

University hosts 106th Commencement

One hundred and seventy-four students graduated from the University on May 16, during the 2015 Commencement Exercises—the University’s 106th Commencement ceremony. President Linda Schott conferred degrees for the 2014-2015 academic year upon 122 students who participated in the ceremony held in Wieden Gymnasium.

J. Duke Albanese, a national leader in the effort to redesign public education and learning for all student, addressed the graduates as this year’s commencement speaker. During the graduation event, he was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree.

Albanese currently serves as a senior policy advisor for the Great Schools Partnership, a nonprofit school-support organization based in Portland, Maine, that works with schools across the nation to redesign public education and improve learning for all students.

His career in education has spanned 44 years, including service as the Commissioner of Education for the State of Maine (1996–2003) and a long tenure as the superintendent of schools for the

Messalonskee School District in the Belgrade Lakes Region of Maine. Albanese has served on many boards and commissions, including the University of Maine System Board of Trustees, the Maine Community College System Board of Trustees, the George J. Mitchell Institute, and Educate Maine.

Albanese is also an education consultant to schools, state education agencies, and national organizations, and has been a nationally sought-after advisor on education policy and practice. He has been a driving force behind the movement to proficiency-based education in Maine. During the last year, he has worked closely with UMPI as officials have redefined the University’s vision and mission to become a national leader in proficiency-based higher education.

During UMPI’s commencement exercises, James Donnelly, member of the University of Maine System Board of Trustees, and University of Maine System Chancellor James H. Page delivered greetings. As well, Stephen D. Richard, UMPI Board of Visitors Chair; Jacquelyn A. Lowman, UMPI

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Kane finishes what she started in 1970

Claudette LaBonte Kane laughingly says that the story of her life is that she starts things but never finishes them. But more than four decades after taking her first

class at UMPI, she completed her undergraduate experience by marching in Commencement Exercises on May 16 and receiving her Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree. In addition to

traveling the furthest (from Pennsylvania) to attend graduation, at 64, Kane was the oldest student participating in this year’s graduation ceremonies.

Kane began her college

career at UMPI in 1970, taking continuing education classes in the evening through Orono, and continued her studies until 1975. She had graduated *continued on page 4*

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Ethelyn Boyd



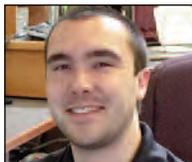
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Faculty Assembly Chair; and Victoria Winslow, representing the Class of 2015, offered remarks on behalf of each organization, respectively.

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 2015 graduate. Viewers from around the world were expected to tune in for the ceremony.

Another special component of this year's event was the 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 is 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 the website 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. ★



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Ethelyn Boyd retiring after 44 years of service

If you've stopped by the President's Office any time in the last two decades, then you were probably greeted with a smile and a friendly welcome by Ethelyn Boyd, the President's Assistant. Boyd has been the heart of the office for the past 21 years. But this May will ring in the end of an era when she retires after 44 years of service.

"Ethelyn has been such an important part of this institution—she's practically an institution herself—and while she will be dearly missed, we are so grateful for the many dedicated years of hard work she gave to us and for the chance we have had to work with her," UMPI President Linda Schott said.

Boyd joined the University in February 1971 as a clerk typist, just one week after graduating from Husson College. A few months later, she began working for the Vice President for Academic Affairs. After five years there, Boyd moved into a position working with faculty, which gave her more time for her family. After 10 years with faculty, Boyd moved into the Development Office, and when that office became part of the

President's office in 1994, she transitioned to becoming the President's assistant full-time and has been in the position ever since. Boyd has worked directly with Schott and five other presidents: Drs. W. Michael Easton, Nancy H. Hensel, William A. Shields, Karl E. Burgher, and Donald N. Zillman.

For her many contributions, Boyd was presented with the inaugural Amodeo Staff Award in 2010.

On a personal note, Boyd grew up in Mars Hill, and married her best friend, who happens to have graduated from UMPI. She and Fred Boyd have two children, a daughter who graduated from UMPI and earned her graduate



Ethelyn Boyd

degree from UMaine, and a son who was in a transfer program at UMPI and then went on to become a graduate at UMaine. The couple has five grandchildren, ages 2 through 9. Three of their grandchildren are currently living with them, along with their parents, during a transition period before moving to Bangor: "Life is interesting in the Boyd household!" she said.

While she plans to stay in close touch, she is very excited about where her next adventure will take her. ★

Mallard nesting outside Center for Innovative Learning

UMPI is known as the Home of the Owls, but right now it's playing host to a mother duck waiting for her nestful of eggs to hatch. Of all the places the mallard hen could have selected for her nesting spot, she chose the flower box in front of the Center for Innovative Learning [CIL].

Library staffer Michelle Greene discovered the duck and her nest on May 1, when faculty, staff, and students were celebrating "UMPI Day" by cleaning up around campus.

"When I was

cleaning out the flower bed, I found three eggs in her nest and thought for sure she would abandon it, but she came back," Greene said.

Officials decided the best course of action would be to leave the duck and her nest exactly where they were and to ensure they were disturbed as little as possible. Vanessa Pearson, Director of Student Success, oversees the CIL and put out several signs around the duck so people would know the mallard was there and to keep their distance.

