

U.S. Senator Susan Collins delivers DLS talk

The University presented U.S. Senator Susan M. Collins—a County native and key leader in the U.S. Senate—as the first guest speaker in its 2015-2016 Distinguished Lecturer Series. Senator Collins delivered her talk, *Can an Institutional Be a Change Agent?*, on Sept. 3.



President Linda Schott and Senator Susan Collins

During her talk, Maine Senator Susan Collins discussed her years in Washington, D.C. and her work in facilitating bipartisan compromise. First elected in 1996, the Senator is serving her fourth term in the United States Senate. She has never missed a roll-call vote, casting nearly 6,000 consecutive votes, and has shown leadership in critical areas ranging from homeland security, national defense, and disaster response, to education, business development, and health care.

In 2014, *ELLE* Magazine named her one of the “most powerful women in D.C.” Senator Collins has also been named “Guardian of Small Business” by the National Federation of Independent Businesses and has received honors from other groups ranging from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Association to the National School Boards Association. This

year, Senator Collins was ranked the most bipartisan member of the U.S. Senate in a non-partisan index by the Lugar Center and Georgetown University.

Currently serving as the Chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, Senator Collins has had a long-standing interest in health care. In 1997, she founded the Senate Diabetes Caucus and has led the effort to more than triple federal funding for diabetes research. As Senate co-chair of the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer’s Disease, she has worked to increase funding for Alzheimer’s research and to strengthen support for family caregivers. She also led the fight to restore critical funding to Medicare so that elderly and disabled residents can receive needed care in their own homes. *continued on page 2*

University welcomes Mwika Musicians from Tanzania

The University’s Bachelor of Social Work Program presented an evening of “Community, Friendship and Hope” when it hosted the Mwika Musicians for a special community reception on Sept. 25 in the Auditorium at Wieden Hall. This reception included demonstrations of the group’s traditional Afrikan music through

stories, song and dance. The Mwika Musicians, a delegation of 12 student musicians from Stefano Moshi Memorial University College in Mwika, Tanzania, their choral director, and the college’s principal, are visiting Maine for two weeks for the international cultural exchange of a lifetime. During their visit, they will share their culture, tradi-



tions, and music (which is in Kiswahili and is arranged to reflect the group’s Christian faith—Stefano Moshi is a

Lutheran college), experience the culture and music in the U.S., and build upon existing *continued on page 4*

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Northern Maine hosts run at “light speed”

This summer, northern Maine hosted the fastest run ever performed by humans: at “light speed” (186,000 miles per second) along the Maine Solar System Model. The run was held in honor of the NASA New Horizons spacecraft which, after a nine-year voyage, flew past and studied Pluto in mid-July during the close encounter. As the first post-flyby images returned to Earth at the speed of light on the morning of July 15, groups of runners simulated the photo signal by running from the solar system model’s Pluto to Earth along U.S. Route 1.

Established by UMPI, the Northern Maine Museum of Science, and the northern Maine community, it is the largest solar system model in the Western Hemisphere, with both the planet diameters and distances from the Sun set to a scale of one mile equal to an astronomical unit (AU, the distance from the Sun to Earth). The model consists of



a 50-foot diameter Sun and extends 95 miles to the dwarf planet Eris, which is about one inch in diameter.

The “From Pluto at the Speed of Light” run was the idea of Alan Stern, the Principal Investigator of NASA’s New Horizons mission. As a scientific investigation to obtain the first close look at Pluto, the New Horizons spacecraft was launched in 2006. The Maine Solar System Model has been part of the educational outreach for New Horizons during the course of this mission.

The “From Pluto” run began just after sunup on July 15. The “signal” from Pluto to Earth was passed along relay-style by several groups of runners. Each group ran for approximately five to six miles along the 32-mile course, maintaining an eight minute, ten second per mile pace in order to run along the solar system model at scale light speed. At the event’s completion, participants were invited to a celebration at the auto dealership located adjacent to the Earth model. ★

We want to hear about your news & events!

If you would like to submit an item for the October 2015 issue, the deadline for submissions is Monday, October 5, 4:30 p.m. Submissions received after that date may not be included. Email news or event information to gshaw@maine.edu ★

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A recipient of the U.S. Navy’s highest civilian honor, Senator Collins has successfully fought for increased funding for Navy shipbuilding to support the jobs of the men and women at Bath Iron Works, Maine’s largest private employer, and has been recognized and been a strong advocate for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery. She has also advocated for the Maine Military Authority and the Defense Finance and Accounting Services Center in Limestone, as well as the Air National Guard base in Bangor and the Maine Army National Guard.

Senator Collins was born and raised in Caribou, where her family runs S.W. Collins, a fifth-generation lumber business, founded by her ancestors in 1844. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of St. Lawrence University, she is married to Thomas A. Daffron and resides in Bangor. ★

Wellness Collaborative with community

A collaborative of County organizations has come together to help better inform residents on how they can lead all-around healthier lives through a series of monthly public presentations focusing on various aspects of overall wellness.

The October presentations will focus on social wellness.

