

University hosts 105th Commencement

Two hundred and thirteen students graduated from the University on May 17, during the 2014 Commencement Exercises – the University's 105TH Commencement cere-



Ellis Paul receives his Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

mony. President Linda Schott conferred degrees for the 2013-2014 academic year upon 138 students who participated in the ceremony held in Wieden Gymnasium.

Ellis Paul, the nationally acclaimed folk singer-songwriter, addressed the graduates as this year's commencement speaker and also offered up a very special musical presentation. During the graduation event, he was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree.

A veteran, constantly-touring troubadour, Ellis Paul is one of the most respected artists in the folk genre. As one of the top American singer-songwriters, Ellis Paul has won numerous national awards including an unprecedented 14 Boston Music Awards. His literate streak has inspired the frequent use of his songs in



Class Marshals, Tyler Cavanaugh and Josh MacKinnon, lead the Class of 2014 in their graduation march.

TV shows as well as several blockbuster Hollywood films with stars such as Jim Carrey, Gwyneth Paltrow and Jack Black.

He has performed with countless acclaimed musicians, including: Pete Seeger, Arlo Guthrie, Patty Griffin, John Mayer, Ani DiFranco, Dar Williams, Shawn Colvin, and the country band, Sugarland. At the *continued on page 2*

Community partners announce County Summer Series

Agrowing interest in triathlon and run/walk events in Aroostook has brought together four County organizations, each working to improve the health and wellbeing of area residents, to present a series of activities in northern Maine this summer for all ages and ability levels.

After seeing the number of registrants more than double for triathlons hosted for both adults and youth from the first year they were offered in The County (2012) to last summer, a second offering is being added for youth. Additionally, a swell in participation in 5K races and fun run/walks throughout the region has spurred a new such

event, the return of one of the most popular and unique, and the introduction of a half marathon for running enthusiasts in the coming season.



The County Fit and Fun Summer Series was announced at a press conference this spring in the pool area of UMPI's Gentile Hall. Representatives from partner organizations UMPI, TAMC, CompetitorME, and the Aroostook County Action Program's Healthy Aroostook Partnership were all present for

the announcement, along with participants who will take part in the activity.

The summer series will both begin and *continued on page 4*

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UMPI, Red Cross to host Super Blood Drive

The American Red Cross and UMPI's Residence Life Office are teaming up to pull off the University's seventh "Super" Blood Drive. The drive will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 30, in the Gentile Hall Gym, and is sponsored by the University and cosponsored by Pat's Pizza, Big Cheese Pizza, Wal-Mart, and Country Farm's Market.

Each year, the UMPI Residence Life Office helps coordinate three blood drives on campus, one in the summer, one in the fall and one in the spring. Since 1987, 4,757 pints of blood have been collected at UMPI. According to the American Red Cross, the need for blood increases during the summer months. The reasons are two-fold: People are more active during the summer and thus are more likely to receive injuries that require blood, and the amount of donations decreases during the summer due to people being busy.

At the Super Blood Drive, all presenting donors can:

- Receive a new American Red Cross T-shirt,
- Receive a coupon for a FREE day pass to any Maine State Park, and
- Enter a drawing to win a complete family camping package from Eureka and a free week of camping.



Everyone is encouraged to help save lives at one of the largest American Red Cross blood drives in Aroostook County. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE [1-800-448-3543] or log onto www.newenglandblood.org and type 04769 in the zip code field to make your appointment today. The goal is to collect at least 300 pints of life-saving blood.

If you are not interested in donating, but would like to help out, be a volunteer for one of the following tasks: 9-11:30 a.m. – Set up tables and chairs prior to the blood drive; 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. – Escorting donors to the canteen and working the canteen; 5:30-8 p.m. – Taking down tables and chairs.

For more information about this event, call 768.9601. ★

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request of Woody Guthrie's daughter Nora, Ellis was invited to the Woody



Dr. Jason Johnston pins a snowy owl to a graduate's gown during commencement.

Guthrie archives, picked an unreleased lyric and wrote the song *God's Promise* which is an official co-write with his hero, Woody Guthrie.

In addition to performing more than 150 shows annually for the past 25 years, Ellis Paul has performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., The Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame in Ohio, Carnegie Hall in New York City, as well as festivals, clubs, schools and community coffee-houses all over the globe. Through the record label Black Wolf Records, which

he co-founded in 1994, he has released over 20 musical projects, as well as books and films/videos.

Also during UMPI's commencement exercises, University of Maine System Board of Trustees Chair Samuel W. Collins delivered greetings. Stephen D. Richard, UMPI Board of Visitors Chair, William A. Breton, UMPI Faculty Assembly Chair, and Joshua C. MacKinnon, President of the Class of 2014, offered remarks on behalf of each group, respectively.

This year's Commencement was live streamed on the University's website so family and friends who couldn't attend would have the opportunity to see the Class of 2014 graduate. Viewers from around the world were expected to tune in for the ceremony.

Another special component of this year's event was the first-ever pinning of all marching graduates with a special symbol of campus. Each graduate was given a lapel pin depicting a snowy owl with its wings outstretched in flight. Meant to symbolize how each of them

are spreading their wings and soaring on to great heights, graduates were asked "Where will your wings take you?" They will have the opportunity to share their stories—about contributions they make in their career fields, ways that they serve their communities, and adventures that they have around the world—on a new website that has been created, www.umpi.edu/your-wings. All alums, not just this year's graduating class, are encouraged to add their stories on this site.