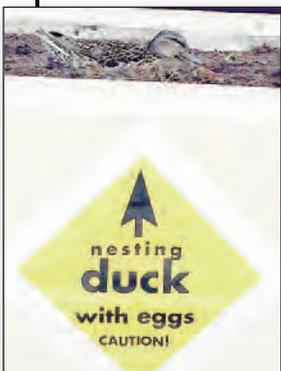
"We've seen a lot of traffic at the CIL as people come inside and watch the duck through the big front windows, which are tinted and make it easy for people to watch her, though she can't see them," Pearson said.

Resident UMPI bird expert Dr. Jason

Johnston, Assistant Professor of Wildlife Ecology, estimated that the eggs will hatch in late May. If they hatch during the daytime, Pearson and Johnston will be at the ready to lead Operation Make Way for Duckling. Just like the characters in Robert McCloskey's Caldecott Medal-winning children's book from 1941, Pearson and Johnston will provide an escort for the mother duck and her babies: down the walkways, through campus, and across the road until they are safely on their way to nearby water.

Until those eggs hatch, the University has set up a "Duck Cam" to allow the mallard hen to nest undisturbed. To follow the duck's progress, visit www.umpi.edu/static/duck-cam.

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UMPI hosts spring management courses

The University is offering two courses this spring that began May 19 and May 20, respectively, as part of its American Management Association's certificate programs.

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

according to Carolyn Dorsey, campus AMA coordinator.

The course *Fundamentals of Human Resources Management* is held on Mondays from May 19 to June 23, from 6 to 8:30 P.M. in the Campus Center, Alumni Room. This course serves as a comprehensive and up-to-date guide to virtually every aspect of human resources management, from understanding the basic HR functions to using the web for recruiting. Tim McMahon, retired leader in healthcare management, leads the course.



Knock Your Socks Off Customer Service takes place Wednesdays from May 20 through June 24, from 5:30 to 8 P.M. in the Campus Center, Alumni Room. This course offers participants—in practical, easy-to-follow steps—trusted techniques and positive approaches to customer care, while teaching the skills and style to deliver it. Kim Jones, Director of Healthy You Programs at Cary Medical Center, facilitates the course.

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

Each course meets once a week for six weeks and one or more courses may be taken per term. The cost is \$250 per course, and includes instruction, text and materials. For more information, contact Carolyn Dorsey at 768.9584 or carolyn.dorsey@umpi.edu. ★

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from Van Buren District High School in 1969 and had moved to Presque Isle to pursue work. She said she realized she was living just down the street from the University and should start taking classes.

Kane focused her studies on French and English and remembers going on geology field trips with Professor Bill Forbes and taking French classes from Dr. Guy Gallagher. She was part of a UMPI group that would travel to Canada to gather information about Acadian history, interview older members of the community and write down their idiomatic expressions, all so these elements could be turned into educational materials for a bilingual school.

After meeting her husband Michael Kane and getting married in Spring 1974 at Loring Air Force Base, her focus turned to home and family. They established roots in Greensburg, Penn. and have lived there for 40 years. They have three children: Melissa, a chef and a filmmaker in

New Haven, Conn.; Christina, Director of Culture for the Grove, New Haven, Conn.; and Michael, a systems engineer in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

While her children were small, Kane helped out at their elementary school and ended up putting together and running a French language program for students there. After her children were grown, she was invited to help out with a program in Tanzania focused on quilting.

Through the success of that program, she was invited to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to help bring the program there. The day she arrived was the day the 2010 earthquake struck. She said that, while she wasn't able to finish what she started, these experiences have solidified her desire to focus her energies on literacy and helping those who feel they have failed in life achieve success.

Last year, she was contacted about participating in an organizational leadership master's degree program, and called UMPI to find out how to finish up her bachelor's degree. It turned out she only needed 3 credits to complete her degree,

so she took a UMPI English course online last fall and is now several classes into her master's degree program.

"At 64, I decided I was going to change my life, finish my degree, get my master's degree, and then spend my time making educational literacy an adventure for children and walking with women who feel like they have failed and helping them to succeed," she said. ★



Claudette LaBonte Kane

Tompkins serves as Financial Peer Advisor

UMPI student Cody Tompkins took time during his junior year to focus on one of his passions while at the same time helping his fellow classmates—by serving as a student Financial Peer Advisor.

Tompkins, a Business major with a focus in Management and Leadership, was tapped by the Student Financial Services Office to serve as the campus Financial Peer Advisor. His job: to assist students with questions about loans and money issues in general.

“We wanted to have a current student here at UMPI be able to meet and talk with fellow students here on campus because we’ve found that students can relate to each other more easily and some might feel more comfortable talking with a peer, rather than talking to

administrators, about their situations,” Laurie Boucher, UMPI Student Financial Services Staff Associate, said.

The idea for Tompkins’ position developed last April, when Boucher and Candace Roy, UCU Presque Isle Branch Manager, were at a statewide meeting for the SALT program. SALT was created by American Student Assistance, a nonprofit organization, to help college students and alumni become more financially savvy and provide them with skills to better manage their money and student loans. UMPI was one of 7 college campuses in Maine to pilot the SALT program last year. At the SALT meeting, Boucher and Roy learned that the University of Maine at Farmington had hired a few students in their Financial Aid



Cody Tompkins spent his junior year at UMPI serving as a Financial Peer Advisor, volunteering his time to help fellow classmates with questions about student loans and other money-related issues.

