

## Documentary filmmaker serves as DLS speaker

The University is pleased to present Byron Hurt, an award-winning documentary filmmaker, published writer, and anti-sexist activist, as the next speaker in the 2014-2015 Distinguished Lecturer Series. His talk will focus



Byron Hurt

on his most popular documentary, *Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes*, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival and has been broadcast on the PBS series *Independent Lens*. His talk, which also serves as the keynote address for UMPI's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual University Day, will take

place on Tuesday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center. This event is free and the public is invited to be a part of this special evening.

Hurt is the former host of the Emmy-nominated television

series, *REEL WORKS with BYRON HURT* and *The Independent* named him one of the "Top 10 Filmmakers to Watch" in 2011. He has been featured by *The New York Times*, *O Magazine*, NPR, CNN, Access Hollywood, MTV, ABC World News Tonight, BET, *Mother Jones*, and AllHipHop.com.

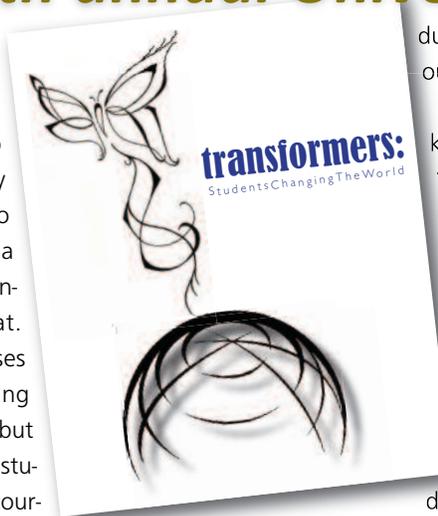
The theme of this year's University Day is *Transformers: Students Changing the World*, which is based on the 2014-2015 Distinguished Lecturer Series theme *Transformers: People Who Are Changing the World*. Since 1993, Hurt has been using his craft, voice, and writings to broaden and deepen how people think about gender, race, sex, violence, music, and visual media. As an activist, Hurt has served as a long-time gender violence prevention educator. The former Northeastern University football quarterback was also a founding member of the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) program, the leading college-based rape and domestic violence prevention initiative for college and professional athletics. Hurt has also served as an Associate Director of the first gender *continued on page 2*

## UMPI to celebrate 14th annual University Day

From social media and wage equity to food scarcity and the power of persuasion, students at the University will showcase their academic research, scholarly work and community service on Wednesday, April 15, during University Day. The theme of this year's event is *Transformers: Students Changing The World*.

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 kicks-off on Tuesday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center, with a Distinguished Lecturer Series presentation by documentary filmmaker Byron Hurt. (see story, above).

The next day, approximately 100 students will offer nearly 40 talks and presentations, covering areas of study as wide *continued on page 4*

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# UMPI recognized by Maine Tobacco-Free network

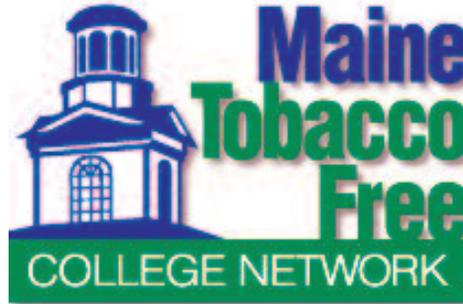
The University was recently recognized by the Maine Tobacco-Free College Network with a Gold Award as part of its Gold Star Standards of Excellence Recognition Program. The program celebrates the efforts of Maine institutions of higher education to address tobacco use on their campuses. This is the second time UMPI 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 Augusta on March 18 to highlight the efforts of its 2015 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 12 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 Gold Level recipients Kaplan University, Kennebec Valley Community College, Northern Maine Community College, University of Maine, University of New England, and University of Southern Maine, and Silver Level recipients Central Maine Community College, Saint Joseph's College, Unity College, University of

Maine at Farmington, and University of Maine at Machias.



All Maine institutions of higher education, including colleges, universities, and technical schools were invited to participate in the Gold

Star Standards of Excellence program. Award levels were based on how many of the 10 best practice "Gold Star Standards" they met, such as a tobacco-free campus policy and tobacco treatment information availability for students, faculty and staff.

In 2013, 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. ★

## "You Can't Take It With You"

In celebration of its 25<sup>th</sup> season, The Presque Isle Community Players presents "You Can't Take It With You" by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, April 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Wieden Hall. Tickets: \$12/adults, \$10/age 65 and older, \$10/age 18 and younger; available at the Aroostook Centre Mall information desk, Goin' Postal (26 North Street, Presque Isle) and in Mary Lawrence's office in the Campus Center and at the door. ★

## Documentary filmmaker

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violence prevention program in the United States Marine Corps.

Hurt first began his film career with *I AM A MAN: Black Masculinity in America*, a 60-minute award-winning documentary that captures the thoughts and feelings of African-American men and women from over 15 cities across the country. He followed up with his documentary *Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes* (BBR) in 2006. BBR focuses on issues of masculinity, sexism, violence, and homophobia in today's hip hop culture. It also explores such pressing issues as women and violence in rap music. The film first premiered at the 2006 Sundance

Film Festival and was later broadcast nationally on the Emmy award-winning PBS series *Independent Lens*, drawing more than 1.3 million viewers.

