

## UMPI unveils Bernard Langlais collection

The University is providing the region with its very first glimpse of recently acquired work by renowned sculptor Bernard Langlais as part of its latest show at the Reed Fine Art Gallery. The University was awarded the Langlais Study Collection from the Wisconsin-based Kohler Foundation, Inc., making UMPI the research institution for Langlais' work.

The acquisitions were officially unveiled during a press conference on April 24 at the Reed Gallery, and were made available for public viewing for the

very first time in early May. The gallery is presenting *Bernard Langlais: The Man Behind the Owls* from May 2 through June 21, 2014. The Opening Reception on May 2 was held in conjunction with the Presque Isle First Friday Art Walk. Curator of the collection and Reed Gallery Director Heather Sincavage held a Gallery Talk as part of the reception.

This particular exhibit became a reality because of *The Owls* sculpture, the 4-ton, 30-foot-tall outdoor wooden sculpture that is [continued on page 2](#)



A Bernard Langlais sculpture featuring Gerald Ford looks on as Reed Gallery Director Heather Sincavage announces UMPI's gift from the Kohler Foundation, Inc.— 800 works by the renowned artist.

## Hutton discusses The Blue Brain Project



Documentary filmmaker Noah Hutton discusses The Blue Brain Project during his DLS talk in April.

The University hosted documentary filmmaker and neuroscience enthusiast Noah Hutton as the final speaker in its 2013-2014 University Distinguished Lecturer Series. During his April 15 talk, Hutton spoke about the documentary series he's filming through 2024 on the work neuroscientists are doing through The Blue Brain Project to reverse engineer the human brain (in a massive simulation on IBM supercomputers).

Hutton brings to bear

both his educational experiences and his love of filmmaking in his documentary work. As the son of actors Timothy Hutton and Debra Winger, he spent his childhood on and around film sets and developed a passion for filmmaking at an early age. Hutton attended the Fieldston School in Bronx, New York, and graduated from Wesleyan University, where he studied art history and neuroscience.

Hutton is now a director based in New York City,

working through his production house, Couple 3 Films. His first feature film, *Crude Independence*, about the oil boom in North Dakota, was an official selection of the 2009 SXSW Film Festival and won Best Documentary Feature at the 2009 Oxford Film Festival. In 2009, he began filming his documentary series about The Blue Brain Project.

In 2010, he directed *More To Live For*, a chronicle of three extraordinary men suf- [continued on page 4](#)

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## UMPI hosts Career, Job & Grad School Fair

**W**ith more than 30 businesses and governmental agencies from across the region and throughout the state participating, the University hosted its biggest career fair in recent years and



expanded the event to include information on attending graduate school. UMPI's Career, Job & Grad School Fair took place on April 10.

"Employers participating in our fair were able to provide valuable information about careers, job vacancies, management programs, internships, summer jobs, graduate programs and future opportunities," Nicole Fournier, Director of Career Services and Employer Relations, said. "Most participating organizations had openings they were looking to fill and others were looking for volunteers, which provided the potential for internship opportunities."

The Career Fair is a part of an effort to connect employers

with University students and to provide the opportunity for undergraduates to meet with prospective employees. Students were able to learn more about employment possibilities and employer expectations. Some of the employers had job openings for full-time, part-time or summer employment as well as internships, and some employers provided the opportunity for on-site preliminary interviews.

Businesses attending included the Aroostook Mental Health Center, Bangor Police Department, Care & Comfort, Defense Finance and Accounting Services, Hope and Justice Project, Irving Woodlands LCC, Life By Design, Loring Jobs Corps Center, McCain Foods, USA, Inc., MMG Insurance, Maine Department of Corrections, Maine Department of Health and Human Services Office of Child & Family Services, Maine Department of Labor, Manpower, The Northern Lighthouse, Northern Maine Development Commission, Northern Maine General, One World Center, Pines Health Services, Providence Service Corporation, TAMC, TEMPO Employment Services, Townsquare Media, U.S. Army, U.S. Border Patrol, and WAGM. Graduate schools participating included Husson University, the University of Maine, and the University of New England. ★

### Langlais

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iconic to the UMPI campus and recently underwent a substantial restoration. *The Owls* by Bernard "Blackie" Langlais was a result of a competitive commission contest, initiated in 1976, and was Langlais' last sculpture. It was installed in January 1978, just two weeks after Langlais' sudden death from congestive heart failure.