Office to help get information out about the SALT program.

The hope is that Tompkins has helped students to be more aware of what they currently have taken out and spent for student loans, how they can reduce their money owed, and how they can avoid taking on significant loan debt.

To activate a SALT™ membership, go to www.saltmoney.org to sign up and receive benefits that will help in the next step after college graduation and beyond. ★



Retired UMPI professor Andy Giles led a trip to Iwo Jima and Peleliu recently to participate in the 70th anniversary commemoration ceremonies on Iwo Jima and to view battle sites on Peleliu.

Giles leads trip to Iwo Jima, Peleliu

Anderson Giles, retired UMPI professor, recently had the honor of leading a select group on visits to two of WWII’s most deadly Pacific battlefields. The group participated in

the special 70th commemoration ceremonies on Iwo Jima and then traveled on to explore battle sites on the island of Peleliu in Palau.

Once a year, the Japanese government allows U.S. and Japanese survivors, relatives of battle participants, members of the press, as well as government and military officials, to take part in ceremonies on Iwo Jima honoring the terrible sacrifices and loss of life which occurred during February and March of 1945. Access to the volcanic island is only allowed after signing an injury/death waiver, and is severely restricted due to dangerous conditions such as earthquakes, toxic volcanic gases, and unexploded munitions.

Giles’ group was part of what may be the last of its kind due to the rapidly declining number of actual battle survivors able to make the long trip. He noted that he has been able to visit the island many times as lecturer on cruise ships and as tour leader for Valor Tours, Ltd. These journeys are always a personal pilgrimage to honor his father, a 4th Division Marine who survived the entire battle only to be killed in Korea in 1953.

After the day on Iwo Jima, part of Giles’ group traveled on to Peleliu. The landing of the infamous island battle took place September 15, 1944, and was intended to be a quick 3 to 4-day operation, but lapsed into a 72-day bloodbath.

Due to the island’s remote location, it remains one of the Pacific’s most intact battlefields, with caves full of relics, human remains, unexploded ordnance, wreckage of tanks and aircraft, as well as large artillery pieces.

One of Giles’ objectives was to climb and explore the notorious hill 100, where a famous resident of Maine earned the Congressional Medal of Honor. Capt. Everett Pope led his company in an assault of the heavily defended ridge on September 20, 1944.

“It’s fascinating to think of Peleliu’s connection to Maine, so many miles and memories away,” Giles said. ★

Students honored during 2015 Awards Ceremony

The University celebrated its 2015 Awards Ceremony on April 26, presenting awards, scholarships and other academic honors to more than 70 students.

For the Departmental Academic Area awards and scholarships, the following students were honored:

Outstanding Elementary Education Major Award - AUDRA KIRK
 Outstanding Secondary Education Major Award - DARBY TOTH
 Post-Baccalaureate Education Student Award - HEATHER ORAM
 Outstanding Physical Education Major Award - STEPHEN THORNE & TAYLOR THIBOUTOT
 Ruel Parks "Rising Star" Memorial Scholarship - HILARY SAUCY
 Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Accounting - TAYLOR BRADBURY
 Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Management & Leadership - BETHANY

MILLET & CHRISTOPHER PHILLIPS
 Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Project Management & Information Systems - RILEY PARADY
 Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Recreation - VICTORIA WINSLOW
 Outstanding Athletic Training Major Award - LUKE FULLER & MOLLY LINDSEY
 Outstanding Fitness & Wellness Major Award - ETHAN BURKE
 Outstanding Criminal Justice Major Award - MORGAN SVITILA
 Outstanding Social Work Student Award - MELANIE MAYNARD
 Humanities Scholarship - MELISSA LIZOTTE
 English Book Award - HANNAH BRILLIANT

Outstanding Achievement in Professional Communication and Journalism - REBECCA CAMPBELL
 University Times Advisor Award - CHRISTOPHER BOWDEN
 Fine Art Talent Award for Outstanding Studio Achievement - JESSALYN LEVESQUE & RENEE ROYAL
 Art History Award - KATELYN HARTFORD
 Film Scholar Award - DEREK BOUDREAU
 Outstanding History Major Award - SAMANTHA HAYES
 2015 Dr. Linda Graves MLT Award - ADRIANNA PARADIS
 Mathematics-Science Merit Award - YUTING ZHOU
 General Biology I Award - KAITLYN BELANGER

Two AFUM Scholarships were presented. ANDREW MULLANE received the Daniel Patterson Scholarship and KELSEY CHURCHILL received the John K. Steinbaugh Scholarship.

Eighteen students were recognized for their participation in the Honors Program. They included: MIRANDA BICKFORD, JENNIFER BLAISDELL, BRANDON BONNEY, HANNAH BOYCE, KELSEY CHURCHILL, JESSICA COPPOLA, MALLORIE CYR, HAZEN DAUPHINEE, ELIZABETH DAY, ASHLEY DROST, TAYLOR DWYER, ERICA HEMPHILL, ANDREW HUNT, DAVID HUNTLEY, KATARINA JENSON, JAMIE MARTIN, NATASHA SMITH, and MICHELLE TARDIF.