A reception for graduates, family and friends was held in the Campus Center immediately following the ceremony. ★



Members of the Class of 2014 sing the alma mater "Rise Up, Presque Isle" that Ellis Paul wrote for UMPI.

UMPI student travels 1,450 miles to graduate

The road to a college degree can be long for many college students, but it usually doesn't involve a 1,450-mile, three-day road trip each way with a spouse and three kids in tow. But that's exactly the journey that UMPI Online English major Heather Herbert and her family took—from their home in Cumming, Georgia, which is north of Atlanta, to Presque Isle—so she could receive her Bachelor's degree in person.

Herbert is the first student from UMPI to earn her degree completely through online courses and then travel to campus to participate in its graduation ceremonies. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English, with a dual minor in psychology and humanities.

"This is my first Bachelor's degree," Herbert said, explaining why her family opted for the journey. "I want my kids to see what happens when you get your degree. All they know is



Heather Herbert, right, and her family enjoy a moment of fun in the UMPI library after traveling 1,450 miles so she could march in graduation.

that mum has been living in the basement office for the last year, and I want them to see the pay off after the hard work."

Getting her Bachelor's degree is an important career step for Herbert, who works online for Darton State College in Albany, Georgia, which is 225 miles away from where she lives. Herbert serves in the college's Online Writing Center and as a Phi Theta Kappa advisor. About a year ago, she was at the point where she'd earned three Associate degrees, and knew that, if she was going to advance in her career, she would need to pursue a Bachelor's degree. However, earning it at the nearest school

with the program she wanted would mean a three-hour commute. She found about 12 institutions that offered online English degree programs, but found UMPI's program to be the best fit.

Herbert said she has been impressed with the professors she's had the chance to work with during her time at UMPI, and that she's appreciated the opportunity to go into more depth in topics in her classes. Traveling to campus and meeting the professors and staff members she's been interacting with over the last year, she said, just felt like the right way to cap off the experience.

And she already has plans

for what comes next—earning her graduate degree so she can become a college professor and hopefully teach at Darton State. She's been accepted to an Online Master's Degree program in English for Language Arts Teachers at Valdosta State University, in the south of Georgia. The program only admits about five people with each cohort, so Herbert says she's delighted to have been accepted.

Clearly, Herbert's higher education journey isn't over yet, but she did take time to enjoy her achievement and her big day.

"I can't even believe I'm done. Just over a year ago, I still didn't know if I would be able to do my Bachelor's degree. I'm so glad I found UMPI's program. It's just a huge relief to reach this milestone. I'm just so pleased. It's fantastic. I'm delighted. And now, thanks to UMPI, I'm ready to start my Master's degree." ★

UMPI delegation travels to China

A small delegation from UMPI traveled to Beijing and Xi'an, China, in May to renew partnerships and develop new ones with several Chinese universities and education groups. The delegation consisted of President Linda Schott and her husband Tom Fuhrmark; Dr. Ray Rice, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Rachel Rice, Director of Community and Media

Relations; and Dr. Zhu-qi Lu, UMPI Professor of Math and his wife Huidu Lu. Dr. Lu and his wife served as interpreters and guides.

The goals of the trip were to meet with Chinese education officials, determine where new collaborations could be made, interview students considering UMPI, and experience as much Chinese history and culture as possible. The trip also provided the

opportunity to visit with several UMPI alums now living and working in China and to connect with the visiting scholar from Siyuan University who will travel to UMPI in September and work on campus for the fall semester.

To read about the delegation's experience and to see pictures from the trip, check out the UMPI in China blog that was created during the trip: <http://wp.umpi.edu/umpiinchina>. ★

Ellis Paul delivers hometown performance

Nationally acclaimed singer-songwriter and Presque Isle native Ellis Paul delivered a hometown concert in UMPI's Campus Center on May 18—a performance that featured lots of audience participation and had attendees on their feet several times throughout the afternoon.

The fun started with a special VIP reception with Ellis Paul at 2 P.M. in the Alumni Room prior to his concert. This special music lovers' reception included a CD signing session, Americana themed refreshments, and a chance to participate in a short jam session with Ellis Paul.

To kick off the 3 P.M. concert, local musician Travis Cyr provided the opening act. Cyr won this opportunity by participating in the "Snag the Spotlight with Ellis" contest, conducted on UMPI's facebook and twitter pages.

Then, Ellis Paul took the stage, offering some of his most beloved songs and telling many a crowd-pleasing story in between.



Fans young and old were entranced by Ellis Paul during his hometown concert on May 18.

Audience members especially loved his "Johnny Cash" song, which involved singing parts for the crowd, as well as his decision to call up local elementary school students to help him sing some of his children's songs.

Ellis Paul's performance took place during the same weekend that he served as UMPI's graduation speaker and honorary degree recipient. This special concert serves as a fundraiser for UMPI's Auditorium Renovation Project.