Because the University has Langlais' final artwork, it uniquely positioned the campus in the rich and prolific legacy of the renowned sculptor. To honor the recent *Owls* restoration, Sincavage planned to assemble and curate an exhibition by borrowing artwork from existing collections. Instead, through the process of locating notable artworks, the Kohler Foundation, Inc. came forward to offer access to the Langlais estate and gift more than 800 pieces of artwork from the estate to UMPI. The gift includes the

loose leaf sketch of what became the *Owls* sculpture as well as sketchbooks, archives, and more than 30 wooden sculptures and wall pieces.

*Bernard Langlais: The Man Behind the Owls* showcases many of these pieces. The exhibition is arranged in a way to mimic Langlais' aesthetic. It shows his prolific range, his thought process, and who he was—someone who loved animals, material, and process. "I hope the public will come out to discover and appreciate a little bit more about 'Blackie,'" Sincavage said. "Preparing this exhibition and accompanying catalog has given me such a wonderful insight into the man. He was worldly and knowledgeable with a wonderfully salty sense of humor!"

Because the University is providing a permanent home for these hundreds of

works, it will become a part of the official Langlais Art Trail. Currently in development, this art trail will provide art enthusiasts, Langlais fans, and anyone else interested with a "road map" connecting the locations in Maine where they will be able to view the works Langlais created throughout his prolific artistic career.

In addition to its First Friday reception on May 2, *Bernard Langlais: The Man Behind the Owls* will be open for the First Friday Art Walk on June 6 from 5-7 P.M. Light refreshments will be served.

The Reed Fine Art Gallery is open Monday through Saturday 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. The gallery is closed Sundays and University holidays. For more information, please contact Sincavage at 768.9442 or [heather.sincavage@umpi.edu](mailto:heather.sincavage@umpi.edu). ★

## UMPI, Wintergreen present 12x12

**U**MPI and Wintergreen Arts Center presented the Third Annual 12x12 Art Auction fundraiser in May, providing an evening of fine art and a chance to support arts programming in the downtown. The auction, featuring original works from approximately 50 artists from Aroostook County, the nation, and Canada, was held on May 2 at the Wintergreen Arts Center during the May 2014 First Friday Art Walk. The event raised approximately \$3,400 this year.

The signature event supplied participating artists with 12-inch by 12-inch canvases to fill in any way they chose. Painters, photographers, mixed media artists, ceramicists, and fibers artists participated this year. And their works filled

Wintergreen with everything from landscapes and wildlife to abstract works and assemblage.

The canvases were on display in the

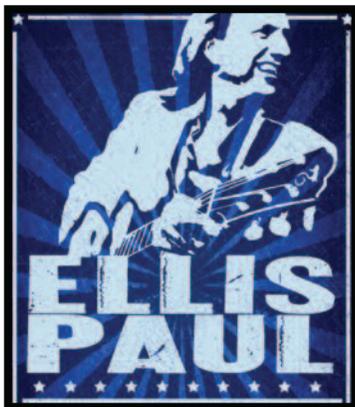
# 12x12

Barresi Financial Gallery at WGAC and prospective bidders were encouraged to visit before the auction reception to view the works. The event was similar to recent years with one big change. Bidders had a "Buy It Now" option, similar to the ebay business model. Artists set the market value for the canvas and bidders had the opportunity to purchase the canvas outright, eliminating bidding

on the work.

Co-organizers Rowena Forbes, WGAC Executive Director, and Heather Sincavage, UMPI Assistant Professor of Fine Art and Reed Fine Art Gallery Director, were pleased with the success of this year's event.

"I am thrilled the 12x12 auction has become a staple event in the Aroostook County cultural calendar," Sincavage stated. "It shows how much we value what the arts bring to our lives. An event such as this allows for both WGAC and UMPI to bring programming and opportunities unique to the region. I, for one, am convinced we have all the power to affect lives through what we offer in the arts." ★



## Ellis Paul to serve as graduation speaker, present concert

**N**ationally acclaimed singer-songwriter Ellis Paul will spend a busy weekend at the University this May, serving as the graduation speaker during UMPI's 105th Commencement Exercises

on Saturday, May 17, and then presenting a concert on Sunday, May 18 to raise funds for the Auditorium Renovation Project.