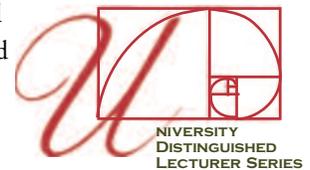
Since then, BBR has screened at over 100 film festivals worldwide. The *Chicago Tribune* named it, "one of the best documentary films in 2007." In 2010, MSNBC's TheGrio.com named it one of the "Top 10 Most Important African-American Themed Films of the Decade."

Hurt has also been featured in various media publications, ranging from the *Wall Street Journal* to the *Los Angeles Times*. Because of his work, Hurt has lectured at hundreds of campuses, presented at numerous professional confer-

ences, and has trained thousands of young men and

women on cutting-edge issues. Hurt's latest documentary, *Soul Food Junkies*, was released in 2012 and focuses on the history and legacy of soul food. It aired nationally on PBS' *Independent Lens*.

All are invited to attend Hurt's April 14 talk. For more information about this Distinguished Lecture or the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual University Day, please call 768.9452 or email [info@umpi.edu](mailto:info@umpi.edu). For more information about Byron Hurt, please visit [www.bhurt.com](http://www.bhurt.com). ★



## Tarpey to receive Distinguished Recent Alumni Award

The University's Alumni Board of Directors has announced that Robert "Bob" Tarpey, an Athletic Trainer for the Toronto Blue Jays organization, has been named the recipient of its 2015 Distinguished Recent Alumni Award. Tarpey will be presented with the award during the University Day luncheon at Noon on Wednesday, April 15, in the Campus Center.

A member of UMPI's Class of 2003, Tarpey earned his Bachelor's degree in Athletic Training. He went on to receive his Master's degree in Athletic Training from California University of Pennsylvania in 2005, before beginning his career in baseball with the Toronto Blue Jays organization in 2006. For the past five seasons, he has served as an Athletic Trainer for the New Hampshire Fisher Cats. In August 2014, he was honored with the Professional Baseball Athletic

Trainers Society [PBATS] Eastern League Athletic Trainer of the Year Award.

Tarpey received a major honor in December 2014—he was named the 2014 Minor League Athletic Trainer of the Year by PBATS. He was presented with his national award in early December by PBATS at the annual Baseball Winter Meetings in San Diego. Voted on by his athletic training peers in PBATS, this award is given annually to an athletic trainer that exemplifies the best in athletic training for their players and demonstrates a deep concern for the community and fellow athletic trainers.

A native of York, Maine, Tarpey now resides in Watertown, Mass., with his wife Erin.

The Distinguished Recent Alumni Award is given to a graduate who has been out of college between 2-12 years

and has distinguished himself or herself in his or her career or service to community. Past honorees include Scott Boucher '00, Craig Cormier '06, Bryan Thompson '03, Erika Valtinson '05, Neal Labrie '97, Michael P. Johnston '02, Alana Margeson '00, Cory LaPlante '13, and Megan (Fowler) Stanley '09. This is the tenth time the award will be presented during University Day, an event that heightens student awareness of the work being done by peers and how that work applies to service and the professional life of a community. ★



Bob Tarpey

## University hosts Career, Job & Grad School Fair

With approximately 25 businesses and governmental agencies from across the region and throughout the state planning to participate, the University is preparing to host its Career, Job & Grad School Fair from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. on Tuesday, April 7, in the Campus Center.

The Career Fair is a part of an effort to connect employers with UMPI's graduating seniors, recent graduates and current students, and to provide the opportunity for them to meet with prospective employees. Students will be able to learn more about employment possibilities and employer expectations. Some of the employers have or expect to have job openings for full-time, part-time or summer employment as well as management programs and internships, and some employers will provide the oppor-

tunity for on-site preliminary interviews.

Businesses slated to attend include the Bangor Police Department, Care & Comfort, Child Development Services of Aroostook, Providence Human Services, Maine Department of Health and Human Services Office of Child & Family Services, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Maine Migrant Education Program, MMG Insurance, and Northern Maine General.

While the primary purpose of the fair is to promote employment opportunities, and facilitate the screening and eventual hiring of qualified employees, an additional benefit for employers is the opportunity to promote their products and services. Most employers have 'giveaways' and donate items for door prizes that make the Career Fair a festive

and fun event.

There is no fee to participate in the fair. However, due to space limitations, a limited number of organizations will be able to take part in the event, so participants are encouraged to sign up early. This fair is sponsored by the Career Services Office. For more information about this event, contact Nicole Fournier at 768.9589 or email [nicole.l.fournier@umpi.edu](mailto:nicole.l.fournier@umpi.edu). ★

**Northern Maine Chamber Society Concert** Under the direction of Kevin Kinsey, this 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert is Sunday, May 3, 3 p.m. in the Campus Center. The full orchestra and small ensembles will perform an assortment of both classical and popular music. Admission is free. FMI, 473.7698.

## Students inducted into Phi Eta Sigma

The UMPI chapter of Phi Eta Sigma inducted 18 students into its national honor society earlier in the academic year. The induction ceremony lasted only 45 minutes, but provided students with a prestigious honor.

In addition to becoming members of this national honor society, inductees

received some special items

that will be worn when they graduate. Among those items are cords and a medallion, which signify them as a member of the honor society. Phi Eta Sigma is a national honor society for college students. Its goal is to encourage and reward academic excellence among college students. The society gives more than \$285,000 in scholarships annually, according to the website. It is the oldest and largest freshmen honor society; it was founded at the

University of Illinois on March 22, 1923. There are now more than 350 chapters throughout the United States, and more than 1 million

inducted members. Phi Eta Sigma was voted into membership into the Association of College Honor Societies in 1937. Only two societies have had longer continuous memberships.