Ellis Paul has spent more than 20 years touring as a musician and is one of the most respected artists in the folk genre. He has won numerous national 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 musical projects, as well as books and film/videos. ★

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ends with the triathlon events at UMPI. The return of the popular Tri-Aroostook for adults on the morning of Saturday, June 28, was added to this year with the first-ever Tri-Aroostook Kids contest following the adult competition in the afternoon. Both of these events, the only sanctioned by USA Triathlon in northern Maine, were coordinated by CompetitorME, a new County-based organization, along with lead partners TAMC and UMPI.

Youth will have another opportunity to experience a kid-friendly triathlon at the summer series closing event on Sunday, September 7. Like the Tri-Aroostook events, the third annual REDY . . . Set . . . Let's Go! Youth Triathlon, hosted by ACAP's Healthy Aroostook Partnership, TAMC and UMPI, is based on the University campus, specifically Gentile Hall.

"We are so pleased to have two of the region's premier triathlon events return to our campus at the start and end of the summer and to see even more health and wellness-focused activities happening in between," UMPI President Linda Schott said.

The County Fit and Fun Summer Series will feature two first-time events, coordinated by CompetitorME. The Midsummer's Night Glow Run, on Saturday, July 12, will include both a 5K and 10K road race departing from the Gehrig Johnson Athletic Complex at Presque Isle Middle School just prior to sunset and

winding through the streets of Presque Isle.

The second event will bring a half-marathon to the region on Sunday, August 31. The Harvest Half Marathon (13.1 mile distance) is for all ages and will start and finish on the UMPI campus, extending through the City of Presque Isle and area countryside.

The sixth event to be included in The County Fit and Fun Summer Series will be the second annual Color Presque Isle 5K co-hosted by UMPI and the Wintergreen Arts Center. Color Presque Isle, on Saturday, Aug. 30, combines fun, fitness and the arts, and begins and ends at Riverside Park. Proceeds from the benefit support arts programming at UMPI and the Wintergreen Arts Center. Last year's event was among the largest fun run/walks in the region, drawing over 400 participants.

Organizers hope that by promoting the County Fit and Fun Summer Series collectively, event planners are further helping to establish northern Maine as a destination for running and fitness enthusiasts from across the United States and Canada.

For more information about Tri-Aroostook, Tri-Aroostook Kids, Midsummer's Night Glow Run/Walk, or Harvest Half Marathon, visit www.competitorme.com. For more information about Color Presque Isle, visit www.umpi.edu/color-presqueisle5k. For more information about REDY . . . Set . . . Let's Go! Youth Triathlon, visit www.redyouthtriathlon.org. ★



TRiO receives EPSCoR grant

High school sophomores in TRiO Upward Bound at UMPI will have the opportunity to participate in a two-week learning experience on climate change as a part of the summer residential program thanks to a \$3,000 mini-grant from the Maine Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research [EPSCoR].

TRiO College Access Services received a Maine EPSCoR Year 5 Workforce Development grant for their project "Examining Climate Changes: An Interdisciplinary Learning Experience for Upward Bound Students." The grant will provide funding to support staff and faculty for the two-week unit.

"We are really excited

about this approach we're taking with our rising sopho-



mores," Darylen Cote, Director of TRiO College Access Services, said. "This opportunity will connect students with ideas about what exciting STEM career fields they might pursue that would involve all their skills in science, math and English."

Cote said the goal of this unit is to make a significant impact on the students' academic choices and mindset. Students will be able to document the direct impact of climate change on their habitat,

be inspired to take positive action to promote and live in ways that reduce their own carbon 'footprint,' and take what they have learned to their communities.

The 30 students directly involved will study climate change through the lens-



es of climate science/biology, literature and presentation skills, and mathematics, working as a team to address the effects of climate change on a specific element of the ecosystem, such as birds, wildlife, trees, and insects.

A centerpiece of the exper-

ience will consist of a week-end field trip to the Deboullie Lakes Ecological Reserve in northern Maine. Other trips include visits to the Fort Kent Bog, the Honey Bee Research and Nature Center in Madawaska, and several shorter field trips to hear and see about climate change first-hand.

The students will be introduced to several basic mathematical, scientific, and English concepts and skills taught by three certified teachers. Dr. Carson Dobrin, local high school science teacher, LeAnn Abbot Fereshetian, math teacher from Mars Hill, and Anna Tremblay, retired English teacher from Fort Fairfield, are the primary faculty teaching and planning this integrated unit. ★

Shapiro offers thunderstorm workshop

The University will host a Thunderstorm Safety/Spotter Workshop with WAGM Chief Meteorologist Ted Shapiro on Wednesday, June 25 from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. in Folsom Hall Room 303. Campus and community members of all ages are encouraged to attend this free event.

"I'll be sharing some important weather-watching skills everyone should know to help them identify impending thunderstorms so they can properly prepare for them," Shapiro said. "I'll also teach folks about clues they can look for in the morning, hours before thunderstorms have even developed!"

While Northern Maine experiences severe thunderstorms every year, even non-severe thunderstorms can be deadly, so it is critical to know the signs that a storm may be brewing, Shapiro explained.

While many people think that lightning causes the greatest loss of life in thunderstorms, it is actually flash flooding during these storms that causes the most fatalities, and, to illustrate that point, Shapiro will show some incredible video of a rapid road washout.