"We are delighted to welcome Ellis Paul back to campus for quite an event-filled weekend," UMPI President Linda Schott said. "We're looking forward to his address during our Commencement Exercises, and we're delighted that he'll be able to follow that up with a benefit concert for our Auditorium. It means a great deal to have a performer of Ellis Paul's caliber and local roots to be able to help us with our Auditorium Renovation Project."

During the graduation ceremony, Ellis Paul will be presented with an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree.

The following afternoon, Ellis Paul will present a benefit concert at 3 p.m. in the Campus Center. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$20 at the door. Special VIP tickets can be purchased for \$25 and include a special reception with Ellis

Paul at 2 p.m. in the Alumni Room prior to his concert; refreshments will be served. Tickets are available at the Campus Store and other outlets.

Ellis Paul hails from Presque Isle and has spent more than 20 years touring as a musician, performing at spaces from the Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame and Carnegie Hall to festivals and coffeehouses all over the globe. As one of the most respected artists in the folk genre, he has won numerous awards including an unprecedented 14 Boston Music Awards. 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.

Ellis Paul has performed with countless acclaimed musicians, including Pete Seeger, Arlo Guthrie, Patty Griffin, John Mayer, Ani DiFranco, and multi-platinum band 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*.

For more information about the concert and a full list of ticket outlets, please contact UMPI's Community and Media Relations Office at 768.9452.

To learn more about a chance to serve as Ellis Paul's opening act, visit [www.umpi.edu/snag-the-spotlight](http://www.umpi.edu/snag-the-spotlight). ★

## Tobacco-Free College Network recognizes UMPI

The Maine Tobacco-Free College Network recently recognized UMPI with a Gold 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. This is the first time the University has received a Gold Award.

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 in March to highlight the efforts of its 2014 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 seven 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, University of Maine in Orono, University of Southern Maine, Northern Maine Community College, Unity College, and University of New England.

In addition to the Gold Award, Linda Mastro was recognized as a 2014 Gold Star Honoree for the work she does with both UMPI and NMCC. Only one other group, the Wellness Committee at Kennebec Valley Community College, received this honor. Mastro was recognized for her "steadfast efforts in the field of tobacco-free campuses in Maine."

All Maine institutions of higher edu-

cation, including colleges, universities, and technical



schools were invited to participate in the Gold Star Standards of Excellence program. Award levels were based on best practice criteria such as tobacco-free campus policy, tobacco treatment information availability for students, faculty and staff, prohibiting tobacco product distribution on campus, and divestment of all tobacco investments.

Last year, UMPI announced its major effort to provide a healthy and productive work and learning environment for students, employees and visitors by moving to a Tobacco-Free Campus. UMPI's Tobacco-Free Campus Policy went into effect on June 1, 2013. ★

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

If you would like to submit an item for the **May-June 2014** issue, the deadline for submissions is **4:30p.m. Monday, May 27**. Submissions received after that date may not be included.

Email news or event information to: [gshaw@umpi.edu](mailto:gshaw@umpi.edu).

## DLS Noah Hutton

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fering from leukemia whose lives depend on finding the perfect bone marrow match, and in 2011 he directed a series of 30 short films about the human mind for *Scientific American*. His 2012 concert film *King for Two Days*, which premiered at the 2012 Big Sky Documentary Film Festival, is a portrait of jazz drummer Dave King (The Bad Plus). In 2013, he curated *Subjective Resonance Imaging*, an international gallery show in conjunction with the 2013 Human Brain Mapping Conference, and was a featured speaker at the 2013 Association of Neuroaesthetics Symposium at the Venice Biennale. He is also the founder of the website *The Beautiful Brain*.

Hutton's April 15 talk focused on *Bluebrain*, a 14-year documentary film-in-the-making about the 21st century race to understand the human brain. In 2009, neuroscientist Henry Markram publically announced that he seeks to reverse-engineer a human brain with digital simulations of

all the physical properties of every neuron, powered by IBM Blue Gene supercomputers, by 2020. To do this, he created the Blue Brain Project, based in Lausanne, Switzerland, and instantly became one of the highest-profile neuroscience projects in the world.

In 2013, Markram and Blue Brain led a group of scientists from across Europe to unify their research aims and win a historic \$1 billion Euro flagship award to become the Human Brain Project and pursue their brain simulation project on a much larger scale over the next decade.

