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Nationally renowned photographer to deliver multi-media DLS talk

Scot Miller

The University will host nationally renowned photographer and videographer Scot Miller as part of the 2015-2016 Distinguished Lecture Series. Miller's multi-media presentation, titled *Emerson, Muir, Thoreau: A Photographic Trilogy of American Wildness,* will take place Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. in the University's Campus Center. All are invited to attend this free event.

Scot Miller is an award-winning photographer whose work has formed the basis of numerous book, including: *Walden: The 150th Anniversary Illustrated Edition of the American Classic; Cape Cod: The Illustrated Edition of the American Classic; First Light: Five Photographers Explore Yosemite's Wilderness; My First Summer in the Sierra: 100th Anniversary Illustrated Edition;* and *Thoreau, The Maine Woods: A Photographic Journey Through an American Wilderness.* Eighty-nine of Miller's photos illustrate "Walden," and 63 of his photos illustrate "Cape Cod." His book, "My First Summer in the Sierra," won a National Outdoor Book Award in 2011.

Miller has contributed to the video series *Moment in Nature,* broadcast nationally on Emmy Award-winning CBS, *Sunday Morning.* His work has also been used in conjunction with the Yosemite Conservancy, the Walden Woods Project, and the Harvard Museum of Natural History.

Miller's presentation will focus on the creation of the photographs for his latest book, *Emerson, Muir, Thoreau: A Photographic Trilogy of American Wildness.* This is the first book to visually connect the philosophies of Ralph Waldo Emerson, John Muir, and Henry David Thoreau. The collector's edition, published by Levenger Press, combines passages from all three philosopher's works with 69 of Miller's never-before-published photos from around the country that reflect the subject matter.

"For Emerson, that work is 'Nature.' For Muir, it is 'The American Forests.' For Thoreau, it is *continued on page 2*

UMPI provides sneak peek at Sketchbook Project

Members of the University's Fall 2015 Drawing II class have been filling small sketchbooks with all kinds of art this semester as they participate in the Brooklyn Art Library's Sketchbook Project. Before their finished sketchbooks are submitted to the Project, however, the class gave the campus and community a special sneak peek at their work by hosting a show on Nov. 6 in the Pullen Art Gallery as part of the First Friday Art Walk.

The Brooklyn Art Library is an independent Brooklyn-based company that organizes global, collaborative art projects. Its flagship endeavor is The Sketchbook Project, a crowd-sourced library that features 33,876 artists' books contributed by creative people from more than 135 countries. *continued on page 4*

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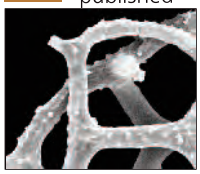
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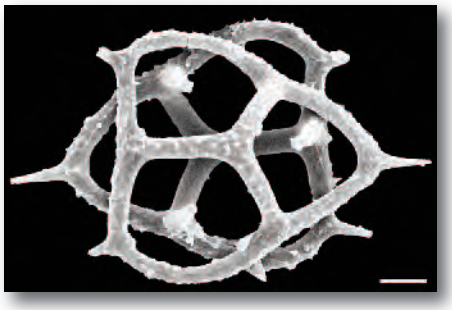
McCartney published in *Marine Micropaleontology*

Kevin McCartney, UMPI Professor of Geology, has recently published his latest paper in the international paleontology journal, *Marine Micropaleontology.* McCartney's paper, which is titled *Silicoflagellate double skeletons in the geologic record* and serves as the cover story for the issue, results from research during the past six years on silicoflagellate double skeletons, and in particular from a Trustees Professorship in Japan last year.

Silicoflagellates are single-celled algae whose skeletons have an extensive fossil record and continue to live in modern oceans. The skeletons sometimes occur as pairs that are connected prior to reproductive division, much as two Amoeba split and separate. It is extremely rare, however, to find these double skeletons still attached together as fossils.

McCartney's interest in these double skeletons began in 2009 with his first-ever personal observation of a fossil specimen. This example, which was from sediments of the Cretaceous age from northern Canada, was some 80 million years old and had the two skeletons connected differently than is observed of modern skeletons. This was, and remains, the oldest double skeleton ever found.

Since the original discovery, McCartney and his colleagues in Nebraska, Poland and Japan have sought additional examples and have published several papers on their findings. These include the first detailed study of modern silicoflagellate double skeletons, published last year in the same journal, *Marine Micropaleontology.* McCartney's recent publication is thus a companion paper to the article on double skeletons that provides a summary of such skeletons throughout the geologic record.