This year's Maine Policy Scholar, KASANDRA FOSTER, was recognized for her work during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Several Student Leadership Awards were presented for the first time. The Resident Assistant of the Year Award was given to MOLLY LINDSEY, the Student Organization of the Year Award was presented to the CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIETY, and the Outstanding Volunteer Community Service Project of the Year Award went to the STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS. The Outstanding Sophomore Student Leader of the Year Award was presented to MARGARET HART,

the Outstanding Junior Student Leader of the Year Award went to ELIZABETH DAY, and the Outstanding Senior Student Leader of the Year Award was given to VICTORIA WINSLOW.

Four Student Senate scholarships were presented. SHAWNA MCDONOUGH received the Alan Arman Memorial Scholarship. EMMA RUFF received the Monica G. Gilbert Memorial Scholarship. BEN EVERETT received the Steven Edward Eagles Memorial Scholarship. LEANNA HUMPHREY received the T.W. Morrison Scholarship.

Members of the Student Government Association were honored for their contributions to student govern-

ment for the 2014-2015 academic year. This year's Student Senators included: CRAIG PULLEN, President; JASON FORTIN, Vice President; JAMES J. STEPP, Parliamentarian; KATHARINE WALDRON, Treasurer/Secretary; ELIZABETH DAY, BOT Representative; and Senators MATT GLOVER, SARA HAMLIN, BLAKE WINSLOW and CHANA YAGOD.

At the end of the program, the Distinguished Teaching Award was presented to STACEY EMERY, Assistant Professor of Business; and the Distinguished Staff Award was presented to Amanda Baker, Recreation Program Coordinator. ★

UMPI hosts Empty Bowls fundraiser



UMPI's Ceramics I & II class held the area's second Empty Bowls fundraiser, which gave participants the opportunity to purchase unique homemade bowls and enjoy cups of soup, all to benefit Martha and Mary's Soup Kitchen. The Empty Bowls fundraiser, held at the William V. Haskell Community Center on April

28, raised \$1,905 for the soup kitchen.

Empty Bowls is the only fundraiser of its kind for Northern Maine. Handcrafted bowls were made and donated by artists in The County, UMPI students and alumni, and Presque Isle High School students. With each purchased bowl, participants received a

cup of soup donated by local businesses and community members. The event's featured speakers were Jess Cheney and Melanie Maynard, graduating Social Work seniors, who spoke briefly about poverty issues in the region.

Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger. ★

3rd Annual Safe Homes run/walk

The University hosted the 3rd Annual Safe Homes Aroostook "Move to End Homelessness" fundraiser on May 3 at Gentile Hall, raising \$6,500 for Hope and Justice Project and Homeless Services of Aroostook. The 5K fun run/walk is an annual event that raises community awareness and funds to support these two organizations that work to ensure safe homes for everyone in The County.

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

"Students have gained a new perspective on issues

affecting citizens right here in The County, and the opportunity to make a difference by participating in the project planning of the event," he said.

Hope and Justice Project was

founded in 1979 and provides services throughout The County from Houlton to the St. John Valley.

Its mission is to educate the community on domestic violence and give help to victims in achieving safety.

Homeless Services of Aroostook was founded in 1984 and provides shelter, food, case management services, and advocacy to rapidly re-house individuals and families with children experiencing homelessness. ★



Senior Thesis Exhibitions

The Pullen Art Gallery served as the site of four solo exhibitions developed through the 2015 Fine Art Senior Thesis Exhibition course.

The Fine Art Senior Thesis Exhibition, a six credit, academic-year-long course, is a capstone to the BFA program. The rigorous course of study is unique to most statewide BFA programs. The Senior Show allows enrolled students to have an experience similar to a graduate school environment. Students are required to prepare a body of work for the solo exhibition and defend it orally and in writing, in order to graduate.

The students featured this year were Jessalyn Levesque, who presented the show *Ipseity*; Dylan Markie, *Anxious for Peace*; Renee Royal, *Elsewhere*; and Chelsea Searles, *Death Blooms*.

The Fine Art Department commends the efforts of this year's BFA students. They were responsible for all aspects of their exhibition, from making the frames and labels for their pieces, to advertising and promoting their shows to the campus and community, to preparing their gallery talks. As a final component of this year-long project, students completed an in-depth research paper about their work and the art, artists that influenced it, and their aesthetic decisions. ★

Employees honored during recognition event



The University honored several employees for their years of service during the **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION RECEPTION** held on May 21.

Twenty-two employees were recognized for their combined 300 years of service to the University. Employees were honored with various tokens of appreciation, from clocks to framed art.

35 years of service: MAXINE A. HATHAWAY

30 years of service: CHRIS BELL

25 years of service: DONALD J. SIROIS and ALAN D. GORDON

20 years of service: JAMES STEPP and ANTHONY J. ALBERT

15 years of service: NANCY A. JACKSON, JOHN DEFELICE, LEO L. SAUCIER, RICHARD HARRISON and KIM SEBOLD

10 years of service: CHUNZENG WANG, CATHERINE ANNE CHASE, JESSICA B. WINSLOW, DAREN GREEN, and JEFFREY STEVENS

5 years of service: MICHELLE L. GREENE, DEENA ALBERT PARKS, TIMOTHY PAUL STONE, PAUL E. JOHNSON, PENG PENG YU, DONALD J. SUTTON, and TREVOR E. PARENT

NANCY FLETCHER, head of Access Services/Technical Services; GRETCHEN BRISSETTE, Library Assistant II; BARBARA J. DEVANEY, Director of Career Services and Director of AA/EEO/International Student Services; CHRISTINE L. STANDEFER, Professor of Physical Education; SUZANNE M. BEAUDET, Professor of Physical Education; and ETHELYN M. BOYD, Administrative Associate; *absent from photo:* VIRGINIA S. FISCHER, Reference/Government Information/Reader Services Librarian; and BARBARA CHALOU, Professor of Education. ★

pictured:

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15 years - KIM SEBOLD, DICK HARRISON, NANCY JACKSON, & JOHN DEFELICE

10 years - CHUNZENG WANG & DAREN GREEN

5 years - PAUL STONE & MICHELLE GREENE

Eight retirees were also honored.

pictured at right, from left:



Sports! Sports! Sports!