The film serves as an ongoing state-of-the-union for the current state of brain research, surveying the work of prominent projects and their leaders in years to come, with yearly shorts released ahead of a full re-edit into a documentary feature due for completion in 2024.

The University's Distinguished Lecture Series was established in 1999. Each year, the UDLS Committee sponsors four to six speakers who come from Maine and beyond, representing a range of disciplines and viewpoints. ★

# UMPI celebrates 13th annual University Day

**F**rom witch hunts and trips to Tanzania to oceanography and honey bees, students at the University showcased their academic research, scholarly work and community service during University Day on April 16. The theme of this year's event was *Engaging Minds for Student Success*.

University Day is an event that heightens students' awareness of the work being done by peers in all of the disciplines represented on campus. The annual campus event allows students to better understand how disciplines interrelate and how the academic work they do applies to the local and global community. It is also an opportunity for students to experience a professional conference format. No regular classes are held during University Day, but in their stead, students are encouraged to attend student-led presentations and talks held during six sessions throughout the day.

University Day officially kicked off on April 15 with a Distinguished Lecturer Series presentation by Noah Hutton (see story, page 1). The next day, more than 100 students offered more than 40 talks and presentations, covering areas of study as wide ranging as art, athletic training, biology, criminal justice, education, history, psychology, profes-

sional communication and social work.

Wieden Hall Gymnasium served as the site of poster presentations—featuring a dozen posters by UMPI students—and a Student Clubs and Organizations Fair. In addition, the International Students Club hosted its Culturefest 2014. As a new component to the event, a closing reception and awards ceremony was held in Wieden Gym at the end of the day.

During lunch, **Megan (Fowler) Stanley** was presented with the Distinguished Recent Alumni Award. Stanley, a member of UMPI's Class of 2009, graduated from the University with her Bachelor's degree in Education with a concentration in Special Education. She was immediately hired as the sole high school special education teacher in SAD #32 and provided a high level of service to the school district as she simultaneously worked toward her Master's degree in Special Education, which she earned from New England College in 2013.

Stanley is also heavily involved in educational activities outside of her classroom. In 2011, she started an Outing Club with the goal of bringing students outside to enjoy activities in which they might not typically have the opportunity to take part. Stanley is also a teacher in Ashland's 21st

Century after-school program, serves as SAD 32's Response to Intervention Coordinator, as the district's Class Advisor for the Class of 2015, as a Student Assistance Team member, and as a Maine Content Literacy Project team member.

Not only has Stanley made many contributions to her school, she is also heavily involved in community service activities outside her classroom, including volunteering in key support roles for events like the Crown of Maine Balloon Festival. ★

Over 100 students offered more than 40 talks and presentations during the 13th Annual University Day. This year's theme was *Engaging Minds for Student Success*. (above center:) Megan Stanley receives the Distinguished Recent Alumni Award from Keith Madore and Sharon Roix. (above bottom:) Jason Johnston presents Ben Pinette with \$100 for designing the event logo.



## Groups partner on 7th Young Professionals Institute

**U**MPI, MMG Insurance, and Momentum Aroostook partnered to host another successful year of the Young Professionals Institute, which capped off on April 29 with an interactive final presentation by this year's YPI participants before business and community leaders. The 7th Annual Young Professionals Institute ran from March 4 to April 29. This year's theme was *Excelling in Times of Change*, which focused on the skills employers are looking for in prospective employees and candidates for advancement—including innovation, organization, communication, team work, problem analysis, and prioritization. Participants worked together to tackle new assignments each week focused on these skills areas.

The Institute provides a one-of-a-kind professional development opportunity—an 8-week short course designed specifically for emerging leaders looking to refine the skills that will bring them long-term success in their careers. Participants honed their professional skills through hands-on activities, on-the-spot public speaking assignments, and business simulation exercises. Along the way, they visited local businesses and organizations to complete on-site assignments and hear presentations by embedded guests from the public and private sectors.

During the short course, participants took part in role-playing scenarios that refined their abilities to pitch proposals and deliver presentations, conducted mock interviews that gave



YPI 7 participants learned about everything from managing change to preparing for media exposure during this year's institute.

them experience in working with the media, and networked with local officials and community leaders. A popular component incorporated again this year was an exchange event that took participants to TAMC and Cary Medical Center for an extended session on April 8.