***A double skeleton of* Corbisema hastata**

In his paper, McCartney demonstrates that there were originally two groups of silicoflagellates that had distinctly different double skeleton configurations, and presents the hypothesis that there were originally two separate evolutionary lineages. One of these lineages became extinct about 40 million years ago and the other persists to the present. This hypothesis, if correct, will dramatically change the interpretation of early silicoflagellate evolution.

McCartney now has six papers that are published or in the review process that developed from his recent sabbatical to Japan and Poland. ★

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'Walking,'" Miller said. "Free thinkers all, Emerson, Muir and Thoreau were not satisfied with the status quo. They expanded boundaries."

With words, photographs and video, Miller will illuminate the interconnectedness of these three writers/philosophers/activists, and the role their intertwined orbits played in America's environmental coming of age.

Miller's work focuses on creating an understanding and appreciation for unique locations, such as Yosemite and the Sierra Nevada, Walden Pond and The Walden Woods, The Texas Hill Country, The Great Trinity Forest in Dallas, Texas, and The Maine Woods. His work has been featured in media, such as: *Texas Highway Magazine, American West Magazine, Cape Cod Life, Yosemite Magazine,* and *The National Park Service's Yosemite Valley Plan* and *The National Park Service's Special Resource Study of Walden Pond and Woods.*

He is currently photographing in southwest Colorado, the Maine Woods, Yosemite National Park and the Sierra Nevada, the Texas Hill Country where he is Artist-in-Park for Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, and the Great Trinity Forest and Trinity River watershed in Dallas.

Miller's fine prints have been featured in exhibitions at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite National Park, the Dallas Museum of Natural History, the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, the Thoreau Institute at Walden Woods, Turtle Bay Exploration Park in Redding, Calif., the North Carolina Forestry Museum, the Cincinnati Museum Center, the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, and many other venues across the country. He lives in Dallas, Texas, with his wife, Marilyn, where they own and operate the Sun to Moon Gallery, a fine-art photography gallery.

"Katahdin Lake Outlet, Saturday, 6.02.07"

Miller's multi-media presentation will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 1, and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the University's Community and Media Relations Office at 768.9452. ★

UMPI students participate in "Hunger Dialogue"

UMPI students were among about 150 students and staff from 16 universities and colleges throughout the state who took part in this year's Second Maine Hunger Dialogue at the University of Maine Nov. 6-7. As part of the event, participants packed 10,000 nutritious, nonperishable meals for food pantries. People from five college campuses and Mt. Ararat High School reported on hunger-alleviation projects they implemented after last year's inaugural Maine Hunger Dialogue.

This year, 15 student teams from campuses throughout Maine were awarded $500 each for hunger-alleviation projects. Dialogue participants were invited to apply for three summer internships, at Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine, at the Orono Community Garden, and at Partners for Hunger in York County.

"The goal of the Maine Hunger Dialogue is to inspire students from the state's public and private universities and colleges, including community colleges, to learn, share ideas, network and work together to fight hunger across Maine," said Frank Wertheim, University of Maine Cooperative Extension educator in York County.

The event grew out of the UMaine Extension Maine Harvest for Hunger program, which since 2000 has donated 1,788,400 pounds of surplus fruits and vegetables to people, soup kitchens, food pantries and shelters in the state.

The dialogue is part of a national movement to raise awareness of hunger on every U.S. campus of higher education. A goal is for participants to be inspired, educated and connected to resources in order to help some of the 48 million Americans estimated by Feeding America to be living in food insecure households. ★

HEAF awards scholarship to Christopher Morley

The trustees of the Higher Education Assistance Foundation (HEAF) are pleased to announce the awarding of a scholarship in the amount of $1,000 to Christopher Morley, who is studying Business with a concentration in Accounting at UMPI. He is a graduate of Thornton Academy.

HEAF student scholarship recipients must be Maine high school graduates majoring in a business related area in their second, third, or fourth year, and be in good academic standing.

The Maine Higher Education Assistance Foundation was established in the 1950s as a guarantee fund for student loans. The founders included a wide range of banks, businesses, community organizations and individuals. In 1990, the HEAF trustees, to continue the original intent of the founding members, initiated a scholarship program funded by the return on the original loan guarantee funds. The fund is now managed by the Maine Bankers Association and 16 scholarships are awarded annually to students in high academic standing who attended Maine high schools and who are currently pursuing business-related studies.

The Higher Education Assistance Foundation recently awarded a scholarship to UMPI student Christopher Morley. Taking part in the presentation are, from left, Maine State Rep. Robert Saucier, Maine State Rep. Carol McElwee, Morley, UMPI Business faculty member Stacey Emery, and Maine State Rep. John Martin.