Sessions are Tuesday, Oct. 14 at noon at the Smith Wellness Center at NMCC; Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 7 a.m. at Gentle Hall (rock climbing wall) at UMPI; and Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. in the conference center of the East Wing Building (2nd floor) at TAMC. All upcoming sessions will be the same time for each of the locations.

Presentation topics will be: NOVEMBER, intellectual wellness; DECEMBER, spiritual wellness; JANUARY, physical wellness; FEBRUARY, environmental wellness; MARCH, financial wellness; APRIL, occupational wellness, and MAY, emotional wellness. Dates, times and presenters for November through May will be announced soon. FMI, call 768.4044.



University of Maine at Presque Isle
North of Ordinary
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UMPI celebrates Homecoming 2015

The University hosted another jam-packed Homecoming celebration from Sept. 17-20.

On Sept. 17, the University teamed up with WAGM-TV to host a screening of three new shows in the FOX Tuesdays line-up—“Grandfathered,” “The Grinder,” and “Scream Queens.”

Festivities kicked into high gear on Sept. 18, with a BBQ lunch, an Alumni Pasta Supper to raise funds for the Alumni Association (sponsored in part by

ARAMARK Dining Services), and an Alumni Baseball Game. That evening, the Reed Gallery Rededication Celebration took place in the Center for Innovative Learning. (see story, page 5)

That night, the University Players also presented its first Broadway Revue, featuring local talents singing Broadway songs from musicals revived on Broadway over the years. The evening also included a bonfire and the annual Alumni and Friends Social.

The fun continued on

Sept. 19, with the Homecoming Alumni and Friends Brunch, where the classes of 2011, 1991 and 1956 were honored and the Distinguished Educator of the Year Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award were presented. (see story, below) The day also included a UMPI Owls Tailgate, and the Women’s and Men’s soccer games vs. Fisher College.

That evening, the annual Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner was held. Three alumni were inducted into the UMPI

Athletics Hall of Fame: Sara Richard, Steve Babineau, and Coach Karl Henrikson. (see story, page 9)

The main event took place when recent *America’s Got Talent* semifinalists, the Chicago Boyz Acrobatic Group, presented its high flying, high energy professional gymnastics show.

The last day of Homecoming, Sept. 20, included an Alumni and All Comers XC 5K. Festivities culminated with the Men’s and Women’s Alumni Soccer Games. ★

Educator, Distinguished Alumni awards presented

UMPI and the Alumni Association honored two alumni with awards of distinction during the Homecoming Alumni and Friends Brunch on Sept. 19. Alumna Cynthia M. Jones was honored with the Distinguished Educator Award, presented to an alum who has received ongoing recognition as an outstanding educator. Alumnus James O. Donnelly received the Distinguished Alumni Award, presented to an alum who has made long-term contributions to the Alumni Association or the University, or who has received professional recognition that has reflected positively on the University.

Jones graduated from UMPI in 1979 with a Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education. She secured a teaching position in the MSAD 20 (Fort Fairfield) school system, where she served in several teaching positions, including Title 1, Grade 4, multi-age K-1, and Kindergarten. In addition to teaching, she served in several leadership

positions, including teacher mentor and building leadership team member.

Jones has been named the Teacher of the Year for MSAD 20 twice, most



Cynthia M. Jones

recently for the 2011-2012 school year. She has also been the recipient of MSAD 20’s “Apple Award,” bestowed upon teachers who regularly go “above and beyond” and serve as a role model to other educators. She retired from teaching in spring 2015, but has returned to the district this fall as a part-time pre-K teacher.

Donnelly, who graduated from the University with a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science in 1990. He is expected



James O. Donnelly

to graduate from Malcolm Baldrige School of Business at Post University with his MBA later this year. He graduated from the New England School of Banking at Williams College and the American Community Banker’s National School for Senior Management at Villanova University.

Donnelly serves as Senior Vice President, Director of Retail Delivery at Bangor Savings Bank, and has had a 24-year career in banking. He serves on the Board of Eastern Maine Health Systems and the University of Maine System Board of Trustees. He has served as chairman of several groups, including the State Ethics Commission, the Loring Development Authority, and United Way of Eastern Maine campaign. He also served in the Maine Legislature from 1991-98, representing Presque Isle and Mapleton in House District 145 and leading his caucus as Minority Leader in the House in the 118th Maine Legislature. ★



upcountry releases latest issue

The latest issue of the University's literary journal, the Spring 2015 issue, is available for viewing. The issue features a fine collection of written and visual works by campus and community members.

This issue of *upcountry* includes returning contributors as well as those who are new writers to the journal's pages. This issue came together under student editor Jessica Edney and journal advisor Dr. Melissa Crowe.

"We're thrilled to report that since re-launching the journal in 2011, we've put out six consecutive issues, and we could not be prouder of this one," Crowe said. "We're getting better at what we do, and *upcountry's* reputation with readers and contributors is growing, making it easier and easier to consistently put out top-quality work."

Mwika

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collaborations between UMPI and the Tanzanian college.

For this trip, the group flew from Kilimanjaro to Boston, spent a week at UMPI and visited local classrooms, teaching various community groups about their traditional music and dance, and then traveled to Orono to spend Sept. 26 to Oct. 2 at the University of Maine, hosted by UMaine's International Student and Scholar Services, to conduct similar cultural exchange activities there.

