judgment. Participants are being offered a free t-shirt, as long as supplies last. The shirts go quickly! We are looking for faculty, staff, commuters, alumni (pictured at right, Elizabeth Bousquet ’13), and residential students to participate. ■ If you wish to participate, please do the following ASAP (before we run out of shirts):
✔ Email Jannie Durr to set aside the right size t-shirt for you (small through 3x).
✔ Come to the Emerson Annex and fill out the media release forms. (If you can’t make it to the Emerson Annex, she might be able to send a student to you to take your picture if we coordinate via email. ✔ Write in your identity group on the t-shirt. (Identity groups can be anything that pertains to your identity such as race, religion, ethnicity, army status, age, gender, body size/condition, sexuality, political party, etc.). We are encouraging people to take a risk. Express who you are because at UMPI, Everyone Matters! ✔ Get your picture taken. Pictures will be posted online which is why we need a media release form. If you don’t want your face in the picture, that is okay.

FMI, contact Jannie Durr: jannie.durr@umpi.edu.
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had a winter concert in December with conductor Jon Simonoff. A variety of music was performed by this unique group including classic band literature, settings of choral music for concert band, marches, and more contemporary works. Guest conductor Pamela Kinsey conducted Christmas music for this event as well. The UMPI/Community Band is a concert band made up of UMPI students and community members that is dedicated to playing quality band literature. Band members range from middle school students to retired music teachers and anyone is welcome to join, regardless of ability. FMI, contact Jon Simonoff at 399.2218.

Crown Weather Services is 20

Crown Weather Services celebrated its 20th anniversary in January. Many may be familiar with Crown Weather, which was originally created by then-UMPI student Rob Lightbown and hosted by UMPI web servers. It has grown into a website that averages more than 4 million visits a year, has about 5,000 facebook followers for the Northern Maine Weather Forecast, and almost 8,000 facebook followers for the general web page. For more details, be sure to check out this link: crownweather.com. Congratulations to Rob Lightbown on reaching this milestone!

Students attend course in developmental genetics

Seven UMPI students attended a “short course” led by researcher Dustin Updike at Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory (MDIBL) along with several other students from UMaine, UMFK, UMA and Husson University. Judith Roe, the Genetics professor at UMPI, accompanied the group and will lead further work on the group’s results at UMPI. Students studied the genetics of the roundworm Caenorhabditis elegans, a model system for studying how cells acquire different fates within an animal. The course was supported by an Institutional Development Award (IDeA) from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health under grant number P20GM103423 to MDIBL.

Electronic Recycling

It’s that time of year again. On Feb. 19, a recycling company will be on campus to pick up any electronic devices for recycling (microwaves, TVs, all computers and accessories, etc.). There will be a pallet near the back entrance of the Library where you can place your items. This is not just for UMPI equipment! The only items you cannot bring are AC units or refrigerators, unless they have been properly drained of Freon and tagged. Questions? Call Computer Services, 768.9626.

Valentine Promotion

20% off store wide with special clearance items! Through Friday, February 14
activities 2.09–3.05.2014

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- **Feb 9**
  - Kappa Delta Phi NAS mtg 7pm, CC118
  - Christian devotionals 6:30pm, CC118
- **Feb 10**
  - Games Club mtg 6:30pm, Owl’s Nest
  - Christian devotionals 6:30pm, CC118
- **Feb 11**
  - FCA mtg 8pm, CC118
  - Warmachine mtg 6:30pm, CC118
- **Feb 12**
  - CRU Bible Study 5 pm, CC118
  - Games Club mtg 6:30pm, Owl’s Nest
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- **Feb 13**
  - GSTA mtg 12:30pm, CC118
  - International Students Club mtg 1pm, Alumni Room
- **Feb 14**
  - Valentine’s Day Masquerade Dance 10pm, St. John & Aroostook Rooms
- **Feb 15**
  - FCA mtg 8pm, CC118
  - CRU Bible Study 5 pm, CC118
  - Warmachine mtg 6:30pm, CC118
- **Feb 16**
  - Classes resume UMPI/Community Band Practice 6:30pm, Wieden Auditorium
  - Christian devotionals 6:30pm, CC118
- **Feb 17**
  - February Vacation begins

**Spring Calendar of Events**

**Resume & Cover Letter Workshop**
South Hall
Tues, March 25, 3-4pm
Wed, March 26, 12-1pm

**Job Fair**
Campus Center
Thurs, April 10, 10am-2pm

**Job Search & Interviewing Workshop**
South Hall
Mon, April 14, 1-2pm
Tues, April 15, 3-4pm

**Information Table**
Campus Center
Tues, April 22, 12-1pm

**Applying for Federal Jobs Tips Workshop**
South Hall
Wed, April 30, 12-1pm

**Community**

**Choral Society Rehearsals**
The Caribou Choral Society will begin rehearsing for its spring concerts on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m. in the recreation room at the Mormon Church, 67 Paris Snow Drive, Caribou. All singers interested in singing advanced four-part music are welcome to attend – no auditions required. Concert dates are May 3 and 4 in Caribou and Presque Isle. For more information, please contact conductor Dan Ladner at 764.1482.

**Winter Family Fun Day**
At Aroostook State Park will take place on Saturday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. XC skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, sliding, tote sled rides, and nature walks will be offered, and there will be free equipment loans. A hot lunch will be available plus a warming hut and bonfire. If you’re 65 and older or 12 and younger, this is free; otherwise, the cost is $1.50. For more information, please contact Scott Thompson at 768.8341.