Colleges receiving HEAF grants each year are: Husson University, five campuses of the Maine Community College System, St. Joseph's College, Thomas College, University of Maine at Augusta, University of Maine at Farmington, University of Maine Fort Kent, University of Maine at Machias, University of Maine at Orono, University of Maine at Presque Isle, University of New England and University of Southern Maine. ★

Bio-Med Club gathering used medical supplies

The UMPI Bio-Med Club, through its partnership with the Maine-based, non-profit organization Partners for World Health [PWH], is working at the local level to make a global impact. The Bio-Med Club has asked local medical facilities for donations of medical supplies that the club will transfer to PWH so the organization can distribute them to developing countries.

Abigail Riitano, a UMPI senior majoring in Biology and member of the Bio-Med Club, has been at the head of this effort. Through initial contact with PWH member Kaitlyn Fourre, who happened to be in Presque Isle doing a medical rotation, Riitano and the Bio-Med Club learned about this non-profit organization and decided to get involved.

"This has been a very exciting venture," Riitano said. "I am extremely happy that this important work is happening in northern Maine as we are saving items that would have gone to waste and, by doing so, improving the lives and health of many underprivileged people."

The PWH is a non-profit organization based in South Portland. They strive to reduce medical waste while improving global well-being by recycling medical supplies that need to be discarded because of U.S. government regulations. According to the organization, these supplies are perfectly capable of reuse or repurposing. Such donations have a low impact on those donating but a major impact on developing countries that receive them.

Since Riitano reached out to Aroostook County medical facilities, the Bio-Med Club has received a large donation from TAMC. Donated supplies include I.V. tubing, patient beds, infant warmers, wheelchairs, physical therapy and occupational therapy supplies, a Urology chair, and a variety of other equipment. Over a period of three to four months, $100,000 (depreciated value) worth of equipment was prepared for shipment.

The Bio-Med Club initially planned to deliver these supplies by car to southern Maine for distribution, but, due to the size of the donations, that wasn't a possibility. This left the club scrambling for a temporary storage space large enough to hold the donations until PWH is able to bring up a truck to retrieve and transport the TAMC donations. Luckily for the club, local business Storage Solutions stepped forward to help. The Houlton Road business generously provided a space large enough to temporarily hold all of the medical supplies. In addition, Parker K. Bailey and Sons movers donated a truck and three men to help the club move the big donations from TAMC to Storage Solutions.

Riitano and the Bio-Med Club hope this is the first step toward beginning an Aroostook County chapter of PWH. This would help in establishing a "northern Maine pipeline" to more efficiently transport medical supply donations to Bangor and Portland and beyond. The Bio-Med Club invites community members to connect if they have interest in establishing and participating in this effort. For more information or to help start the chapter, please contact the UMPI Bio-Med Club at 343.1267 or abi.riitano@maine.edu. ★

Sketchbook Project

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UMPI Assistant Professor of Art Heather Sincavage and her Drawing II class decided earlier in the semester to participate in the Project. Not only does this project allow students the opportunity to showcase and publish their artwork in an easily accessible format that will be kept at the Brooklyn Art Library in Brooklyn, NY, but individual sketchbooks will also be scanned by both UMPI and the Brooklyn Art Library and posted on their respective websites, making them available to a global audience.

Sincavage has followed the Sketchbook Project for several years and has pitched it to several classes as a potential project, but this semester was the first time her class has chosen to participate in this worldwide endeavor.

"I think it's an excellent way to share what our students are doing in an easy and digestible fashion," Sincavage said. "The project itself, though it looks small, is quite challenging. It's beyond your typical sketchbook, which is a brain dump of studies, ideas, and sketches. This is more like an artist book following a given theme. Students have to compose individual pages, then think how those pages will fit within the larger book."

Participants for the Sketchbook Project are: Rebecca Bowers, Ethan Campbell, Sarah Coons, Arianna Forbes, Corbet McCready, Danielle Moulton, Monica Quist, Roldena Sanipass, Lauryn Wegmann, Emma Ruff, and Heather Sincavage.

The work on display during the Nov. 6 show in the Pullen Art Gallery, encompassed about 66% progress from each sketchbook, or approximately 21 pages. Participants also gave small talks about their projects and a written artist's statement was featured with their respective works. ★

University Players presents *Beyond Therapy*

The University Players brought Christopher Durang's Off-Broadway hit comedy, *Beyond Therapy,* to campus for performances on Nov. 6-8.