During their visit in Presque Isle, the group con-

nected with the community in many different ways. They visited with several UMPI classes, drummed with Micmac drummers, did a library lunch event at Northern Maine Community College, and taught students Tanzanian song and dance at Fort Fairfield Middle High School.

This visit was one of the most ambitious undertakings Shirley Rush, UMPI Associate Professor of Social Work, helped to organize as a result of her University of Maine System Trustee Professorship that she completed in Tanzania in Fall 2013. The purpose of her professorship was to teach on the campus-

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

The issue includes the work of 11 poets and writers. Works range from Alice Bolstridge's poem "Through the Heart of the Awl" and Derek Boudreau's story "It Happened on Meteor Lake" to Hannah Brilliant's poem "Green Alchemy" and Amanda Stevens' story "Summer Storm." Renee Moore's painting "Longing for Something More" graces the cover.

"We invite members of the greater-Presque Isle community to read the journal and consider it a potential home for their own cre-

es of Stefano Moshi Memorial University College and work to develop the infrastructure and relationships needed for a reciprocal international exchange effort. That work has resulted in UMPI students traveling to Tanzania to complete coursework, service learning and clinical rotations. To ensure the exchange is reciprocal, though, Rush worked to bring the Tanzanian musicians to Presque Isle.

She and others worked for 18 months to plan for the visit, make arrangements, line up passports and visas, and see to the hundreds of other details to

upcountry



spring 2015

ative work. It's a real pleasure to have the opportunity to share local talent with the whole world," Crowe said.

To view the latest issue of *upcountry* in its interactive format, visit <http://upcountryjournal.wordpress.com/> and click on the "Expand" button. ★

make an exchange event like this happen.

While fundraising has been done to cover the costs of passports and visas, ground transportation to and from Boston, and other expenses, community and individual donations are still needed to cover the group's travel costs.

For more information about the Mwika Musicians' visit or to make a donation, please contact Rush at 768.9427 or shirley.rush@umpi.edu. Donations also can be sent directly to UMPI, c/o Shirley Rush-Mwika Musicians, 181 Main St., Presque Isle, ME 04769. ★

UMPI celebrates Zuras's second novel with reading, book signing

University English Professor has had his second novel published and the University celebrated with a reading and book signing event with the author on Sept. 22 in the Campus Center.

Richard Lee Zuras, UMPI Professor of English and Creative Writing, takes readers to the end of the Doo-wop era and sets them amidst the glitzy, glamorous resorts of the Mid-Atlantic coast in its heyday in his latest book, *The Honeymoon Corruption*. Being released this month by the independent press Brandylane Publishing, the novel follows the path star-crossed young lovers Althea and Guy traverse when they elope to the seaside resort town of Wildwood, New Jersey, with two suitcases, a veil, and no plans, and learn that getting on their feet may demand more than they're prepared to give.

Zuras was born and raised in Arlington, VA, and spent time with his parents and brother most every summer in Wildwood and Atlantic City, NJ. From these experiences, and his vivid, undying memories of the Jersey Shore, Zuras has been able to bring to life the world within *The Honeymoon Corruption*.

Zuras earned his MFA as the McNeese Fellow at McNeese State University under the auspices of Pulitzer Prize-winner Robert Olen Butler. He also did graduate work at the University of Colorado, George Mason University, and the University of North Dakota, where he worked under James Robison.

In addition to his first novel *The Bastard Year*, which was published in 2012, Zuras has been published in more than 20 journals, including *Passages North*, *South Dakota Review*, *Story Quarterly*, and *The*



Laurel Review. He has also garnered several prizes, including the Yemassee Fiction Award and the Bernard O'Keefe Fiction Scholarship at Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, and was named a Wesleyan Writers' Conference Scholar.

Zuras' novels can be purchased in the Campus Store and online. ★

UMPI hosts Reed Rededication Celebration in new space

The University's Reed Fine Art Gallery received a major upgrade—a beautiful, new, 2,000-square-foot space in a brand new place—and officials hosted an event to both “unveil” the gallery and rededicate it on Sept. 18, during Homecoming weekend.

The gallery, housed for many years at the Campus Center, was relocated to the second floor of the Center for Innovative Learning, providing the gallery with a much bigger, open space complete with floor-to-ceiling glass walls, the ability to host much larger exhibits, and a view that looks out over the campus. The Sept. 18 Reed Rededication Celebration served as a special evening honoring the gallery's namesake and history, while creating new memories to start its future.

“We were delighted to present this new space to the campus and community during our Sept. 18 celebration, and give the Reed Fine Art Gallery a much more modern and spacious place to continue its important work of showcasing artists from the local to the national level, presenting a wide range of art forms and media, and providing a space for everyone to experience and connect with art,” UMPI President Linda Schott said.

The event included a reception—featuring music, arts-themed refreshments, a cash bar, and a unique live painting activity by UMPI alumnus Ken Lund (who painted the celebra-



Dr. Ray Rice and President Linda Schott participate in the Reed Gallery Rededication as alum Ken Lund completes a live painting of the occasion.

tion as it happened). The event also included a rededication ceremony, with a tribute to the Reed Family – Walter M. Reed, Jr. is the gallery's namesake – and a ribbon-cutting for the new space.