YPI 7 graduates include Cindy Boot of Katahdin Trust Company, Krystal Beaulieu of TAMC, Misty Brazier of TAMC, Brandon Carlow of MMG Insurance, Lisa Lajoie of Cary Medical Center, Yancy LaPointe of Katahdin Trust Company, Miranda Lundin of Katahdin Trust Company, Kris Mehta of MMG Insurance, Joshua Mauney of Sitel, Joshua Pelletier of McCain Foods, Nick Poitras of McCain Foods, Kati Roy of MMG Insurance, Rob Swiatek of MMG Insurance, Jason Woodworth of McCain Foods, and Michelle York of TAMC. ★

Don't forget to use #UMPIGRAD14 when you Tweet, or post photos about this year's graduation!

## 2nd annual Safe Homes run/walk held

**T**he University hosted the 2nd Annual Safe Homes Aroostook "Move to End Homelessness" fundraiser on May 4. The 5k fun run/walk started and ended at Gentile Hall and wound along the city's sidewalks and bike path.

Safe Homes Aroostook raised community awareness and funds to support two organizations that work to ensure safe homes for everyone in The County—Hope and Justice Project and Homeless Services of Aroostook.

This year's event saw over 150 participants and raised nearly \$6,000. Participants at this year's event received an event T-shirt; and, on top of that, they

received a pedometer, water bottle, and event bracelet. Prizes were given for top fundraisers and teams with the most participants, and drawings were available for raffle prizes. In addition, there were activities in the Gentile Hall gym for children to enjoy.

This year's Safe Homes run/walk was organized by UMPI's Project Management class, taught by Bryan Thompson, Assistant Professor of Business at the University.

Hope and Justice Project was founded in 1979 and provides services



throughout The County from Houlton to the St. John Valley. Its mission is to educate the community on domestic violence, give help to victims in achieving safety, including shelter, and to reduce social attitudes that tolerate and foster abuse and violence.

Homeless Services of Aroostook was founded in 1984 and provides shelter, food, and other services to individuals and families with children without a home. The shelter, located in Presque Isle, is the only emergency homeless shelter for the general public in Aroostook County. ★

## Upcountry hosts launch party for latest issue

The staff of UMPI's literary journal celebrated the publication of its latest issue with an official *Upcountry* Reading and Launch Party on May 1.

This very special Winter 2014 issue includes a bountiful selection of written and visual works from both campus and community members, some of them returning contributors and others who are new writers to the journal's pages. This issue had two student editors—Jessica Edney and Kayla Ames. Ames and the journal's advisor, Dr. Melissa Crowe, were on hand for the event along with several of the 15 contributors in this issue.

During the launch party, contributors read from their work, paper copies of the issue were available, and refreshments were provided. As a special addition to this year's launch party, Dr. Crowe read some of the poems from her latest chap-

book, *Girl, Giant*.

"Both my own work in *Girl, Giant* and so many of the poems, stories, essays, and visual images in each issue of *Upcountry* take their inspiration from the landscape, people, and culture of Aroostook County. That's a large part of why we were so excited to share that work with members of the community, especially in person," Crowe said.

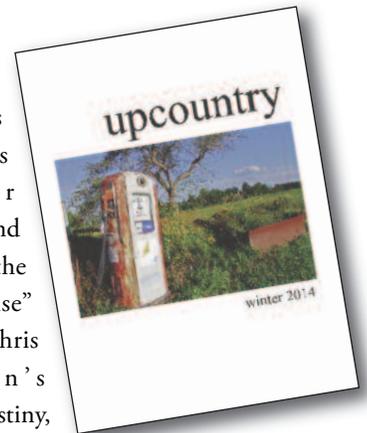
Dedicated to showcasing poems, short stories, personal essays and visual art from the campus community, *Upcountry* is a publication of the University's English Program. Presented both in print and in an interactive, online format, the literary journal is published twice yearly.

The Winter 2014 issue includes the work of 15 writers, poets, photographers, and artists. Works range from Ian

Convey's poems "Water Street" and "To the Lighthouse" and Chris Morton's essay "Destiny,

Damp-Dry and Learning to Try" to Alice Bolstridge's story "Feeding the Animals" and Richard Zuras' poem "Students at a Poetry Reading." Carolyn Anderson's photograph "Farm Fuel" graces the cover.