Including the new inductees of this year's class, a total of 226 scholars have been inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society at the University since it was rechartered on October 7, 2005.

"This year's class of 18 students is a great addition to Phi Eta Sigma. As members, they will perform service to UMPI

and the community as well as maintain their high scholastic achievement. It is great to have such strong leaders interested in joining



our group," Jim Stepp, Dean of Students, said when speaking about the national honor society.

New inductees include: Gaila Allan, Mitchell Bartlett, Elizabeth Bishop, Dana Boardman, Derek Boudreau, Jessica Campbell, Emma Day, Candy Easton, Darci Faye, Theodore Gilliam, Caleb Hobbs, Amanda Hotham, Jeffrey Kiser, Shawna McDonough, Marissa McGovern, Hillary Pelkey, Nicholas Reid, and Abigail Riitano.

This year's executive committee includes: President Erica Hemphill, Vice President Amanda Larrabee, Treasurer and Secretary Kelsey Churchill, Senior Advisor Rebecca Stepp, and Advisor James Daniel Stepp. ★



Members of Phi Eta Sigma pause for a group photo following an induction ceremony held earlier this academic year.

## University Day story

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ranging as art, athletic training, biology, criminal justice, education, environmental studies, history, psychology, professional communication and social work.

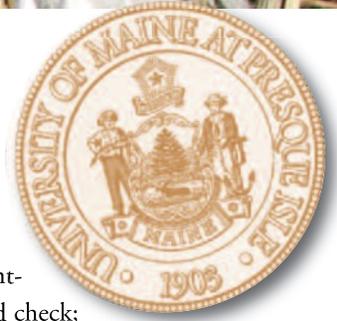
The very successful morning poster session, which has been a part of University Day for the past three years, returns again this year. The poster session, taking place in the Wieden Hall Gymnasium from 8 to 9 a.m., will feature more than a dozen posters by UMPI students, showcasing the research they

have done in environmental studies, biology, genetics, science, geographic information systems, education, and social work. Students will be present to discuss their posters and answer questions. Beverages and snacks will be available. The posters will remain on display throughout the day for public viewing.

To add to the community spirit of the day, the University will open its doors to the public. The University Day committee has invited students from local high schools, and community members are welcome to attend all sessions.

During lunch, Robert "Bob" Tarpey will be presented with the Distinguished Recent Alumni Award. Tarpey, a member of UMPI's Class of 2003, graduated from the University with a Bachelor's degree in Athletic Training and now works as an Athletic Trainer for the Toronto Blue Jays organization (see story, page 3).

The day will culminate with a closing reception and awards ceremony to be held in Wieden Gym from 4:30-5 p.m. A complete schedule of University Day activities can be found at [www.umpi.edu/uday](http://www.umpi.edu/uday). ★



## UMPI's College of Education rolls out new Ed Tech program

Educational Technicians in Maine have the unique opportunity to complete their student teaching right in the classrooms where they are already working thanks to a new UMPI program.

The new *K-8 Student Teaching Opportunity for Qualifying, Employed Educational Technicians*, offered by UMPI's College of Education, received approval from the Maine Department of Education's Certification Division last semester, and six candidates already have taken advantage of the opportunity.

"In recognition of the fact that the nature of an Educational Technician's work provides a great deal of relevant experience working with students, an understanding of the culture and climate of a school, and an ability to work in collaboration with teachers and other educators, we now offer student teaching for this unique population," Jack Stewart, UMPI Director of Student Teaching and Field Experience, said.

To be eligible for this opportunity, candidates need to meet several conditions. They must:

have no more than two educational methods courses left to complete at the time of application;

have passed Praxis I & II (possibly PLT) testing requirements;

have successfully completed fingerprinting and criminal history background check;

be currently employed by a public school or state approved private school;

work full-time as an Educational Technician in a single setting/classroom under the supervision of the certified teacher for that classroom;

work in a classroom in the same grade span and endorsement area as that covered by the certification being sought by the candidate; and

have a minimum CGPA of 2.5 and a GPA in education courses of 2.5 or better.

The mentoring classroom teacher also must be willing to provide support in required student teaching activities. In addition, the school must be willing to accommodate a 75-day student teaching experience.

For more information or application materials, contact Stewart at 768.9430 or [jack.stewart@umpi.edu](mailto:jack.stewart@umpi.edu). ★

## Organizations partner to host Brain Awareness Week

The University partnered with two community organizations

—the Wintergreen Arts Center and TAMC—to celebrate Brain Awareness Week [BAW] in March. There

were two main components to the region's Fifth Annual Brain Awareness Week festivities: a children's Brain Art Contest with community judging on March 6, and a Celebration of the Brain event on March 26.

"The focus of the UMPI Brain Awareness Week is to provide members of the community, young and old, fun ways to explore the brain and what it does for us," Dr. Scott Dobrin, event organizer and UMPI Assistant Professor of Biology, said.



Brain Awareness Week (BAW) is the global campaign to increase public awareness about the progress and benefits of brain

research, according to the official BAW website.