On display in the new gallery is a first-of-its-kind alumni show, entitled *Now and Then: Honoring the Legacy of the Arts at UMPI*. This special exhibition featuring 18 of the Fine Art Program's alumni, serves—fittingly—as the very first show to go on display in the newly relocated Reed Fine Art Gallery. ★



UMPI receives four top *U.S. News* rankings

University officials are pleased to announce that the institution earned four top rankings on *U.S. News and World Report's* 2016 Best Colleges list. In this year's annual rankings, UMPI was named among the 50 Best Regional Colleges in the North, the 15 Top Public Schools in the North, and the top 10 Regional Colleges in the North for graduates with least debt.

"We are so pleased to be recognized in this year's *U.S. News and World Report's* Best Colleges List and are very honored to have received four rankings for the hard work we do as an institution to provide a high quality and low cost education for our students," UMPI President Linda Schott said.

In its Best Regional Colleges in the North ranking, UMPI was listed as #40, moving up 6 spots and earning first tier status. The ranking defines regional colleges as schools that focus on undergraduate education but grant fewer than half their degrees in liberal arts disciplines.

UMPI was listed as #15 in the Top Public Schools ranking list for Regional Colleges in the North. The ranking defines public colleges and universities as those that are typically oper-

ated under the supervision of state governments and funded, in part, by tax dollars and subsidies from the state.

In its third ranking, the University was short-listed among Regional Colleges in the North for graduates with the least debt. *U.S. News* compiled a list of schools whose Class of 2014 graduated with the lightest debt load. The data included loans taken out by students from their colleges, from private financial institutions, and from federal, state, and local governments. UMPI came in at #7 after the United States Coast Guard Academy (CT), United States Merchant Marine Academy (NY), SUNY College of Technology (NY), Farmingdale State College-SUNY (NY), Cooper Union (NY), and Vermont Technical College (VT).

Garnering its fourth top ranking, UMPI was #31 in the Best Colleges for Veterans among Regional Colleges in the North listing. This ranking spotlights institutions that are helping veterans to pursue a college education under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. ★



UMPI and RSU 39 sign dual credit agreement

Students at Caribou High School and Caribou Regional Technology Center are now able to earn credit toward both a high school degree and a Bachelor's degree for nearly two dozen courses they take thanks to a unique new dual credit agreement signed by RSU 39 and UMPI. With the ability for students to earn up to 63 credits toward a college degree, this partnership is one of the most comprehensive dual credit opportunities to be established between a University and a school district in Aroostook County.

"We've been working very hard at the University to provide very significant and cost-saving early college access to Maine students," UMPI President Linda Schott said. "We are delighted to provide such an excellent head start on college for students at Caribou High School and Caribou Regional Technology Center and a very affordable path toward a Bachelor's degree."

Similar to the agreement that the University signed with the Maine School of Science and Mathematics in the spring, students will be able to take advantage of these courses for just \$15 per credit—a savings of more than 90% over the traditional cost for a Maine resident attending UMPI.



The agreement between UMPI and RSU 39 allows students to be concurrently enrolled in high school and college.

University and school officials have worked closely to identify 21 courses as part of this agreement, so students who successfully complete AP Psychology, for example, will receive college credit for its course equivalency at UMPI, Psychology 100. In addition, those who complete a year-long course such as Senior English will receive two semesters' worth of college credit, in

this case both UMPI's English 101 and English 151.

An important aspect of this agreement is that Caribou dual credit students will have access to all college academic and student support services at UMPI including, but not limited to, libraries, electronic library resources, writing centers, tutorial services, assessment, admissions, and academic advisement.

In addition to the upfront financial savings, this agreement is expected to have a significant impact on students' future loan indebtedness as they earn college credit through a public university system that leads the nation in commitment to affordability. Officials hope the agreement also will strengthen efforts to keep more young people in Maine and increase the state's four-year degree completion rate.

To learn more about dual credit opportunities at UMPI, please call 768.9520. ★



UMPI-UMFK research team receives grant

A research project conducted by two UMPI professors and a University of Maine at Fort Kent professor was awarded a grant for \$7,100 by the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund to study climate change in Maine’s Deboullie Public Reserved Land.

UMPI Assistant Professors of Biology Dr. Judith Roe and Dr. Larry Feinstein, with their partner Dr. Peter Nelson, UMFK Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences and Environmental Studies, received the grant for their research project, titled “Ecological Assessment of Threatened Vegetation Communities in Rock Glaciers to Monitor Impact of Climate Change.” The grant was matched at \$2,000 by both UMPI and UMFK.

Members of the research team will be mapping the rock glaciers, monitoring environmental parameters, and surveying their plant communities with a focus on lichens and mosses to better

understand and preserve these unique environments in response to climate change.