UMPI hosts annual Athletic Awards Banquet

The University held its annual Athletic Awards Banquet on May 6. All 12 intercollegiate athletic programs at UMPI gathered in the Campus Center 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. This year's award recipients are:



Rebecca Campbell
 FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



Reynold Brown
 MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Special Awards

The AL ARMAN (MAKE A DIFFERENCE) AWARD went to **Ryan Jones**, men's soccer, and **Shannon Brown**, volleyball, softball.
 The STANLEY H. SMALL COACHES AWARD was presented to **Ghazaleh "Oz" Sailors**, baseball.
 The RUEL PARKS COACHES AWARD was given to **Kathryn Patenaude**, women's basketball.
 The DONALD N. ZILLMAN CHARACTER AWARD was presented to **Jessica Campbell**, softball.
 The ROYAL GOHEEN AWARD for highest team GPA was given to the **Men's Golf team**.
 The SHARON ROIX AWARD for most improved GPA went to the **Men's Cross Country team**.
 The ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT "RISING STAR" AWARD was given to **Jordan Cook** and **Sydney Churchill**.
 The ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT OF THE YEAR was **Molly Lindsey**.

Team Awards

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Rookie of the Year
Trevor Levesque
 Most Inspirational Runner
Christian Lunn
 Runner of the Year
Saul Nunez

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Rookie of the Year
Rebecca Bowers
 Most Inspirational Runner
Katrina McPherson
 Runner of the Year
Holly Bouvier

MEN'S GOLF

Rookie of the Year
Noah Bernard
 Most Improved Golfer
Hazen Dauphinee
 Most Valuable Golfer
Reynold Brown

MEN'S SOCCER

Rookie of the Year
Christopher Daly
 Most Inspirational Player
Ryan Jones
 Most Valuable Player
Caleb Bragg-Grady

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Co-Rookies of the Year
Samantha Nadeau & Jessica Dickison
 Most Inspirational Player
Chelsea Lynds-Beaulieu
 Most Valuable Player
Nicole Cyr

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Rookie of the Year:
not selected for 2015
 Most Inspirational Player
Abigail Jewett
 Most Valuable Player
Shannon Brown

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Rookie of the Year
Kevin Collins
 Most Inspirational Player
Quinton Harris
 Captain's Award
Nicolas Lenhard & Chase Vicaire

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Rookie of the Year
Brianna Losee
 Most Inspirational Player
Sydney Churchill
 Senior Leadership Award
Rebecca Campbell

MEN'S NORDIC SKIING

Rookie of the Year
not selected for 2015
 Most Inspirational Skier
Zachariah Veayo
 Most Valuable Skier
Ethan Burke

WOMEN'S NORDIC SKIING

Rookie of the Year
Valentina Annunziata
 Most Inspirational Skier
Lydia Streinz
 Most Valuable Skier
Hilary Saucy

BASEBALL

Co-Rookies of the Year
Matthew Cauchon & Matthew Curry
 Most Inspirational Player
Frank Nunez
 Most Valuable Player
Brady Rowe

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Rookie of the Year
Sara Packard
 Most Inspirational Player
Jessica Campbell
 Most Valuable Player
Danielle Smith

The evening culminated when **Rebecca Campbell** received the prestigious FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR and **Reynold Brown** was named the MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR. ★

notes

HHEC holds graduation recognition

The Houlton Higher Education Center held a graduation recognition on May 22 at the Center for its UMPI and University College graduates. Chelsea Henderson, Vice President of Human Resources



at FA Peabody was the guest speaker. The event included awards and a gift presentation.

Sailors featured in Boston Globe

UMPI graduate and recent co-captain of the Baseball team Ghazaleh "Oz" Sailors was featured in the *Boston Globe* in its Fair Play column by Shira Springer. The column, which "explores the challenges girls and women face in today's



Ghazaleh "Oz" Sailors

sports world, as well as their athletic accomplishments," spotlights Sailors as an inspiration to female baseball players everywhere. Sailors was the only woman playing NCAA Baseball this year. She also achieved the important milestones of serving as the first female pitcher in the history of UMPI's baseball program and serving as the team's first female co-captain. To see the story, visit <http://goo.gl/dtuKJo>. Congratulations, Oz!

Boyd receives Work Ethic Award

The second Charles Bonin Work Ethic Award was presented on May 21, at the Employee Recognition Reception, to Ethelyn Boyd, Administrative Associate. On October 3, 2013, in honor of Charlie Bonin's retirement, this staff award was established by



Ethelyn Boyd

President Schott. The Charles Bonin Work Ethic Award was established to recognize a

staff member who demonstrates strong work ethic including diligence, reliability, and initiative and has strong principles that benefit the University. Congratulations, Ethelyn!