Activities kicked off with a Brain Art Contest for local K-5 students, with help from the Wintergreen Arts Center. Officials collected nearly 50 submissions of student artwork inspired by the brain and had them on display at the Wintergreen Arts Center in time for Presque Isle's First Friday Downtown Art Walk on March 6. Community members had a chance to vote for their favorite art pieces. A winners' ceremony for the

Brain Art Contest was held during the Celebration of the Brain event at UMPI. Prizes were awarded to the winning student artists in two age categories.

The Celebration of the Brain event was held on March 26 in the Campus Center. Community members of all ages were invited to take part in this family-friendly event, held in partnership with TAMC's Rehabilitation and Therapy Services. Students from the Bio-Medical Club had several hands-on stations with brain-themed topics available. Also during the event, participants had the chance to experience neuro-based challenges while competing in Wii games and other brain-focused games with family and friends, and Athletic Training students were on hand to discuss effects and prevention of concussions and other brain-related injuries. ★

## TAMC and UMPI partner on Healthy Aging Event

**T**AMC and the University partnered to host a Community Lunch and Learn/Healthy Aging Luncheon on March 30 in UMPI's Campus Center. The keynote presenter for the event was Anthony Briscoe, TAMC speech/language pathologist lead, who discussed speech pathology and cognition rehabilitation and how it changes as a person ages.

The March event was a collaboration between TAMC's Senior Connection Program, which hosts the monthly luncheons, and UMPI's SAGE (Seniors Achieving Greater Education), a program that serves local residents over 50 and believes in "learning for life."

"A partnership between SAGE and TAMC makes perfect sense when you consider that both non-profit organizations are concerned with the wellness and wellbeing of senior adults in Aroostook County," said Pam Crawford, SAGE volunteer instructor and board member.

As part of the event, SAGE Instructor Dottie Sines of the Aroostook Area Agency on Aging taught a session of "Laughter for the Health of It," a humorous and engaging session on the health benefits of laughter, immediately following the luncheon and just prior to Briscoe's talk.

Briscoe has over three decades of experience in speech/language pathology. Prior to joining the staff at TAMC, he was in private practice in The County for 23 years.

TAMC's Senior Connection is a special program for older adults who want to learn, save money, stay informed, and be healthy. There is no charge to be a part of the program and membership is open to any senior living in Aroostook County.

For more information about TAMC's Senior Connection Program, call 768.4171. For more information about SAGE, visit [www.umpi.edu/sage](http://www.umpi.edu/sage). ★



## UMPI employee to be featured on House Hunters

**W**hen the television production crew from the HGTV (Home and Garden Television) series *House Hunters* left northern Maine last October after spending several days taping an episode of the network's most watched program with UMPI employee Greg Doak, the question everyone was asking was "when will it air?" After months of anticipation the answer has finally come, with word The County will be featured on the silver screen on Easter Sunday – April 5 at 8 P.M.

That news was relayed from producers of the *House Hunters* series spin-off *Lakefront Bargain Hunt* to local realtor Jane Towle of RE/MAX Central, who spent days with the crew during their visit as she helped Doak look at three or four different lakefront properties in the area. Doak, UMPI's Coordinator of Campus Center



Services and Procurement, and his family, along with Towle, will be featured in the half-hour broadcast.

"There has been much anticipation surrounding the air date," said Towle. "We were fortunate to make the cut. There are some programs filmed which never make it to prime time viewing, so I'm pleased it's been chosen. It will be fantastic exposure for Aroostook County and the world will see the wonderful housing opportunities we have right here in our local communities."

The broadcast entitled "Aroostook County, The Crown of Maine" is expected to not only showcase three or four proper-

ties on area bodies of water that the production crew followed the family visiting, but highlight the region itself during the peak of the beautiful fall foliage season.

*House Hunters* is HGTV's highest rated program, averaging over 40 million viewers each week. Doak and his family are looking forward to seeing how the production came together and to watching the episode's premiere broadcast.

"The entire process was amazing," said Doak. "The crew from HGTV made us feel like we had been doing this type of reality TV for years. We are all excited to see the end result, and truly hope that we have represented the Crown of Maine well in the eyes of the millions of viewers across the country."

The episode will be re-broadcast on Monday, April 6, at 3 A.M. and on Thursday, April 23, at 7 P.M. ★

## Newell to give classical piano concert

Live classical music returns to the University when contemporary classical composer and pianist John Newell plays in the Campus Center on Thursday, April 30, at 7 p.m. Presented by the UMPI Cultural Arts Committee, this special night of music is free and community members are invited to attend. Donations will be accepted at the door to support future cultural arts activities. Newell's program is slated to include three *Sonatas* (K. 197, 513 and 531) by the Baroque composer Domenico Scarlatti; *Sonata No. 30 in E* (Opus 109) by Ludwig van Beethoven; *Companions (Book II)* by John

Newell; *Lost Love*, a romantic rag by Stephen Dankner; and selections from *Children's Corner* by Claude Debussy.

Newell's work has been commissioned by organizations from New York to Los Angeles, and has received support from the American Music Center, the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Meet the Composer.

Born in Charlotte, North Carolina, Newell graduated from Duke University and earned his Master of Fine Arts degree from California Institute of the Arts. He completed his formal musical training at the State University of New York at Buffalo, where he studied with Morton Feldman. While in Buffalo, he

held the first Edgard Varese Fellowship in composition, earning his Ph.D. in composition in 1979. He studied piano with Loren Withers, Leonid Hambro and Yvar Mikhashoff.