Five rock glaciers adjacent to ponds in Deboullie Public Reserved Land were described by David Putnam, archaeologist/climate scientist and UMPI faculty member, and Aaron Putnam, now a research associate with the University of Maine Climate Change Institute, in 2009 and four of these retain persistent subsurface ice. The rock glaciers are covered by thick mats of mosses and lichens, shrubs and dwarf spruce trees. The new research will catalog the biological composition of these unique habitats, including identification of known and new plant and lichen species, preliminary investigation of their genetic makeup, and investigation of associated microbial communities.



By comparing temperature and humidity levels between rock glaciers, Dr. Roe said, “We hope to identify the environmental conditions that favor the special assembly of plants and lichens found there.”

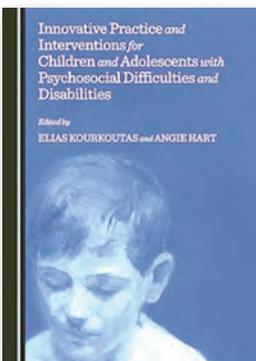
Dr. Feinstein explained, “We are concerned that climate change will adversely affect these vegetation communities that are supported by subsurface ice.”

The team’s research results will provide information for conservation efforts in the area. The research team was sponsored by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry in its application.

This project was funded in part by the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund, in which proceeds from the sale of a dedicated instant lottery ticket (currently Gopher Gold) are used to support outdoor recreation and natural resource conservation. ★

UMPI Emeritus Professor contributes book chapter

Dr. JoAnne Putnam, University Emeritus Professor of Education, has contributed a chapter to the book *Innovative Practice and Interventions for Children and Adolescents with Psychosocial Difficulties and Disabilities*, which



was published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Putnam was among more than 40 authors who contributed to the book, which was edited by Elias Kourkoutas and Angie Hart. The book brings together approaches from academics and practitioners from many countries, including Europe, America, the Middle East and Australia.

According to its description, *Innovative Practice and Interventions for Children and Adolescents with Psychosocial Difficulties and Disabilities* covers a wide spectrum of questions

and topics related to children’s, adolescents’ and families’ difficulties and intervention issues. The authors provide alternative methods and practices that increase the ability for children, families, and schools to deal with various risks and adversities.

The book was selected by Editorial Advisory Board member Dr. Terri Apter in her May “Recommended Read” feature, which spotlights one of the publishing company’s best-selling titles, noteworthy for the contribution it makes to its field.

Apter said of the book: “A surprisingly high proportion of young people—estimates range from 20 to 38 per cent—are in need of some intervention for psychological, behavioural or educational problems. There is a pressing need to model the variety of different psychosocial difficulties and disabilities to take into account how young people experience their conditions, how families respond (and how these responses affect the child or adolescent), and how teachers’ attitudes and behaviour might facilitate development . . . This is an impressive and valuable contribution to an important field.” ★



Wintergreen, UMPI present Color PI 5K

The University and the Wintergreen Arts Center teamed up to present the Third Annual Color Presque Isle 5K, where participants dressed in white and were showered with colored powder throughout the course. The Aug. 22 event served as a benefit for arts programming in downtown Presque Isle.

This year's Color Presque Isle 5K attracted 300 people to take to the course, 80 volunteers, and raised \$12,000 for downtown arts programming.

Similar to other runs that have happened across the nation, this event involved volunteers dropping nontoxic colored powder on participants at various spots throughout the course, which began at Riverside Park and looped around to the UMPI campus and back. This year's

route included a stretch along Main St. from State St. to the UMPI campus.

Funding from this year's event will help to support scholarships and the after school program at Wintergreen Arts Center as well as UMPI's Empty Bowls benefit and Visiting Artist Program.

This year's course featured six color stations, sponsored by local businesses and staffed with teams of volunteers dressed up to reflect specific themes. At the finish line, refreshments and water provided by TAMC awaited participants. At a designated time near the end of the event, all participants and organizers were invited to take part in a giant color throw.



New this year, because people have shown up to past Color PI 5K events with wigs, tutus and other fun-loving attire, organizers decided to host a Best Costume Contest. Prizes were awarded to Renee Chalou-Ennis in the individual category, Glenn Mahan and family in the family category, and Rylee Leavitt in the kid category. A People's Choice award, with a grand prize of 2 round trip tickets to Boston courtesy of PenAir, went to Hyrum Benson.

To add to the festivities, during and after the event there were several activities available for participants and those cheering on 5Kers, including face painting, a community mural and the Daniels Ice Cream Truck.

For photos from this year's event, visit umpi.edu/colorpresqueisle5k. ★

Reed exhibit features special alumni show in new space

The Arts at UMPI are kicking off an exciting new year with a first-of-its-kind alumni show in a brand new space. The alumni exhibit, entitled *Now and Then: Honoring the Legacy of the Arts at UMPI* and featuring 18 of the Fine Art Program's alumni, serves—fittingly—as the very first show to go on display in the newly relocated Reed Fine Art Gallery.

The exhibition on display in the new space runs from Aug. 31 through Oct. 3, 2015. *Now and Then* focuses on the success of the UMPI alumni. The premise of the exhibit is to feature two pieces of artwork done by each artist. One piece, considered the “Then” piece is an artwork the artist completed as an UMPI student. Their second piece, the “Now” piece, is an artwork completed recently. This displays the growth each artist had since their graduation and the evolution of their studio practice.