Senior Class sponsors Talent Show

UMPI's Senior Class sponsored a Talent Show in April with the proceeds going toward the Senior Class Graduation Events. Over 200 people attended the show and there were 11 acts from the student body, faculty/staff, and the public. Prizes of \$75 for first place, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for third place were given, plus \$25 for a People's Choice Award. John Moist won first place with his performance of "Thinking Out Loud" by Ed Sheeran,

Sports! Sports! Sports!
UMPI Baseball Team Says NO MORE

When the UMPI Baseball team took the field at Husson University for their game against Newbury on April 26, they were wearing eye-black, but not just any eye-black. The players were sporting eye-black with the words "NO MORE," because the team dedicated their game to saying "no more" to domestic violence and sexual assault.

No More is a national campaign created in 2013 with the purpose of raising

public awareness and engaging bystanders around domestic violence and sexual assault. This campaign was brought to the team's attention by Hope and Justice Project, a resource center in Aroostook County for anyone who has been affected by abuse and violence, when a player reached out to the organization wanting to



know more. Ghazaleh "Oz" Sailors was the only female NCAA baseball player this year and has become a champion for those affected by gender-based violence and harassment.

"Sports are important, but some things are bigger than the game. Like putting an end to domestic violence and sexual assault," Sailors

said. "The great thing about baseball is that it's a team sport. We all have to work together. In the world today, we might not all play baseball, but together we can all strike out domestic violence and sexual assault."

To learn more about the No More campaign, visit www.nomore.org. To learn more about Hope and Justice Project, please visit www.hopeandjusticeproject.org. ★

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Bethany Lord and Matt Vick won second place with a performance of "Sunday Morning" by Maroon 5, and Emma Jandreau won third place with a contemporary dance routine. Bethany and Matt won the People's Choice Award. Judges were Josh MacKinnon, Carolyn Dorsey-Durepo and President Linda Schott.

UMPI holds Spirit photo contest

UMPI held a photo contest in April for students, faculty and staff to try to capture their



Pictured, from left: Errol Ireland III, Malachi Stover, Ennis Edgecomb, Eric Depner, Ashley Crandall, Molly Lindsay, Mitchell Bartlett, and Jordan Cook

UMPI pride. The contest was sponsored by the UMPI Pride Committee and the Dean of Students. There was one photo contest for students and one contest for faculty and staff. The photo had to show or be about UMPI or UMPI students. Photographers could enter one photo in three categories, most creative, having fun, or best photo of UMPI scene. The student winners were: most creative UMPI photo – Amanda Larrabee; having fun at UMPI photo (above) – Amanda Larrabee; best photo of UMPI scene – Madeline Bither. The staff winners were: most creative UMPI photo – Doug Carter; having

fun at UMPI photo – Bonnie Devaney; and best photo of UMPI scene – Nola Belanger.

Inaugural UMS Student Government Association Summit held

The University of Maine System held its first Student Government Association Summit for two days in April at the Orono campus.



The conference was chaired by UMPI student Katy Waldron. More than 80 student government leaders from Maine's seven public university campuses were among more than 100 university leaders attending the two-day event to promote transparency, statewide collaboration among student leaders and increase campus-level student engagement.

The students heard presentations from UMaine President Susan Hunter, UMS Chancellor James Page, Education Commissioner Thomas Desjardin and UMS Board of Trustees Chair Samuel Collins. Students were able to get together with their counterparts from the other campuses to discuss issues affecting the system.

WWC holds small business public forum

Women, Work, and Community will hold a small business public forum on Tuesday, June 16 from 4 – 6 p.m. in the St. John and Aroostook Room of the Campus Center. The public forum offers free business resources for Aroostook County businesses. Members

from government and economic development organizations will host the public forum



for entrepreneurs in Aroostook County. If you are looking to start or grow a business, this is a rare opportunity to learn about a wide variety of free business services from subject matter experts. The forum is co-hosted by the Small Business Administration (SBA), Women, Work, and Community and the City of Presque Isle. Attendance is free, and pre-registration is requested. FMI or to register, contact Sandra Fontaine at 622.8381 or sandra.fontaine@sba.gov.

UMPI spotlighted in national newsletter

UMPI was featured in SALT's May newsletter! SALT was created by the nonprofit American Student Assistance to help college students and alumni become more financially savvy and provide them with skills to better manage their money and student loans. In the newsletter, our very own Laurie Boucher talks about how more of our students are making



smart student loan decisions about only borrowing what they really need. Find the article here:

<http://www.pages02.net/salt/May2015?spMailingID=7721561&spUserID=OTk0MzQ5ODg0OTQ51&spJobID=680629736&spReportID=NjgwNjl5NzZM2S0#MSM>

Five UMPI Biology Students Attend Research Conference in Maine

Three Biology students presented posters on their biology research projects at the 42nd Maine Biological and Medical Sciences Symposium held at the MDI Biological Laboratory in Salisbury Cove, ME, April 24-25, 2015. Nathan Yankowsky, Abigail Riitano,



and Hannah Wood are shown in the photo with their faculty mentors Dr. Larry Feinstein and Dr. Judy Roe. Caleb Hobbs and Janel Sewell also attended the conference, and Dr. Scott Dobrin, Assistant Professor of Biology, presented a talk on his research entitled "Development of standard lab and field tests of honey bee health."