Organizations that have commissioned works include Eight Strings & a Whistle, Atlantic Sinfonietta and The Bowery Ensemble (New York), Monday Evening Concerts (Los Angeles), and the Enid Symphony Orchestra (Oklahoma).

An accomplished pianist, Newell's natural interest is in the modern repertoire. He is also experienced as a conductor and teacher. Currently, he serves on the piano faculty of the SummerKeys music pro-



John Newell

gram in Lubec, Maine, offers music classes at the Cobscook Community Learning Center, directs the music for St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in Machias, and is the founding director of the choral group Quoddy Voices, based in Eastport.

For more information, please call 768.9452 or e-mail info@umpi.edu. ★

## A cappella group Eh440 to take the stage

Eh440, an award-winning, Toronto-based a cappella group that bills itself as "5 voices, 0 instruments, and 1 new amazing sound" will take the stage at UMPI's Auditorium at Wieden Hall on Wednesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. This night of musical harmony is free and open to the public.

With its unforgettable combination of "crazy beatboxing, sassy rapping, killer harmonies, and fresh, urban, RnB-influenced compositions," Eh440 has captivated audiences across the U.S. and Canada. The group is composed of five members: Luke Stapleton (a.k.a The Human Record) who provides the beatboxing, Joe Oliva who provides the bass vocals, and Mike Celia, Stacey Kay, and Janet Turner, who all provide lead and backing vocals.



Eh440 has been together since 2012, but their journey started long before that. As kids, Turner and Kay used to compete against each other in singing contests.

Stapleton started beatboxing as a child. Coming from a "show biz" family, he would listen to his father play the drums, then using only his mouth, he would recreate the sounds. Celia and

Oliva, on the other hand, started their music careers later than the other three. While both in their teens, Celia taught himself how to play the guitar and sing, while Oliva joined his high school choir just for fun in his final year.

After coming together through the *Toronto Independent Music Awards* and mutual musician-friends, Eh440 was created. Their

debut was performing the U.S. and Canadian national anthems for the Valentine's Day 2012 NBA game between the Toronto Raptors and the New York Knicks in an arena before 20,000 people. Since then, the group has performed in spots from the east to west coast. Their debut album *Turn Me Up* was released in 2014.

For more information, call 768.9582. ★

## UMPI hosts 1<sup>st</sup> student art competition

The University's Art Department held its 1st Student Art Competition in March, providing UMPI students with the opportunity to compete in a jury-selected art competition for the chance to showcase their work. Close to 40 entries in a wide range of mediums, from painting to sculpture to 3-D installation, ultimately were chosen for exhibition in the Pullen Art Gallery. Among these works, several were selected as winners in two categories.



All work featured in the show was completed by UMPI students in courses taught at the University in the last year. Competition categories included 2D (Drawing, Painting, Mixed Media, Photography, Graphic Design, Computer Art, Video) and 3D (Sculpture, Ceramics, Mixed Media). Awards included a President's Choice Award, given to Jessalyn Levesque; 2D 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, Corey Levesque; 2D 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner Mollie

Hicks; 2D 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner, Monica Quist; and 2D honorable mention, Craig Greenier and Matt Austin; 3D 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, Dylan Markie; 3D 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner Mollie Hicks; 3D 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner, Jeremy Ireland; and 3D honorable mention, Emma Ruff and Roldena Sanipass.

Hyrum Benson and Heather Sincavage, UMPI Assistant Professors of Fine Art, were thrilled with the enthusiasm of the students to participate and hope this is the first student competition of many to come.

"We wanted to spotlight the wonderful work our students are producing in our courses. While our program has a long tradition of featuring students in their capstone project, we realized that some really phenomenal work was being created and shared amongst our studio community then returned to the student's portfolio," Sincavage said. "We saw an opportunity to share their work with the greater community. The benefit to them is not just the bragging rights of being included into the competition and possibly winning a prize, but also the professional development experience they gain."

The Student Art Competition exhibition opened during the First Friday Art Walk on March 6 and closes on April 6. ★

## University Players to perform *The Big Meal*

The University's newly reformed University Players theater club is proud to present its first production—the dramatic comedy *The Big Meal*. Shows will be presented Friday through Sunday, April 24 to 26, in the Campus Center Multi-Purpose Room. The Friday and Saturday shows will take place at 7 P.M.; the Sunday show at 5 P.M. Admission is free with an UMPI ID, and for the general public, there is a \$5 suggested donation.

Written by award-winning playwright Dan LeFranc, *The Big Meal* begins in a typical suburban restaurant on a typical night. A man and a woman meet, sparks fly, and so begins an expansive tale that traverses five generations of a modern family, from first kiss to final goodbye, according to the description from the website of Samuel French, Inc., the largest publisher of plays and musicals. A stunning, big-hearted play that spans nearly 80 years in roughly 90 minutes, *The Big Meal* tells the extraordinary story of an ordinary family. This show is rated PG-13 due to some adult language.

The cast includes Corey Hebert (Man #1), Amanda Larrabee (Woman #1), Hazen Dauphinee (Man #2), Morgan Swan (Woman #2), Ethan Caron (Man #3), Gaila Allen (Woman #3), Ryan Dee (Boy), Renee LaPointe (Girl), and Chanie Yagod (Server). Darci Faye serves as director of the production and Nicole Gray serves as

stage manager.

"Theatre is not only fun to do, and fun to watch, but it also has the potential to change a person's life, or at least their perspective on life," University Players club president Darci Faye said.