To view the latest issue of *Upcountry* in its interactive format, visit <http://upcountryjournal.wordpress.com/> and click on the "Expand" button. For more information about *Upcountry*, please contact Dr. Crowe at [upcountry@maine.edu](mailto:upcountry@maine.edu). ★



## BYU-Idaho Sinfonietta performs at UMPI

The Brigham Young University-Idaho Sinfonietta, a 38-member chamber orchestra from Rexburg, Idaho, presented a spring concert in Wieden Auditorium on April 17. The performance was part of a two-week tour through Québec, the Maritime Provinces, and locations in Massachusetts and Maine during April.

Sinfonietta means "a small symphony orchestra, often composed solely of stringed instruments" or "a symphony for fewer than the usual number of instruments." BYU-Idaho's premier orchestra performed a wide range of classical selections during the concert, including Symphony No. 7 by Beethoven and Five Variants of Dives and Lazarus by Vaughan Williams.



Drawn from the BYU-Idaho Symphony Orchestra, members of the Sinfonietta are selected by audition and represent the finest musicians on their campus. Each player brings many years of previous experience, and adheres to an ambitious rehearsal and performance schedule.

The ensemble is under the direction of Dr. Robert Tueller, faculty member of the BYU-Idaho Department of Music. He also directs cello studies, the Symphony Orchestra and University Baroque Ensemble. BYU-Idaho is located in Rexburg, Idaho, and serves students from all 50 states and over 40 countries. During the past Winter Semester, enrollment stood at 15,500 students, with 1,140 from Canada and 69 from Massachusetts and Maine.

During its tour of Eastern Canada and New England, the BYU-Idaho Sinfonietta performed in spots such as Montréal, Drummondville and Québec City in Québec, as well as in the Maritime cities of Fredericton, Moncton, Saint John, Charlottetown, New Glasgow and Halifax. The group also performed stateside with shows in Presque Isle and Springfield, Massachusetts.

For more information about the BYU-Idaho Sinfonietta, please visit [www.byui.edu/performance-tours/sinfonietta](http://www.byui.edu/performance-tours/sinfonietta). ★

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**UMPI's 105th Commencement**

The University will celebrate its 105th Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 17 at 10:30 a.m. in Wieden Gymnasium. A reception for graduates, family and friends will be held in the Campus Center immediately following the ceremony. FMI, contact Denise Hamel at 768.9520 or denise.hamel@umpi.edu.



**Shirley Rush gives final presentation on Tanzania**

Shirley Rush, MSW and Associate Professor of Social Work, gave her final public presentation about her Trustee Professorship in Northern Tanzania. She discussed the different projects she worked



on. Shirley gave two other presentations, one in March on the people she met and one in April on the places she visited.

**UMPI/Community Band Spring Concert**

The UMPI/Community Band presented a concert on May 5 in Wieden Auditorium. Under the baton of Jon Simonoff, they offered a variety of music including classic band literature, settings of choral music for concert band, marches, as well as more contemporary works. FMI about the band, contact Jon Simonoff at jonsimonoff@gmail.com.



**Jim Casciano accepts new position**

Assistant Athletic Director and Men's Head Basketball Coach Jim Casciano has accepted the position of Men's Head Basketball Coach at Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte, North Carolina. Casciano was

the Men's Head Basketball Coach for the UMPI Owls for three seasons. We wish him the best.

**May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month**

Reid Plimpton is a senior at UM Farmington and an intern at the Center for Disease Control. One of his goals is to increase awareness and prevention of Lyme disease throughout the state. He explained that warmer weather is coming, so it's time to start thinking about being outdoors as well as proper protection from ticks. Cases of Lyme disease increase yearly in Maine, with over 1,300 reported in 2013. Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that is caused by a bite from an infected deer tick. The most common and visible symptom of Lyme disease is a red bulls-eye rash that grows and appears within 3-30 days of exposure. Other symptoms may include fever and joint or muscle pain. A tick must be attached to an individual for at



least 24 hours to transmit the disease. Lyme disease is treatable and most individuals recover completely with proper drugs. However, the easiest way to avoid Lyme disease is preventing tick bites. Use caution in tick infested areas, wear protective clothing, use an EPA approved repellent, and perform daily tick checks. For additional information, please go to [www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/vector-borne/lyme/month/index.shtml](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/vector-borne/lyme/month/index.shtml).