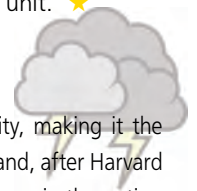
"I would love to see parents and teachers bring their school-age kids to this workshop to learn about thunderstorm safety," Shapiro said. "My motto is: Be prepared for thunderstorms this summer . . . know the signs ahead of time!"

Ted Shapiro was born and raised near Washington, D.C. He has served as Chief Meteorologist at WAGM-TV in Presque Isle since 2006. He also teaches a field course in weather observation at UMPI.

This workshop is part of UMPI's StormReady efforts. In 2007, UMPI received a federal designation as a National Weather

Service StormReady University, making it the second campus in New England, after Harvard University, and the 21st campus in the nation to receive this designation. Established in 1999, StormReady helps arm communities with the planning, communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property before and during storm events. Program "communities" can include cities, towns, universities, Indian Nations, and government and private entities. Among the requirements that must be met to maintain a StormReady designation is promoting the importance of public readiness through community seminars.

For more information about this free event, please contact UMPI's Community and Media Relations Office at 768.9452. To confirm your attendance, please contact Shapiro at tshapiro@wagmtv.com. ★



Evelyn Kok remembered during memorial

The University held a memorial for Evelyn Kok, a longtime member of the UMPI community, on June 9. Kok, 91, passed away in Presque Isle on



April 26, 2014, with her husband and her niece by her side. She was born in Belmont, Mass., on April 11, 1923, the daughter of Anton and Cora (Wing) Olsen.

A “Celebration of Evelyn’s Life” was held at UMPI to provide the region with an opportunity to gather, share remembrance remarks, and recollect a lady who, with her husband, had a powerful impact on the community. A similar gathering was planned for Stonington, where Evelyn and her husband Jan summered from 1972 to 2010.

The Koks had been fixtures of the UMPI campus since arriving in 1952, when the institution was known as the Aroostook State Teachers College. Jan Kok, who came to the school with a Master’s degree from Harvard University,

joined the faculty as a music professor. Evelyn Kok, who trained as an artist and medical illustrator, joined the staff as a librarian. In the decades since then, they shared their love for music and art with the entire Aroostook County community.

They were both members of the Presque Isle Recorder Consort and were always eager to share their love of music by visiting local elementary schools. Jan Kok also established the musical groups the Hilltop Carolers and the Ren-Bar (for Renaissance-Baroque), and for more than half a century was involved in the Kiwanis Talent Revue.

In addition, Evelyn Kok gave water color lessons and guitar lessons in her home. She also created a map of Aroostook County for the County Chamber of Commerce, which conveyed her love of the region.

The couple was honored in 2013 with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce.

Evelyn is survived by her husband, Jan Kok, their son, “Mac” in Fort Collins, Colorado, Mac’s wife, Peggy Tsai Kok, their children, Ada and Aaron, and by Evelyn’s niece, Christina Shipps in Stonington. ★

UMPI team participates in Relay for Life

UMPI representation was strong at this year’s American Cancer Society Relay for Life event held on Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7 on the track at Caribou High School. The annual event starts on Friday evening and involves hundreds of people taking turns walking around the track throughout the night and into the morning. The event as a whole raised more than \$123,000 and the UMPI Owls Relay for Life team won the top prize for most money raised by a non-profit team for the third year in a row, raising more than \$12,400 for the event. Additionally, UMPI Owl team member Laurie Boucher was one of the top three individual fund-raisers from Aroostook County.

Boucher estimated that the team has raised nearly \$47,000 in the past five years for the American Cancer Society through Relay for Life.



The UMPI Owls Relay for Life team won the top prize for most money raised by a non-profit team for the third year in a row during this year’s Relay for Life event in early June.

This year’s event included a survivor lap, activities throughout the 16-hour event, and a luminary display—more than 1,400 luminaries were lit, each showcasing the names and pictures of those who had successfully fought the disease and those who lost the battle.

This year’s UMPI team had about 40 members, including family and friends, and about a dozen of them stayed overnight so that someone was always walking laps around the track. In addition,

the UMPI Relay for Life team was the only team with a service dog who actually walked during the event. Saint Lowman, who assists Dr. Jacqui Lowman, raised over \$650, and they walked a lap for every person that made a donation on their behalf.

According to team member Dr. Lisa Leduc, these funds support research as well as patient services nationwide. In Maine, residents use ACS services to get transportation to treatments and for lodging during treatments. In fact, Mainers use the Hope Lodge in Boston—funded completely by ACS money—more than any other out-of-state residents. The funds also support other patient services like the 1-800 support line and are used to award research grants, like the ones the Jackson Laboratory has received. For more info on what the ACS does with the funds it raises, please visit www.cancer.org. ★

Students honored during Convocation 2014

More than 70 students were honored during the University's 2014 Awards Convocation, held on April 27 in the Campus Center. The annual convocation event includes student awards for outstanding achievement in academic areas, scholarship announcements, and the recognition of the Student Senate, UMPI's Maine Policy Scholar, Honors Program participants, and those named to the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges. The Distinguished Teaching Award and Distinguished Staff Award also are given during the event.