"Good, smart theatre makes you think and challenge your views about the slice of life that is being presented on stage. It is the goal of University Players to not only make theatre fun, but also to show people how important, and deeply emotional it can be."

Faye said the Players hope to welcome many campus and community members to their premiere production.

To reserve tickets, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/university-players-presents-the-big-meal-tickets-16179286682>. To learn more about the University Players, visit the website at <http://wp.umpi.edu/universityplayers/> or find its Facebook page by searching for "University Players at UMPI". ★



photo: Virginia Fuhrmark

Cast members rehearse a scene from "The Big Meal."

# Sports! Sports! Sports!

## Lady Owls sweep double header in Virginia

**T**he Owls swept a doubleheader, winning 4-1 and 6-0 over the Knights of Southern Virginia March 30.

### GAME ONE:

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The Owls showed some two-out lightning in the 3rd inning by scoring the first run of the day with two outs on a Shannon Brown double that plated Amanda Allen.

Presque Isle would tack on 3 more runs in the bottom of the 4th. Started by a leadoff walk from senior Dani Smith and some creative small ball from the Owl lineup, Presque Isle loaded

the bases with four consecutive balls hit to the Knight infielders, while only securing one out in all of the human pinball the Owls had created.

Carly Bell would provide the big hit in the 4th, with a single that would score Whitney Donovan. Nicole Marucci would also touch home on the Bell hit, as the Knights centerfielder Annie Biggs over threw third base and Marucci was awarded home. Jessica Campbell also scored on a passed ball to give the Owls a 4-0 lead.

Sara Packard gave up 8

hits while earning the complete game win for the Owls in game one. Leading 4-0, Packard was able to squash a potential big 4th inning for the Knights by stopping the Knights momentum after allowing two singles and an RBI double to the middle of the Southern Virginia lineup. Presque Isle would leave two runners on, after Packard used her drop ball to induce two ground ball outs.

Packard cruised the rest of the way, giving up only 2 more to the ladies from Southern Virginia.

### GAME TWO:

#### UMPI 6 Southern Virginia 0

The law firm of Brown, Packard and Smith each scored two runs and had hits to lead the Owls to a 6-0 win in game two. Marucci, Campbell and Katie Patenaude also added hits and Patenaude an RBI.

Senior Whitney Donovan picked up her 6th career win for the Owls, giving up only 5 hits in her 5 innings of work, before Packard came in for the two-inning save. Donovan and Packard also added RBI's to the Owl offensive attack. ★

## Owls take game two in season debut

**T**he UMPI Owls Baseball team finally stepped onto the field for their first games of the season on March 22, splitting a double header with Anna Maria College. The Owls dropped the first game 6-3 in extra innings before taking the night cap by a score of 13-9.

### GAME ONE:

#### UMPI 3 Anna Maria 6

Game one started with both teams threatening early but neither team able to capitalize.

Junior captain Andrew Bartlett (Damariscotta) finally got the Owls on the board in the fourth by belting a solo homerun to right center field. Anna Maria answered back in the fifth when they were finally able to

string together a couple of hits off of UMPI starter Matt Curry (Caribou). A double off the bat of Corey Andrade

(Mashpee, MA) plated two to give the AMCATS a lead. After adding an unearned run in the sixth, Anna Maria tried to close out the game in the seventh. A walk and a base hit set the stage for Barlett to hit in his second run with a single, and a fielding error allowed the Owls to tie the game and send it to extra innings.

It was freshman Nate Fredrick (Worcester, MA) that would have the last say in things



as he belted a three run walk-off homerun to secure the win for Anna Maria.

### GAME TWO:

#### UMPI 13 Anna Maria 9

The first three innings of game two resembled the beginning of the first game with both teams leaving multiple runners on base. The big action came in the top of the fourth when the Owls offense erupted and plated 10 runs before it was all said and done. The inning was highlighted by a grand slam home run by Adam Begos (Portland). Mitch Thayer (Colchester, VT) and Solomon Fast (Phillips, ME) added to the scoring with 2 RBI doubles in the inning.

In all, the Owls collected 8 hits and sent 15 hitters to the plate in the fourth inning. Anna Maria added single runs in the fourth, fifth, and sixth innings to close the gap, but the Owls answered with an RBI single from Jesus Garcia (Jewett City, CT) and a two RBI single from Curry.

The AMCATS put together a rally in the bottom half of the seventh, plating six runs before the Owls could finally seal their first victory of the young season.

Freshman starting pitcher Saul Nunez (Mapleton) earned the win on the mound, pitching six innings, striking out seven and giving up just two earned runs. ★

notes

**Governor hosts town hall meeting**

On March 19, Governor Paul LePage held a town hall meeting in the Campus Center.

More than 100 people, including business and community leaders, listened to Governor



LePage discuss his tax and budget plan. It includes his tax reform plan that

would eliminate the estate tax and cut the state's income tax in a step toward eliminating it entirely. It would also eliminate the tax on military retirement income and decrease the tax on all other pensions. The Governor also took questions from the audience.

**UMPI celebrates 106th Commencement**

The University will celebrate its 106th Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 16, at 1 p.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

Trombley at 768.9520 or denise.trombley@umpi.edu.