“Often, students, or even the general public, assume getting an art degree creates a challenging future,” Reed Gallery Director Heather Sincavage said. “This exhibit looks to dispel that misconception and show off how our alumni are ‘making it’ as self-sustaining artists, designers, educators, business owners, and leaders.”

The exhibition features graduates from four generations, although Professor Emeritus Clifton Boudman started the program in 1968. The earliest graduate featured in the exhibit graduated in 1988. The exhibition features: Mirandah Akeley, Kirsten



Gallery-goers take in Carol Ayoob's installation “Dirty Laundry” during the Reed Rededication celebration. Ayoob's piece is one of the many on display for the “Now and Then” exhibition in the new gallery space.

Arndt, Carol Ayoob, Karrie Brawn, Jessica Carpenter, Brian Farley, Heather Harvell, C. Ann Kittredge, Jim Laroque, Ken Lund, Mark Lusardi, Heather Nunez Olmstead, Lulu Pelletier, Andrea Peterson, Cortney Arndt Rector, Jeff Rector, Jme Smith, and Carol St. Pierre.

“Now and Then” will be open for the October First Friday Art Walk, taking place Oct. 2. The public is encouraged to come out to First Friday and attend this free event. Light refreshments will be served. Please follow gallery happenings on the Reed Gallery Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ReedArtGallery. ★



University Players presents Broadway Revue

The University Players theater club presented its first production of the Fall 2015 semester on Sept. 18—a Broadway Revue featuring songs from Broadway Revivals over the last 50 years to celebrate the revival of the drama club at UMPI.

“We plan for this to be the first of many Broadway revues,” University Players club president Darci Faye said.

The Revue featured songs from the hit Broadway musicals: *Grease*, *The Sound of Music*, *Annie*,

Chicago, *Oliver*, *Into the Woods*, *Les Miserables*, *Peter Pan*, *Company*, *Side Show*, *Pippin*, *Once Upon A Mattress*, *West Side Story* and *Gypsy*.

Singers in the Broadway Revue ranged from seasoned UMPI singers to County favorites. UMPI students participating were:

Bowers, Sara Hall, Valentina Annunziata, and Anna Scheidler. Participants from the County were: Renee LaPointe (Van Buren),

Rachel Ellis (Presque Isle), Jaidyn Blake (Mapleton), Noelle Bailey (Mars Hill), Chloe Wheeler (Mars Hill), Emily Boucher (Madawaska), Delaney McKeen (Mars Hill), Danica Haskell (Presque Isle), Alexis Gustin (Caribou), and Hannah Forsman (Caribou).

The University Players was re-formed last year and works to provide students—and, in some cases, community thespians as well—with a way to express themselves through various theatre

forms, such as: plays, musicals, and festivals. Later this semester, the theater club plans to present a UMPI student-penned play performed by New York-based actors, on Oct. 9-10, and an Off-Broadway hit comedy, *Beyond Therapy*, on Nov. 7-8.

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”. ★

Sports! Sports! Sports!

Three inducted into Hall of Fame



As part of UMPI’s Homecoming 2015 activities, the induction of three UMPI Owl greats into the Athletic Hall of Fame took place. Sara Richard, Steve Babineau, and Coach Karl Hendrickson were honored during the Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner, held in the Campus Center on Sept. 19.

Steve Babineau played during a successful era of the Owl’s Men’s Soccer team. It is safe to say that UMPI would not have had that success without Babineau’s efforts. During his time, the Owls won 37 games, including a 12-3-1 record in 1996, a season in which the team qualified for the NAIA Northeast Regional Playoffs. Babineau finished his playing career 11th on the all-time scoring list, despite playing defense his freshman year. He scored 29 goals and had 7 assists in his career. Three times he was named First

Team All-Maine Athletic Conference, he was a one-time NAIA All-New England Region First Team honoree, named to the All-Northeast Region Team, the MAC Player of the Week, and the *Bangor Daily News* Men’s Senior All-Star

NAIA Team in 1997. His career at UMPI earned him a professional tryout with the Connecticut Wolves in the A-League.

When Coach Karl Henrikson first came to UMPI, he took over a Men’s Basketball Program that had been struggling. By 1993, the Owls were Northeast College Conference Champions, for the first time in 12 years. Henrikson was also the NCC Coach of the Year that season. With Henrikson at the helm, the Owls were Maine Athletic Conference Finalists twice, *continued on page 10*



Steve Babineau



Coach Karl Henrikson



Sara Richard

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SAGE kicks off fall class offerings

A UMPI program that serves local residents over 50 and believes in "learning for life" hosted its fall kick-off event Sept. 18 in the Campus Center. Membership in Seniors Achieving Greater Education is \$17 per semester or \$32 for the year. There are additional fees for field trips and some hands-on courses. The event included brief presentations by the learning facilitators followed by registration for classes.

Courses this fall include such topics as wine making, chess, SAGE games night, election issues, movies, senior water fitness, literature, introduction to opera, simple plumbing and heating repairs, genealogy, birding, scams, fossils, Presque Isle and the Civil War, greeting cards,

and the Mi'kmaw culture. There will be learning excursions to the Fort Fairfield Library, a North Maine Woods Tour, and a trip to Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge. FMI, contact Mary Lawrence at 768.9502.