Departmental Academic Area awards and scholarships:

ROWENA FORBES, Art History Award
HEATHER HERBERT, English Book Award
MARC KNAPP, Film Scholar Award
MIRANDAH AKELEY, Fine Art Talent Award
KATI CHRISTOFFEL, Fine Art Talent Award
KELSEY CHURCHILL, General Biology I Award
MICHAELA BRAGG, Humanities Scholarship Award
DASHI LI, Mathematics-Science Scholarship Award
KAYLA AMES, Outstanding Achievement in Professional Communication and Journalism
KIMBERLY ENGLUND, Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Accounting
MATTHEW TOMPKINS, Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Accounting
JOSIAH BRAZIER, Outstanding

Achievement in the Field of Business Management
HENRY PELLETIER, Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Project Management & Information Systems
LUCAS BARTLETT, Outstanding Athletic Training Major Award
ALEX CSIERNIK, Outstanding Athletic Training Major Award
BENJAMIN HAMILTON, Outstanding Criminal Justice Major Award
DANELLE GRENIER, Outstanding Elementary Education Major
DESIREE GENTHNER, Outstanding History Major Award
JUSTIN HOWE, Outstanding History Major Award
RANDI KAPLAN, Outstanding Physical Education Major Award
AMANDA DOIRON, Outstanding Post-Baccalaureate Education Student
TIFFANY FRASER,

Outstanding Post-Baccalaureate Education Student
WHITNEY FLINT, Physical Therapist Assistant Program Academic Achievement Award
KEVIN HUSTON, Physical Therapist Assistant Program Academic Achievement Award
JOEY BARD, Outstanding Recreation Major
HILARY SAUCY, Ruel Parks "Rising Star" Memorial Scholarship
NICOLE DUPLESSIS, University Times Advisor Award
STEPHANIE JELLETT, University Times Advisor Award
Twenty-eight students were recognized for their activity in the Honors Program:
MIRANDA BICKFORD, JENNY BLAISDELL, BRANDON BONNEY, MAKAILA BOURGOINE, HANNAH BOYCE, ASHLEY CHRISTIE, KELSEY CHURCHILL, JESSICA COPPOLA, TIFFANY CURTIS, MALLORIE CYR, HAZEN DAUPHINE, ELIZABETH DAY, ASHLEY

DROST, TAYLOR DWYER, DYLAN HACKWORTH, ERICA HEMPHILL, KATELYN HEWITT, VANNESSA HIGGINS, ANDREW HUNT, DAVID HUNTLEY, KATARINA JENSON, JAMIE MARTIN, ALEXANDER METRANO, THOMAS PIETROSKI, NATASHA SMITH, MICHELLE TARDIFF, NICK WHITEHEAD, and DALE WINSLOW.
This year's Maine Policy Scholar, ANGELINA JACKMAN, was recognized for her work during the 2013-2014 academic year.
Ten students were recognized for being named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges:
LUCAS BARTLETT, ZACHARY BENNER, MARK CAVANAUGH, COURTNEY CRAY, ALEXANDER CSIERNIK, SARA GENDREAU, MOLLY LINDSEY, STEVEN MCDUGAL, DONNA ROBICHAUD, and MICHAEL WARNER, Esq.
Four Student Senate scholarships were pre-

sented. Alan Arman Memorial Scholarship: ZACHARY BENNER. Monica G. Gilbert Memorial Scholarship: COREY LEVESQUE. Steven Edward Eagles Memorial Scholarship: CODY TOMPKINS. T.W. Morrison Scholarship: KATHRYN PATENAUDE.
Student Senators for the 2013-2014 academic year were honored for their contributions to student government: JESSICA COPPOLA, WENDY GENTHNER, DYLAN HACKWORTH, JEFFREY JAMIESON, THOMAS JEH, MICHAEL MUIR, RYAN OUELLETTE, CRAIG PULLEN, and LEAH RODRIGUEZ.
The Distinguished Teaching Award was presented to BARBARA BLACKSTONE, Coordinator of Athletic Training Education and Chair of the College of Professional Programs; **the Distinguished Staff Award** was presented to KEITH MADORE, Director of Alumni Relations and Development. ★



ABOVE, FROM LEFT: Heather Sincavage, Hyrum Benson, Kati Christoffel, Mirandah Akeley, Rowena Forbes; Kelsey Churchill; Dashi Li; Matthew Tompkins, Kimberly Englund; Josiah Brazier; Lucas Bartlett, Barb Blackstone, Alex Csiernik; Benjamin Hamilton. BELOW, FROM LEFT: Danelle Grenier & daughter; Desiree Genthner; Randi Kaplan; Amanda Doiron & Tiffany Fraser; Kevin Huston & Whitney Flint; Hilary Saucy; Ray Rice, Stephanie Jellett & Nicole Duplessis.



Employees honored during recognition event

The University honored several employees for their years of service during the **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION RECEPTION** held on May 15.

Twenty-five employees were recognized for their combined 490 years of service to the University. Employees were honored with various tokens of appreciation, from clocks to framed art.

40 years of service: CHARLES HOLMQUIST and ELDON LEVESQUE.

35 years of service: ANDY GILES and DONNA UNDERWOOD.

30 years of service: Virginia Fischer.

25 years of service: BARBARA DEVANEY, CLARE EXNER, BARBARA LAMBERT, PHILIP PARKS and CHRISTOPHER SMITH.

20 years of service: NOLA BELANGER.