**Class of 2014 holds Senior Banquet**

The Class of 2014 will hold its Senior Banquet on Friday, May 16, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Campus Center. Faculty and staff are invited to attend the evening of celebration for graduating seniors with a buffet dinner, senior slide show, and gifts for the graduates.



**Geo-Ecology Club goes to northern Arizona and southern Colorado**

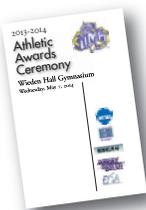
*The Geo-Ecology Club has recently completed one of its most ambitious spring break trips in a long history of such trips at UMPI. Over nine days, the club flew from Presque Isle to Flagstaff, Arizona, where a van was rented to travel across northern Arizona to Durango, Colorado, and return. The Arizona travels started at the Grand Canyon, where 50 mph winds took trip leader Kevin McCartney's hat to be added to canyon sedimentation. Other major points of interest included Sedona, Meteor Crater, Petrified Forest and Canyon de Chelly in Arizona and Mesa Verde and the southern Rockies in Colorado. Shiprock in New Mexico and Monument Valley in Utah were also visited. The club collected rocks and visited archeological sites throughout the region. The trip was the result of a year of planning and fundraising by the club. Besides support from the Student Senate, the club received a \$1000 grant that was matched by university funds, plus \$500 from the UMPI Foundation and donations from University faculty and alumni. The club has established a small rock-and-minerals-for-sale business to help raise money. Plans and fundraising have already begun for next year's return to Iceland. ★*

# notes

The cost is \$8 for graduates and \$12 for guests. RSVP by Friday, May 9th to Heather Kennedy at 768.9543 or heather.l.kennedy@umpi.edu.

## 2013-2014 Athletic Awards Ceremony

The University will hold its annual Athletic Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 7 in the Wieden Hall Gymnasium. The social starts at 5:30 p.m. with light hors d'oeuvres, and the ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to join our student-athletes and the Athletics Department staff as they celebrate their many achievements for the 2013-2014 athletic season. The move to Wieden Hall Gymnasium should provide ample seating for all who want to attend. RSVP to Sandy McDougal, indicating number of people attending, at sandra.mcdougal@umpi.edu.



## Houlton HEC to hold graduation recognition

The Houlton Higher Education Center will hold its graduation recognition on Wednesday, May 23, 6 p.m. at the Houlton Community Arts Center, 7 Bird St., Houlton. Fred Grant, owner of Northern Maine Media, Inc., will be the guest



speaker. After the awards and gift presentations, there will be light refreshments. RSVP by May 16 to Linda Hickman at 521.3100, ext. 3105.

## Heather Sincavage has two exhibitions

In the fall, art professor Heather Sincavage participated in an exhibition at Penn State Lehigh Valley, entitled "The Eighth Street Bridge Turns 100," which was an invitational exhibition of leading Lehigh Valley artists, living and dead, to show work that commemorates the anniversary. She created a cast paper installation that used embedded recordings of the bridge crossing. Her piece was entitled "When I'm Almost There." She was in another exhibition at A.I.R. Gallery in Brooklyn, NY, Dec. 5 through Jan. 4. The exhibition was entitled "Generations IX: Red/Pink show." Over 250 women artists participated in this multi-medium, multi-generational show. The piece she exhibited was "Her Coronation of the Place Between," which was a "body drawing" using kohl pencil and talc. She was also selected out of 1,500 artists to the Juried Exhibition in Print, *Studio Visit*. Her work will appear in the upcoming Spring edition. The pieces to be published are body drawings, entitled "I, More Than All Others" and "Her Coronation of the Places Between."



## UMPI hosted 34th Annual Spring Runoff 5K Road Race

The University of Maine at Presque Isle's Cross Country team hosted its 34th Annual Spring Runoff 5K Road Race on Saturday, April 12, at Wieden Gymnasium. The event was open to walkers and runners, with walkers starting at 9:30 a.m. and runners and



relay (3-person) starting at 10 a.m. T-shirts were given to the first 60 entrants courtesy of Aroostook Beverage.

## NEACAC College Fair

UMPI will host the New England Association for College Admission Counseling College Fair on Tuesday, May 20, at 9 a.m. in Gentile Hall. Over 600 Aroostook County high school students are



expected to attend. There will be over 50 representatives from colleges around the country—mostly the northeast—with tables set up with information. This will be a great opportunity for local school students to learn about the wide variety of colleges and universities that may offer degrees of interest to them. FMI, contact Erin Benson at 768-9453 or erin.benson@umpi.edu.