UMPI Social Sciences hosts talk by Jason Grass

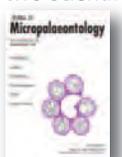
UMPI Social Sciences hosted Jason Grass for an evening presentation on May 4 in the Campus Center. Grass' talk, titled *The People of the Hill: Then and Now*, focused on Pagan culture, history and contemporary practice. During his talk, Grass discussed the history of the Pagan, or "People of the Hill," particularly the Celts and Druids. His presentation covered their belief, their struggle, and how they survived, as well as what they

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have become in recent years. Grass' presentation at UMPI was made possible through a connection with David Putnam, archaeologist/anthropologist and UMPI faculty member. Putnam sponsored Grass' talk to provide a look at this topic through the lens of Social Sciences and Anthropology.

McCartney publishes two articles

Kevin McCartney, Professor of Geology, has had two scientific articles published in international journals this spring. These publications represent his 50th and 51st major articles with international distribution and include co-authors from Poland, Russia and Japan. Both articles are on silicoflagellates, which are single celled algae with quartz skeletons that live in oceanic waters. The first article, published in the international journal *Micropaleontology*, is on fossil specimens that date from the Age of Dinosaurs and were found in sediments from the Ural Mountains of Russia. The second article, published in the international



journal *Phytotaxa*, is simpler but more important scientifically. In it, McCartney proposed the name Stephanocha ("crown holder") to replace the name of one of the two important genus groups in modern silicoflagellates. That name, Distephanus, is invalid when applied to silicoflagellates because it was previously described and is still used for a wildflower.

EPSCoR project featured in Land article

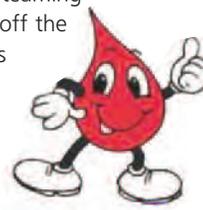
Three UMPI professors helped to author an article published in the journal *Land* this spring. Dr. Chunzeng Wang, Associate Professor of Earth and Environmental Science, served as lead author for the article "High-Precision Land-Cover-Land-Use GIS Mapping and Land Availability and Suitability Analysis for Grass Biomass Production in the Aroostook River Valley, Maine, USA" and co-authors were Dr. Jason Johnston, Assistant Professor of Wildlife Ecology; David Vail, the Adams Catlin Professor of Economics, Emeritus, at Bowdoin College; Jared Dickinson, UMPI student at



the time of the research; and David Putnam, archaeologist/anthropologist and UMPI faculty member. The article describes the high-precision GIS mapping work that was done as part of UMPI's EPSCoR [Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research] project to assess the feasibility and sustainability of grass biomass production for central Aroostook County. That work provided the first-ever high-precision land-use maps for northern Maine, and also yielded accurate hectare estimates of different land-use types, in particular grassland.

UMPI, Red Cross host Super Blood Drive

The American Red Cross and the University's Residence Life Office are teaming up to pull off the University's eighth "Super" Blood Drive, which will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 29 in the Campus Center's MPR. The event is being sponsored by the University's Dean of



Students' Office and Phi Eta Sigma – National Honor Society. All presenting donors can receive a ticket to the Northern Maine Fair and receive a chance to win 3 tickets to a Boston Red Sox home game, recognition at the game, and a special commemorative souvenir. For more information, call 768.9601.

KeyBank volunteers visit UMPI

Ten volunteers from KeyBank offices in Aroostook County visited campus on May 13 to celebrate their 25th annual nationwide Neighbors Make a Difference Day, a day of volunteerism supported by paid time off. To celebrate the day, in which more than 6,000 KeyCorp employees took part in more than 700 service projects, local volunteers spent the afternoon helping to clean-up and beautify campus, including weeding and mulching UMPI's Centennial Garden and tending to the flower beds around Preble Hall. The University would like to thank the KeyBank employees for their help in beautifying campus ahead of graduation! ★



UMPI Relay for Life

Chocolate sale

UMPI's Relay for Life team, along with other relay teams from Aroostook County, held their 2nd Annual Chocolate Festival on April 4 at the Teague Park School in Caribou. All the proceeds supported the American Cancer Society. There were bacon chocolate chip cookies, coconut balls, chocolate mustaches, lips and band-aids, chocolate covered Twinkies®, pretzels, strawberries, brownies and cherries plus peanut butter balls and blossoms and these were the items

for just the UMPI Relay Team. There were many other goodies as well. They also had games and prizes for kids, including a Mickey and Minnie cupcake walk and a Frozen themed card game.

Aroostook Relay for Life event

All are invited to come to the Aroostook Relay for Life event to be held on June 19, starting at 6 p.m. at the Caribou High School Track. This is the 20th year that Relay has been in Aroostook County. Stop by and support our very own UMPI Owl Relay

Team as they kick some cancer butt. Invite all the survivors you know, too – the event honors all survivors and features special activities that include a Survivor Reception. Also, it is not too late to join the team – to help with walking, contact either Lisa at lisa.leduc@umpi.edu or Laurie at laurie.boucher@umpi.edu – or register at www.relayforlife.org/aroostookme. ★



*Thanks
from Bonnie Devaney*

I want to take this opportunity to thank the UMPI Community for their friendships and support over the past 26 years. It has been a pleasure to serve our amazing students and an honor to work with such a dedicated faculty and staff. I will miss everyone and UMPI will always hold a special place in my heart. Thanks for the great times and the memories.