15 years of service:

BARBARA BLACKSTONE, BARBARA CHALOU, MITCHELL JAMES, MARTEEN HESTER, DEBORAH HODGKINS, LINDA MASTRO, JAY ROBINSON, and GREG SHAW.

10 years of service: ERIC BRISSETTE, DARYLEN COTE, and DAVID OUELLETTE.

5 years of service:

JANNIE DURR, CAROLYN DORSEY-DUREPO, and WILLIAM MORE.

During the Recognition Reception, officials also honored seven retirees:

LAURA BOUCHARD, Administrative Specialist with TRiO Upward Bound; BARB CHALOU, Professor of Education; MALCOLM COULTER, Lecturer in Math; CLARE EXNER, Professor of Business Management; ANDY GILES, Professor of Art; LINDA GRAVES, Professor of Medical Laboratory Technology and Program Director; and ROBERT PINETTE, Professor of Biology. ★

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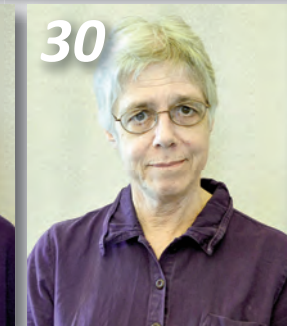
40 years - Charlie Holmquist & Eldon Levesque

35 years - Donna Underwood

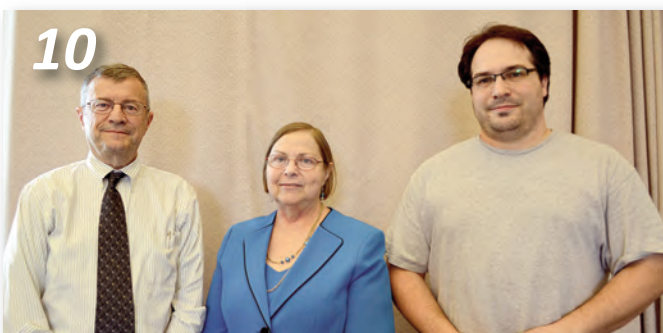
30 years - Virginia Fischer

25 years - Bonnie Devaney & Barb Lambert

20 years - Nola Belanger



15 years - Linda Mastro, Barb Chalou, Marteen Hester, Barb Blackstone, Deb Hodgkins, and Jay Robinson



10 years - Dave Ouellette, Darylen Cote, Eric Brissette



5 years - Carolyn Dorsey-Durepo & Jannie Durr

Sports! Sports! Sports!

UMPI hosts annual Athletic Awards Banquet

The University held its annual Athletic Awards Banquet on May 7. All 12 intercollegiate athletic programs at UMPI gathered in the Wieden Hall Gymnasium for the event. Each team honored a "Rookie of the Year," "Most Inspirational" and "Most Valuable Player" student-athlete in addition to several other department-wide awards for the 2013-2014 school year.



Most Valuable Players

Men's Cross Country
Philip Boody
Women's Cross Country
Kayla Legassie
Men's Golf
Michael Balmer
Men's Soccer
Lucas Bartlett
Women's Soccer
Jen Ouellette
Women's Volleyball
Shannon Brown
Men's Basketball
Michael Warner
Women's Basketball
Olivia McNally
Men's Nordic Skiing
Ethan Burke
Women's Nordic Skiing
Lydia Streinz
Baseball
Josiah Brazier and Alex Csiernik
Softball
Krista Coffin

Most Inspirational

Men's Cross Country
Corey Hebert
Women's Cross Country
Ghazaleh Sailors
Men's Golf
DJ (Kenneth) Conley
Men's Soccer
Seth Cote
Women's Soccer
Jasmine Cote
Women's Volleyball
Shaina Hood
Men's Basketball
Alex Jardine
Women's Basketball
Kathryn Patenaude
Men's Nordic Skiing
Andrew Nesbitt
Women's Nordic Skiing
Natasha Smith
Baseball
Bryan Lucas Molloy
Softball
Kathryn Patenaude and Taylor Cochran

Rookie of the Year

Men's Cross Country
Jessie Sandstrom
Women's Cross Country
Destinee Neureuther
Men's Golf
Eric Depner
Men's Soccer
Erik Gumaer and Derek Healy
Women's Soccer
Taylor Gardner
Women's Volleyball
Abigail Jewett
Men's Basketball
Thiago Conceicao
Women's Basketball
Kristin Thompson and Sydney Churchill
Men's Nordic Skiing
Zacharia Veayo
Women's Nordic Skiing
Lydia Streinz
Baseball
Adam Begos
Softball
Shannon Brown



Michael Warner
MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



Olivia McNally
FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

In WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, **Brigitte Pratt** received the CAPTAIN'S LEADERSHIP AWARD.
The ATHLETIC TRAINING "RISING STAR" AWARD was given to **Molly Lindsey**.
The ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD went to **Alex Csiernik** and **Lucas Bartlett**.

The AL ARMAN (MAKE A DIFFERENCE) AWARD went to **Lucas Bartlett**, men's soccer, and **Kathryn Patenaude**, volleyball, basketball, and softball.
The STANLEY H. SMALL COACHES AWARD was presented to **Joshua MacKinnon**, Assistant Coach for men's soccer.