**UMPI hosting 35th Annual Spring Runoff 5K Road Race**

The UMPI Cross Country team will host its 35th Annual Spring Runoff 5K Road Race on Saturday, April 11, at Wieden Gymnasium. The event will be open to walkers

and runners, with walkers  **cross country** starting at 9:30 a.m. and runners and relay (3-person) starting at 10 a.m. T-shirts will be given out to the first 60 entrants, courtesy of Aroostook Beverage. This event is open to the public and the cost is \$15. FMI, contact Chris Smith at 768.9472 or christopher.smith@umpi.edu.

**Genetics students attend MDIBL Research Course**

Four UMPI students joined a group of UM-Fort Kent students at the Mt. Desert Island Biological Laboratory in Salisbury Cove, ME for a week-long biology research course in January 2015



supported by an INBRE (Maine IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence) grant from the

National Institutes of Health. Instructor Dustin Updike led the students through a week of laboratory research on the model roundworm, *Caenorhabditis elegans*, including genetics experiments and microscopy analysis.

**UMPI takes part in Reverse Career Fair**

UMPI, the Aroostook Aspirations Initiative, and UMFK are hosting a Reverse Career Fair on Thursday, April 16 at the Community Center in Caribou. A Reverse Career Fair is similar to typical career fairs in that its goal is to connect college students with potential employers. But unlike typical career fairs, the stu-

dents set up a booth to showcase their projects and achievements, while employers are free to meet with students that they feel could be a good fit in their business or organization. Students wishing to participate need to complete an application and be awarded a slot. UMPI has just 20 slots for this year. All students graduating in May and third year students are encouraged to apply. Faculty and staff are also encouraged to stop by the fair to support participating students. FMI, contact Nicole Fournier at nicole.l.fournier@umpi.edu or 768.9589.

**Athletic Awards Ceremony to be held**

The University will hold its annual Athletic Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 6, 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 the student-athletes



and the Athletics Department staff as they celebrate their many achievements for the 2014-2015 athletic season. RSVP to Sandy McDougal, indicating number of people attending, at sandra.mcdougal@umpi.edu.

**UMPI/Community Band holds Spring Concert**

The UMPI/Community Band will present a concert on Monday, April 27, at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium of Wieden Hall. The concert will be conducted by Jon Simonoff. A

variety of music will be presented, including classic band literature, settings of choral music for concert band, marches, and contemporary works. The Band is composed of local and traveling musicians from middle school age to retired music teachers. The snow date is Monday, May 4, same time and place. This event is free and open to the public. FMI, contact Jon Simonoff at jonrsimonoff@gmail.com



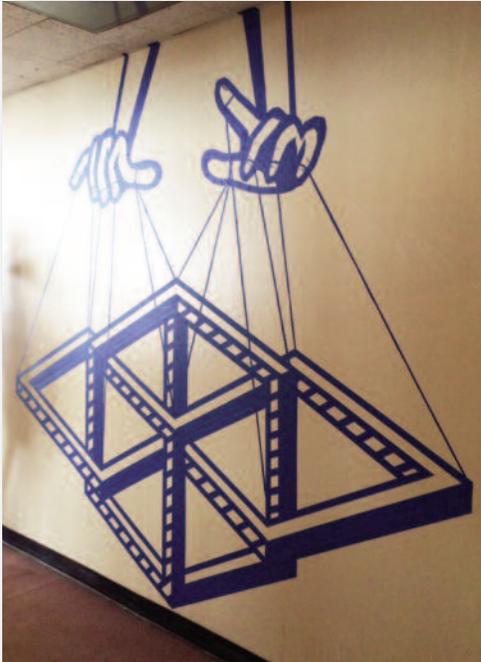
**UMPI Alumni in the news**

UMPI Owl Eric Perry graduated in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science in Recreation Service-Park Law and is now a FBI special agent and member of a cellular analysis survey team detailed in the NY office. Perry has testified in the trial of ex-New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez. UMPI was mentioned when Perry explained where he received his college education!

**Save these Dates!**

- ✓ **Senior Banquet** on Friday, May 15 at 6 p.m. in the Campus Center. Formal invitations will be sent out later this month. FMI: Dennis Koch, dennis.koch@umpi.edu.
- ✓ UMPI's Ceramic I and II class will have their **Empty Bowl event** on Thursday, April 28 at the Presque Isle Rec Center. FMI: Hyrum Benson, hyrum.benson@umpi.edu or 768.9441.

## notes



Students in the ART 101 Basic Design class took part in a campus-wide "tape art" installation project this spring, using only painter's tape to create artwork that included everything from falling dominoes to an enormous cat playing with a ball of yarn. Pictured at left is an installation featuring hands holding a structural image on string, which was located on the first floor in Emerson Hall and created by Ollie Barrett. To view other tape art installations created this spring, visit UMPI's facebook page at [www.facebook.com/umpiowfs](http://www.facebook.com/umpiowfs).



Dr. Lisa Leduc (center) participated on the Challenges, Opportunities, and Resources for Community Engagement panel at the UMS Community Engagement Summit on the UMaine campus. President Schott, Carolyn Dorsey, Shirley Rush, Jacqui Lowman, Tomasz Herzog, Chunzeng Wang, and Vanessa Pearson were also in attendance.



Despite the snowbanks, several UMPI Owls donned spring colors and fair weather clothing to celebrate the First Day of Spring on March 20.

## Congratulations Chelsea Lynds-Beaulieu Student of the Month February 2015

Chelsea is from Portage, ME and is a senior majoring in Business Administration / Accounting. She has many achievements – she is friendly and always willing to help students and staff. Lately, you can see her around campus helping fill the role of activity coordinator.