Bonnie

Congratulations

Samantha Hayes

Student of the Month March 2015



Samantha is from Caribou, ME and a graduated senior who majored in Liberal Studies/minored in History and Political Science. Sam worked in the Registrar's Office for three years, both during the school year and during the summer, and was always helpful, greeting everyone with a wonderful smile. She is friendly and was always willing to help students, staff and faculty. Sam was an excellent student and an outstanding role model. One instructor who had her in numerous classes said that she was always prepared, always participated in every discussion and served as a role model of what a successful student should be. Congratulations again, Sam!

Congratulations

Melanie Maynard

Student of the Month April 2015



Melanie is from Mapleton, ME and she is a graduated senior who majored in Social Work/minored in Psychology. Melanie has many achievements. She is active in addressing hunger issues and she has traveled to Guatemala and Tanzania. She is always active in leadership roles and was actively involved in every fundraiser sponsored by SOSW in the past four years on campus, and off campus during the summer holidays. Melanie was an excellent student and an outstanding role model. Congratulations!

IN MEMORIAM

STANLEY SMALL

Associate Professor in Education
& Director of Student Teaching
who worked at the University from
1963-1988.
He passed away on April 28, 2015.



Human Form

The Reed Fine Art Gallery presents the student curatorial project, *Human Form*, through June 13, 2015. The public is invited to view the exhibition throughout the show's run.

Human Form was a unique opportunity for students enrolled in the Fine Art Program to experience the "ins and outs" of museum and gallery procedures. Students selected work from the University Collections that featured the figure. These students were enrolled in the ART 104: *Figure Drawing* course taught by Assistant Professor of Art Heather Sincavage and spent the Spring 2015 semester studying artistic representations of the body.

The student curators are: Rebecca Bowers, Amanda Bubar, Sarah Coons, Arianna Forbes, Mollie Hicks, Dale Anne Ivey, Jessalyn Levesque, Sophia Maile, Corbet McCready, Renee Moore, Danielle Moulton, Monica Quist, Leah Rodriguez, Emma Ruff, Roldena Sanipass, and Lauren Wegmann.

Human Form: a student curatorial project will be open for the First Friday Art Walk on June 5 from 5-7 p.m. ★

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THURS, MAY 28

Games Club 5pm,
Owl's Nest

FRI, MAY 29

Games Club
Warmachine
6:30pm, CC118

SAT, MAY 30

First time home
buyer seminar
(UCU), 9am,
Aroostook Room

SAT, JUNE 6

Games Club LARP
6:30pm, Pull112 &
113, Fols105

TUES, JUNE 16

WWC small business
public forum 4pm,
MPR

SAT, JUNE 20

Games Club LARP
6:30pm, Pull112 &
113, Fols105

SAT, JUNE 27

Tri Aroostook and
Tri Aroostook Kids
Gentile

MON, JUNE 29

Blood Drive
11:30am, MPR

FRI, JULY 3

Offices closed

SAT, JULY 4

Independence Day

Games Club

LARP 6:30pm,
Pull112 & 113,
Fols105

MON, JULY 6

2nd summer session
starts

SAT, JULY 18

Games Club LARP
6:30pm, Pull112 &
113, Fols105

SAT, AUG 1

Games Club LARP
6:30pm, Pull112 &
113, Fols105

MON-FRI,

AUG 3-7

Camp Invention

SAT, AUG 15

Games Club LARP
6:30pm, Pull112 &
113, Fols105

SAT, AUG 22

Color PI 5k 9am,

Riverside Park

MON, AUG 31

Classes begin

FRI, SEPT 4

Last day to add a
class

MON, SEPT 7

Labor Day offices

closed, no classes

WED, SEPT 9

Last day to drop a

class/university

FRI, SEPT 11

Last day to request

pass/fail option

SUN, SEPT 13

REDY Youth

Adventure Race

1pm, Gentile

THURS, SEPT 17

Fall Blood Drive

Noon, MPR

FRI, SAT, SUN,

SEPT 18, 19, 20

Homecoming

SAT, SEPT 19

Athletics Hall of

Fame Reception &

Dinner 5:30pm, MPR

THURS, SEPT 24

Make a Wish Walk

6pm, MPR

FRI, SEPT 25

Reception for Mwika

Musicians 5:30pm,

MPR ★

Pictured at right, top:

Congrats to UMPI student Hana Hassan, winner of our SALT Bracket Sign Up Challenge! She won a \$100 gift card from Wal-Mart, donated by our local UCU Office, for picking the most teams who won during March Madness. (Extra special because she was a rookie—this was her first time picking teams!!)

Pictured at right, bottom:

Faculty, staff and students participated in the first UMPI Day on May 1, completing a wide range of campus clean-up projects, including washing windows and planting flowers. Here, Dennis Koch (left) and Greg Doak fill planters with fresh annuals.



Reminder to UMPI Alums

Don't forget to show your UMPI pride and celebrate your major accomplishments since graduation! Wear your snowy owl lapel pin you received when you graduated and answer the question, "Where have your wings taken you?" To answer that question, take a photo that shows you wearing the pin—either in your professional role or enjoying adventures all around the world—and then post the photo and your story to <http://yourwings.umpi.edu>. We hope to have everyone post a picture!



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