The DONALD N. ZILLMAN CHARACTER AWARD was presented to **Kathryn Patenaude**, women's volleyball, basketball, and softball.
The ROYAL GOHEEN AWARD for highest team GPA was given to the **Women's Cross Country team**.
The SHARON ROIX AWARD for most improved GPA went to the **Men's Soccer team**.

The RUEL PARKS COACHES AWARD was given to **Darby Toth**, women's basketball.
The evening culminated with two awards: **Michael Warner** received the prestigious MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR honor and **Olivia McNally** was named the FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR. ★

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First Charles Bonin Work Ethic Award

The first Charles Bonin Work Ethic Award was presented on May 15, at the Employee Recognition Reception, to Dr.



Ray Rice,
Interim
Provost and
Vice
President for
Academic
Affairs. On
October 3,
2013, in
honor of
Charlie

Bonin's retirement, President Schott established this employee award. The Charles Bonin Work Ethic Award was established to recognize an employee who demonstrates strong work ethic—including diligence, reliability, and initiative—and has strong principles that benefit the University of Maine at Presque Isle. Congratulations, Ray!

UMPI Spirit Photo Contest Winners

Thanks go out to everyone who participated in the UMPI

Spirit Photo Contest. Students, faculty, and staff submitted 59 photographs – the most ever submitted. Students, faculty, and staff voted for their favorite photos; here are the winners. Most creative photo of UMPI was Lydia Streinz (student) – Snowman and the Windmill; James Stepp (Dean of Students) – top vote getter in the contest, Hot Air Balloon over Merriman Hall (Note: Stepp wanted to participate in the contest but declared himself ineligible to win since he co-sponsors this contest); and Frank Thompson (faculty) – Owl Sculpture in Winter. Having Fun at UMPI photo was Ying Zheng (student) – Students Enjoying Mickey Mouse Ice Cream Bars, and Lenny Cole (staff) – Student on the Rock Climbing Wall. Best Photo of UMPI was Zipeng (Nix) Lieu (student) – Campus Center Shines on a Blue Cloudy Sky; Lydia Streinz (student) – Snow Covered Campus Center Walkway; and Lanette Virtanen (staff) – Owl Sculpture in Autumn. Congratulations to all the win-

ners and thanks to students, faculty, and staff who submitted photos showing their UMPI-Presque Isle pride!

Dr. Cohen attending book fair

Dr. Richard Cohen has been invited again to the largest book fair in Maine, "Books and Boothbay," on July 12. Among the adult fiction authors, held between 1 and 4 p.m., he will be presenting his latest novel for sale to the public, *Our Seas of Fear and Love*. He also recently conducted an interview with Ramon Renteria of *The El Paso Times*, which can be found under his full name, Richard Shain Cohen. Also, in the March issue of *The Midwest Review*, there is a review under "Book Watch."

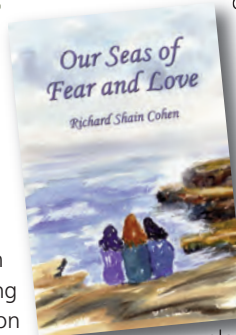
UMPI Volleyball Camp

The Women's Volleyball Team and Head Coach Mark

Kornachuk will be sponsoring a volleyball camp for all those interested in learning or improving their skills in this sport, June 23-27. The camp is open to all volleyball players in grades 6-12, male or female, and any skill level. The camp will run each day in Wieden Hall Gym from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. with an hour for lunch. The camp will include instruction in setting, serving, blocking and hitting. They will also provide training in team play like offense and defense, position, and coverage for hits and blocks. The total price is \$60, which includes a camp Tshirt. If a team of at least 6 register, they get a discount of \$10 off per person. FMI, contact Mark Kornachuk at mark.kornachuk@gmail.com or 999.9836.

Students enjoy a finals stress reliever

On Monday, May 12, in the Library, students enjoyed a little bit of stress relief for finals as Bonnie Wood, a retired biology faculty member, brought

**Biology Students attend 41st Maine Biological and Medical Sciences Symposium**

Seven biology students from UMPI attended the 41st Maine Biological and Medical Sciences Symposium at the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory in Salisbury Cove, ME on April. 18. Five of the students presented a poster from their independent study project which was based on a short course they had taken in January at MDIBL as an extension of their UMPI Genetics course. Their poster was titled: "Mapping the germ granule misexpression transgene elt2-p::PGL-1::GFP + myo-2p::mCherry in *Caenorhabditis elegans*," and the poster described genetics experiments with roundworms as a model system to study genes. Pictured above, left to right: Dr. Judith Roe (UMPI Genetics instructor), Julie Knight, Shane Rucevice, Haleigh Argraves, and Jeff Jamieson (not shown is Errol Ireland III). The short course was supported by Maine INBRE, which is an Institutional Development Award (IDeA) from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health, and Dr. Dustin Updike was the





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in her dog Daisy (yellow lab). Daisy is a certified therapy dog and loves to be petted and help people relieve their stress. Bonnie was also able to answer questions on what it takes for a dog to become a therapy dog. Hopefully, finals were a little easier!