She helps plan and carries out many programs for students. She also played on the UMPI Soccer Team. Chelsea is an excellent student and an outstanding role model. Congratulations again!



UMPI Criminal Justice Professor Lisa Leduc (fourth from right) oversaw the Alpha Phi Sigma induction ceremony in early March. The Criminal Justice honors society inducted five new members. Pictured are, from left, Ted Gilliam (sophomore, new member); Dani Smith (senior, new member); Tonya Godin (junior, current secretary/treasurer); Crysania Walker (sophomore, new member); on laptop Kody Gates (sophomore, new member); Dr. Leduc (advisor); Idella Thompson (sophomore, new member); Stephen St. Peter (senior, current member); and Riley Hutchinson (junior, current Vice President).

**activities 4.03.2015–5.21.2015**

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**APR 3**

Games Club Warmachine  
6:30pm, CC118

**APR 5**

UMPI Community Choir practice 2pm, CC118 ■ Bible Study 7:30pm, CC118

**APR 7**

SGA 1pm, CC118 ■ UMPI 100% 5pm, Alumni Room

**APR 8**

UMPI Community Choir practice 3pm, Alumni Room ■ UMPI 100% Game Night 6:30pm, St. John & Aroostook Rooms ■ Concert: Eh440 (A cappella group) 7pm, Aud. in Wieden

**APR 9**

SOSW 12:30pm, CC118 ■ SEAM 12:30pm, Normal Hall 106 ■ Games Club 5pm, Owl's Nest

**APR 10**

International Students Club 1pm, Alumni Room ■ Senior Class Meeting 1pm, Owl's Nest ■ Games Club Warmachine 6:30pm, CC118

**APR 11**

5K Spring Run Off Wieden Gym ■

Games Club LARP

6:30pm, Pull112 & 113, F105

**APR 12**

UMPI Community Choir practice 2pm, CC118 ■ Bible Study, 7:30pm, CC118

**APR 14**

SGA 1pm, CC118 ■ UMPI 100%

5pm, Alumni Room ■ Speaker: Byron Hurt 7pm, Campus Center

**APR 15**

UNIVERSITY DAY 7:30am-5pm, campus-wide ■

UMPI Community Choir practice 3pm, Alumni Room

**APR 16**

SOSW 12:30pm, CC118 ■ SEAM 12:30pm, Normal Hall Room 106 ■ Games Club 5pm, Owl's Nest ■

Reverse Career Fair Caribou Community Center

**APR 17**

Senior Class Meeting 1pm, St. John Room ■ Games Club Warmachine 6:30pm, CC118

**APR 19**

UMPI Community Choir practice 2pm, CC118 ■ Bible Study 7:30pm, CC118

**APR 20**

Patriot's Day – OFFICES CLOSED

**APR 21**

SGA 1pm, CC118 ■ UMPI 100% 5pm, Alumni Room

**APR 22**

UMPI Community Choir practice 3pm, Owl's Nest

**APR 23**

SOSW 12:30pm, CC118 ■ SEAM 12:30pm, Normal Hall Room 106 ■

**APR 20**

Patriot's Day – OFFICES CLOSED

**APR 21**

SGA 1pm, CC118 ■ UMPI 100% 5pm, Alumni Room

**APR 22**

UMPI Community Choir practice 3pm, Owl's Nest

**APR 23**

SOSW 12:30pm, CC118 ■ SEAM 12:30pm, Normal Hall Room 106 ■

Games Club 5pm, Owl's Nest

**APR 24**

International Students Club 1pm, Alumni Room ■

Senior Class Meeting 1pm, CC118 ■ The Big Meal University Players, 5pm, Campus Center ■

Games Club Warmachine 6:30pm, CC118

**APR 25**

Games Club LARP 6:30pm, Pull112 & 113, F105 ■ The Big Meal University Players, 7pm, Campus Center

**APR 26**

UMPI Community Choir practice 2pm, CC118 ■ The Big Meal University Players, 5pm, Campus Center ■

**APR 27**

UMPI/Community Band CONCERT 7pm, Wieden

**APR 28**

SGA 1pm, CC118 ■ UMPI 100% 5pm, Alumni Room

**APR 29**

UMPI Community Choir practice 3pm, Owl's Nest

**APR 30**

SOSW 12:30pm, CC118 ■ SEAM 12:30pm, Alumni Room ■ Games Club 5pm, Owl's Nest ■ John Newell classical piano CONCERT, 7pm, Campus Center

**MAY 1**

Games Club Warmachine 6:30pm, CC118 ■ Night in Hollywood 7pm, MPR

**A new addition to the UMPI family!**

Emily Vera Lynn Parent was born on Tuesday, March 24. She weighed 6 lbs. and 2 oz. Congratulations to Julie and Trevor Parent!



**MAY 3**

UMPI Community Choir practice 2pm, CC118 ■ Northern Maine Chamber Society concert 3pm, MPR ■ Bible Study 7:30pm, CC118

**MAY 5**

SGA 1pm, CC118 ■ UMPI 100%

**MAY 7**

UMPI Community Choir practice 3pm, CC118 ■ Athletics Awards Ceremony 5:30pm, Wieden

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Commencement 1pm, Wieden Gym

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Commencement 1pm, Wieden Gym

**MAY 17**

Games Club Warmachine 6:30pm, CC118

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