## 18th Annual Spring Ball

The University held its 18th Annual Spring Ball on April 25. The theme this year was Moonlight Masquerade. Everyone enjoyed hors d'oeuvres before a dinner of salad, chicken bruschetta, pasta primavera with vegetables, and chocolate mousse and royal purple velvet cake! After the meal, music was provided by DJ Jake Ball, along with a vocal performance by Stephen Thorne, a



dance performance by Emily Brawn and a special performance by the students and staff!

## Student Activities Office hosts Easter Egg hunt

The Student Activities Office hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for area youth up to age 10 on Saturday, April 12, in the Campus Center. Over 250 kids, plus their parents, attended the event. There were over 3,000 eggs, plus a certain number of "golden" eggs with special prizes in them. The children also had a coloring contest, and were able to take pictures with the Easter Bunny. ★



## Welcome Chef Manager Joseph Gervais

ARAMARK Dining Services welcomes their new Chef Manager, Joseph Gervais to the University of Maine Dining Program. Joe has over 10 years' experience in the hospitality industry, beginning with attending the Culinary Arts program at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. Since arriving in Northern Maine, he has worked a variety of venues, most recently as Executive Chef at the Crow's Nest. We look forward to the new guidance of our dining program under his leadership of our culinary team. Joe lives in Caribou with his wife Joanna and his two children, Sage and Quinn. ★



## Another addition to the UMPI family!

Amanda and Patrick Baker have a new addition! **Zoey Marie Baker** was born on Sunday, March 9. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 inches long. Congratulations!



activities 2.09–3.05.2014

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
MAY 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24

**May 7**

**CRU Bible Study**  
5pm, CC118  
**Athletic Awards Ceremony**  
5:30pm, MPR  
**Christian devotionals** 6:30pm, CC118

**May 8**

**SOSW** 12:30pm, CC118  
**Bio-Med Club**  
12:30pm, Alumni Room  
**Games Club**  
6:30pm, Owl's Nest

**May 9**

**Last day of classes**  
**GSTA** 12:30pm, CC118  
**International Students Club** 1pm, Alumni Room  
**Games Club Warmachine**  
6:30pm, Pullen 111

**May 10**

**Outdoor Rock Climbing** at Acadia National Park, 6am, Gentile Hall  
**Live Action Role Playing** 6:30pm, Pullen 112, 113 & Fols105

**May 11**

**Kappa Delta Phi**  
6:30pm, Alumni Room

**May 12**

**Final Exams begin**

**May 13**

**Bio-Med Club**  
12:30pm, CC118

**May 14**

**Christian devotionals**  
6:30pm, CC118

**May 15**

**Final Examinations end**  
**SEAM** 12:30pm, Alumni Room

**Games Club**  
6:30pm, Owl's Nest

**May 16**

**Sr Class Banquet**  
6pm, CC  
**Games Club Warmachine**  
6:30pm, CC118

**May 17**

**Commencement**  
10:30am, Wieden Gymnasium

**May 18**

**Ellis Paul concert**  
3pm, Wieden Auditorium (VIP reception at 2pm)

**May 22**

**Games Club**  
6:30pm, Owl's Nest

**May 23**

**Games Club Warmachine**  
6:30pm, CC118

**May 24**

**Live Action Role Playing** 6:30pm, Pullen 112, 113 & Fols 105 ★

**Congratulations Students of the Month**

**Victoria Winslow**  
February 2014

Victoria is a junior from Mapleton, Maine and is majoring in Business Administration. Tori is an exceptional role model on campus. She has consistently been on the Dean's List and she works at the rock wall in Gentile Hall. She is a leader in the Outing Club and she is also a student ambassador for the Admissions Office. Tori is friendly and always willing to help students and staff. ★

**Angela Perlupo**  
March 2014

Angela is from Pittsfield, NH and is a junior majoring in Elementary Education. Angela is a very active member of the UMPI community. For years, she has welcomed and helped students and staff in her work study job at the Library. Angela is an all-around positive role model. ★



above:  
Angela Perlupo  
left:  
Victoria Winslow



UMPI's mascot Hootie was at the Presque Isle Airport in April to welcome the visiting NEASC team. He was a big hit not just with the team, but with everyone who arrived at PQI. Go Owls!

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