Office of Safety and Security offers new program

The Office of Safety and Security is offering a new program to members of the UMPI Community. A new form has been added to the Campus Security web page, www.umpi.edu/security. The

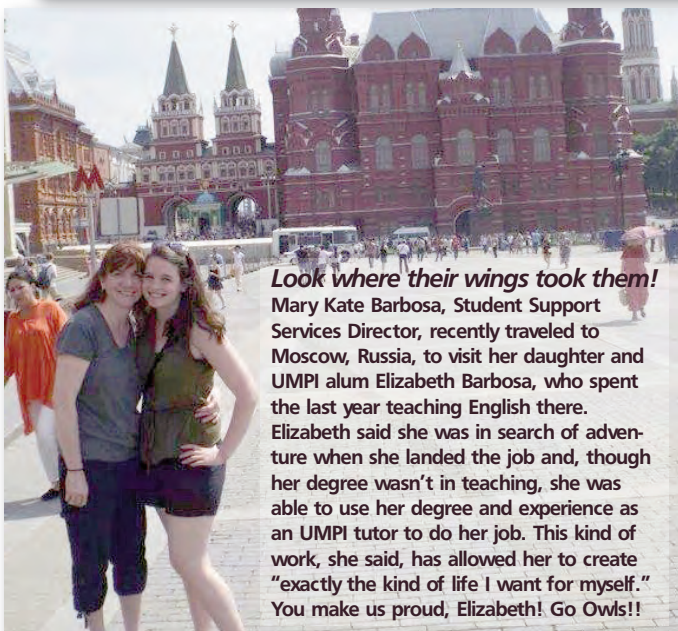
form is for anyone who wants to register their personal property (cell phones, personal computers, etc.). Once you complete the form and submit, the Safety and Security Office will have a record of make, model, serial number, color and a description of the item on file. If an item is lost or stolen, this information will be available to provide to your insurance company or the police. The link is listed under "Personal Property Registration Form." If you have any questions, please contact Fred Thomas at 768.9580 or frederick.thomas@umpi.edu. ★



Members of the Geo-Ecology Club took part in a trip to northern Arizona and southern Colorado this spring. The trip included a visit to the Grand Canyon, Meteor Crater, and Petrified Forest, Monument Valley, the Four-Corners region, and the Mesa Verde ruins. Here, the group is "standin' on the corner in Winslow, Arizona."



At left: Students from Lisa Leduc's Women & Crime class are pictured at the Maine Correctional Center after they delivered service learning donations to the Women's Center. Thanks to people's generosity and support, they brought over 8 boxes of toys, games, books, and crafts as well as \$275 in WalMart gift cards to replenish worn out items. They toured the Women's Center and spoke with several of the inmates; it was very enlightening for the students, connecting the SERVICE to the LEARNING.



Look where their wings took them! Mary Kate Barbosa, Student Support Services Director, recently traveled to Moscow, Russia, to visit her daughter and UMPI alum Elizabeth Barbosa, who spent the last year teaching English there. Elizabeth said she was in search of adventure when she landed the job and, though her degree wasn't in teaching, she was able to use her degree and experience as an UMPI tutor to do her job. This kind of work, she said, has allowed her to create "exactly the kind of life I want for myself." You make us proud, Elizabeth! Go Owls!!



Art students gave several spots on campus a (temporary) new look when they created tape art installations as part of a class this spring.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. RETA L. GRAHAM, who was a Speech Professor at UMPI for 20 years, passed away on April 30.

activities 06.23–08.29.2014

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June 26

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

June 27

Games Club
Warmachine
6:30pm, CC118

June 28

Live Action Role
Playing 6:30pm,
Pullen 112, 113 &
Fols105

June 30

"Super" Blood Drive
11:30am-5:30pm,
Gentile Hall

July 3

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

July 4

Games Club
Warmachine
6:30pm, CC11

July 10

Games Club mtg
6:30pm, Owl's Next

July 11

Games Club
Warmachine
6:30pm, CC118

July 12

Live Action Role
Playing 6:30pm,
Pullen 112, 113 &
Fols105

July 17

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

July 18

Games Club
Warmachine
6:30pm, CC118

July 24

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

July 25

Games Club
Warmachine mtg
6:30pm, CC11

July 26

Live Action Role
Playing 6:30pm,
Pullen 112, 113 &
Fols105

July 31

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

Aug 1

Games Club
Warmachine
6:30pm, CC118

Aug 7

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

Aug 8

Games Club
Warmachine
6:30pm, CC118

Aug 9

Live Action Role
Playing 6:30pm,
Pullen 112, 113 &
Fols105

Aug 14

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6:30pm, Owl's Nest

Aug 15

Games Club
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6:30pm, CC118

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Aug 30

Color Presque Isle
5k 9am, Riverside
Park

Congratulations Josh MacKinnon Student of the Month April 2014

Josh, from Merigomish, Nova Scotia, Canada, is a 2014 UMPI graduate who just received his degree in Physical Education. Josh is popular with students and well respected

by staff – he is friendly and always willing to help. He is a dynamic leader on campus and has many achievements. Josh was president of the Senior Class, a soccer team member and assistant coach, a member of the hockey team, and a Student Ambassador for the Admissions Office. Josh is a great role model. Congratulations! ★



A new addition to the UMPI family!

Oakley Anne Kathren Parks
was born on Thursday,
April 3. She weighed 7 lbs.
and 11 oz. Congratulations
to Deena & Barrett Parks!



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