UMPI hosts management courses

The University's EmployerU program is offering two courses this fall as part of its American Management Association's certificate programs. The two courses are *Communication Skills for Managers*, which meets Tuesdays, Sept. 29 – Nov. 3 from 5 – 7:30 p.m. and *How to Manage Conflict in the Workplace*, which meets Wednesdays, Sept. 30 – Nov. 4 from 5 – 7:30 p.m. These courses are part of a multi-course curriculum leading to Certificates in Management and Human Resources Management and are specifi-

cally 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. FMI, contact Kim Jones at 768.9459 or email kimberly.a.jones@maine.edu.

UMPI celebrates Constitution Day

UMPI celebrated the 228th birthday of the signing of the U.S. Constitution with a presentation titled *America's Hidden Constitution* by Assistant Professor of political science (adjunct), Dr. Brent Andersen on Sept. 17 in the Center for Innovative Learning. Dr. Andersen explained some of the less well known provisions of the U.S. Constitution, how these have influenced the course of American history, and how they affect us today.



One of the provisions discussed was the "citizenship clause" of the 14th Amendment, which has been a hotly debated topic among some candidates for president. The lecture was interactive, with quiz questions for audience participants.

UMPI hosts Make-A-Wish Walk

The University hosted their 5th annual Make-A-Wish Walk on Thursday, Sept. 24 in the Campus Center. The event was sponsored and organized by the Dean of Students Office. The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition. On average, each wish granted to a Maine child costs \$6,000 and one wish is granted every five days. Last year,



UMPI was able to raise over \$1,000 and had 60 people

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Sports! Sports! Sports!

and ranked in the top 25 in the NAIA. Henrikson amassed a 58% winning percentage at UMPI, while having the pleasure to coach three NAIA All-Americans and an NAIA Player of the Week. His talents did not go unnoticed. Henrikson was asked to speak at the Hamilton, Ontario Basketball Camp, the YBOA Recruiting Camp in Albuquerque, NM, and as a coach/player Clinic Presenter for Lahti, Finland. He also was a factor locally as he started the Aroostook County All-Star Game, North

Star Basketball Camp, and the UMPI Summer League.

Sara Richard may be one of the most accomplished runners in UMPI history. She was named to the NAIA All-New England Region Team all four years, including being the Individual Champion in 1995. She was the Dirigo Series Champion in 1995 and the runner up in 1996. She was the MAC Champion in 1995, and All-Conference on multiple occasions. She finished seventh in MAIAW and was

All-State in 1995. She was also voted as the Most Valuable Runner in 1995. She ran in the NAIA National Championships four times, with her best finish coming in 1994, when she was 38th. Her success translated into success for the Owls as a team: in 1994 and 1995, they were NAIA New England Regional Team Champions. In 1994, Richard was also part of the team that was an NAIA Scholar Team, coming in at 7th highest of 35 teams at nationals. ★





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participate in the event. During this year's event, prizes were given to walkers based on the amount they had raised and included a Walk T-shirt, a beach towel, and a sweatshirt.

UMPI Relay for Life ranked 5th in Maine

The UMPI Owls Relay for Life team has done a great job recruiting members to their team. This year, there were 32 people that joined and helped



to exceed the team's fundraising goal of \$12,000 by raising an

amazing \$12,789.56! Out of 355 community Relay teams in Maine, the UMPI Owls are currently ranked as the 5th team in the state! For the past six years, they have raised \$58,855.50. Congratulations!

Camp Invention inspires young inventors

In August, UMPI hosted Camp Invention for a week-long camp. Camp Invention focuses on the S.T.E.M.

(Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) curriculum. Children who attended the camp spent each day doing various activities that challenged their creative thinking and problem-solving skills. 38 local kids, grades 1 – 6, attended.

Elaine Hendrickson, who is a local educator and the 2001 Maine Teacher of the Year, directed the activities.

New UMPI AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer

Recent UMPI graduate and Presque Isle native, Victoria Winslow, in the new UMPI AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer. She is replacing John Moist.



Throughout the upcoming year, Victoria will be working with local school districts in creating and enhancing articulation agreements regarding dual-enrollment and other early college initiatives. She'll be working closely with faculty and staff on student success initiatives, particularly focusing on at-risk students. She'll also be working on developing mentor and leadership programs and assisting with general student needs. Victoria's office is on the 1st floor of the CIL, so please stop by and say hello!

Melissa Crowe named co-editor of Beloit Poetry Journal

Melissa Crowe, an adjunct faculty member teaching English, was named co-editor (along with Rachel Contreni Flynn) of *Beloit Poetry Journal*. The magazine, which is in the process of moving its home base from Farmington to the Portland area, has published continuously since 1950 and was the first or among the earliest to publish work by major American poets like Anne Sexton, Charles Bukowski, Sharon Olds, and Sherman Alexie. Melissa has served as a member of the editorial board of the journal since 2010. ★

Lunch and Learn Topics Fall 2015

Tuesday, Oct. 6, Noon – 2 p.m., Aroostook Room, **What Students Don't Like About Their Professors**, Kim-Anne Perkins

Friday, Oct. 30, Noon – 2 p.m., Aroostook Room, **Five Steps to Better Instructions**, Kim Sebold

Thursday, Nov. 12, Noon – 2 p.m., Aroostook Room, **Using Social Media in the Classroom**, Kim-Anne Perkins

Monday, Nov. 30, Noon – 2 p.m., Alumni Room, **Teaching Zombie History With Proficiency Based Education**, Kim Sebold

Thursday, Dec. 10, Noon – 2 p.m., Allagash Room, **Best Practices for Teaching Cohorts**, Kim-Anne Perkins



Beyond Limits

Photo courtesy Lenny Cole
Gathering for a group photo while on their BEYOND LIMITS Katahdin Expedition are, from left, front row: Jacqui Lowman and Saint; middle row: Vanessa Patenaude, Alyssa Dougherty, Marteen Hester, Victoria Winslow, Amanda Baker, Michael Smith, P.J. Kinney, and Christopher Bowden; back row: Hyrum Benson, Chad McPherson, Ethan Burke, Mathieu Bourgeois, Lenny Cole, and Rod Jandreau. Not pictured was Amy Chartier. Members of the group will speak about their adventure during a presentation on Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center.

The Importance of Being Earnest

SAVE THE DATE! UMPI will host the American Shakespeare Center for a one-matinee-only performance of Oscar Wilde's brilliant comic masterpiece *The Importance of Being Earnest* on Sunday Oct. 4 at 3 p.m. in the Auditorium at Wieden Hall. A pre-show talk with members of the troupe will be held at 2:30 p.m. All are invited to attend this event.



Camp Invention





Alumni Corner

activities 10.01.2015–10.15.2015

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OCT				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17

OCT 1
SEAM 12:30pm,
 Owl's Nest ■ **SOSW**
 12:30pm, CC118 ■
Bingo 7pm, Owl's
 Nest ■ **Karaoke Night**
 8pm, Owl's Nest

OCT 4
Live Theater: *The
 Importance of Being
 Earnest* 3pm, pre-
 show talk at 2:30pm,
 Aud, in Wieden Hall

OCT 5
Singer: Gary Johnson
 7pm, Campus Center

OCT 6
UMPI 100% 5:30pm,
 Campus Center ■

GAY DAYS EVENT:
**Rainbow Relationship
 Continuum** 7pm,
 Allagash Room
OCT 7
**Lynn Flewelling, Gay
 Days Keynote address**
 7pm, Campus Center

OCT 8
SEAM 12:30pm,
 Alumni Room ■
SOSW 12:30pm,
 CC118 ■ **TBT with
 CAB** 7pm, Owl's Nest
OCT 9

Live Theater: *Infinitely
 Yours* 7pm, Aud. in
 Wieden Hall

OCT 10
Live Theater: *Infinitely
 Yours*, 7pm, Aud. in
 Wieden Hall

OCT 12
 FALL BREAK BEGINS

OCT 14
 CLASSES RESUME ■
Trivia Night 7pm,
 Owl's Nest

OCT 15
SEAM 12:30pm,
 Alumni Room ■ **SOSW**
 12:30pm, CC118

OCT 16
**Paranormal
 Presentation & Ghost
 Hunt tour** 7pm,
 Auditorium in Wieden

UMPI Alum Wendy Koenig



Local author **Wendy Koenig** had her latest book, *Sentient*, released by publisher Lands Atlantic in August. Koenig's novels and short stories have won international awards and appeared in multiple venues. A 2006 UMPI graduate, she lives in New Brunswick with her husband, Vince, and two cats named after the Blues Brothers, Jake and Elwood. For more information, check out her website <http://wendykoenig.com>. Congratulations, Wendy!

UMPI Alum Lynn Flewelling



Gay Days Keynote Speaker: DISTURBING THE STATUS QUO
 Wednesday, October 7, 7pm Campus Center
 sponsored by UMPI 100% - GLBTQ group

Internationally acclaimed fantasy fiction author, **Lynn Flewelling**, grew up in Presque Isle and is a 1981 graduate of UMPI (B.S. English), holds an M.A. in Counseling Psychology, and was recently accepted into the Ph.D. program in Clinical Psychology at Pacifica Graduate Institute. She lives in Redlands, California and is adjunct faculty at the University of Redlands. Flewelling's writings promote feminism and LGBT causes. The protagonists of the *Nightrunner* books are both bisexual, and Flewelling has stated their creation was in response to the "Victim/Villain/ Asexual Sidekick" portrayals of LGBT characters in the genre and marginalization of existing ones."

A new addition to the UMPI family!

Lillian Joyce Johnston was born on Tuesday, August 25. She weighed 7 lbs. and 14 oz. Congratulations to Amanda and Loren Johnston!



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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?" Just 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!

Convocation

The University marked its second Fall Convocation celebration on Sept. 10, welcoming the Class of 2019 to the UMPI family. Students received their own "Where Will Your Wings Take You?" T-shirts.

Photos of the Presque Isle and Houlton events appear at the top of each page of this publication.