Beyond Therapy is an off-Broadway contemporary comedy that focuses on two quirky characters deeply into therapy: Bruce and Prudence. Prudence's macho therapist tells her to be more assertive, while Bruce's wacky therapist suggests he puts out a personal add to meet women. The two meet and the conflict begins as Prudence tries to deal with Bruce's male lover, and Bruce tries to figure out how to handle Prudence's shy nature.

The show premiered on January 1, 1981 at the Phoenix Theatre in New York, directed by Jerry Zaks. The subject matter handled in this play ranges from mental illness and health to LGBT love and marriage.

Women's Wear Daily said the show is: "Filled with off beat laugh lines, wry observations on the contemporary urban psyche and situations that range from farcical to absurd."

All are encouraged to join the Players for a show that *Time* magazine says, "Offers the best therapy of all: guaranteed laughter."

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. 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". ★

American Shakespeare Center brings "Earnest" to UMPI

The University hosted the American Shakespeare Center for a one-matinee-only performance of Oscar Wilde's brilliant comic masterpiece *The Importance of Being Earnest* on Oct. 4. The event included a pre-show with live music by troupe members and a talk-back after the show.

The American Shakespeare Center traveled to UMPI from Virginia to deliver this performance. A "trivial comedy for serious people," *The Importance of Being Earnest* has been described as blissfully silly and outrageously shrewd. More than a century after its first performance, the play continues to entertain audiences with its playful language, charming characters, and biting look at contemporary society.

The performance was part of the troupe's 2015/2016 Dangerous Dreams Tour. The tour will take them through the Mid-Atlantic and New England from September to November 2015 and the South and Midwest from January through March of 2016.

The American Shakespeare Center has been producing English Renaissance plays in a bold, fresh style, bringing Shakespeare and other early modern works to communities across the country and around the world since 1988. Direct from the stage of the Blackfriars Playhouse in Staunton, Va., the ASC On Tour employs Shakespeare's own staging conditions to break down the barriers that traditionally separate performer and audience.

For more information about the American Shakespeare Center, visit: www.americanshakespearecenter.com. ★

photo by Micheal Bailey

4th annual World Polio Day celebration a success

With the help of the Rotary Clubs in Caribou, Fort Fairfield, Limestone, Mars Hill and Washburn, the University and the Presque Isle Rotary Club are declaring their 4th annual World Polio Day and Purple Pinkie Project celebration—which spread throughout central Aroostook County and was held between Oct. 17 and 25 — a big success. All activities helped to raise awareness of Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio worldwide. Combined efforts among the clubs helped to raise more than $2,300 for that global effort.

Presque Isle Middle School was all smiles during the Purple Pinkie Project. Here, Presque Isle Rotarian Jane Towle (right), paints the pinkies of (from left) Principal Anne Blanchard, school social worker Allison Reed, and Assistant Principal Barb Bartlett.

This year's World Polio Day activities helped the area Rotary clubs to significantly increase local awareness about Rotary's worldwide fight to end polio and raise enough funding to ensure that thousands of children receive polio immunizations. World Polio Day took place this year on Oct. 23.

One of the big ways the Rotary clubs celebrated the occasion was to host several Purple Pinkie Project stations around the region. Volunteers were on hand to color the pinkies of anyone willing to donate $1 toward Rotary International's "End Polio Now" campaign; $1 is the estimated cost to immunize one child from polio, so a purple pinkie serves as a symbol for one polio immunization. Rotarians use a topical purple dye to mark the pinkies of those who have been immunized when they conduct polio immunization days to prevent double dosages.

Students at Zippel Elementary School show off their purple pinkies on Oct. 22 after Presque Isle Rotarians "painted" them during the Purple Pinkie Project.

Between Oct. 17 and 25, several World Polio Day activities were held:

On Oct. 17, the **Fort Fairfield Rotary Club** hosted a Purple Pinkie table during its 2015 Cash Draw event.

On Oct. 19 and 20, Purple Pinkie tables were set up during the **Presque Isle** and **Mars Hill Rotary Clubs**' respective weekly meetings.

On Oct. 21, the **Washburn Rotary Club** hosted Rodney and Barbara Leach for a polio talk during a regular club meeting. Club members also collected End Polio Now donations at Trailside and Country Farms Market, and by going door to door in the community.

On Oct. 22, Presque Isle Rotarians hosted Purple Pinkie stations at **Zippel Elementary School, Presque Isle High School** and **Presque Isle Middle School.** UMPI Business Club members also hosted a Purple Pinkie station for employees at **MMG Insurance.**

Also on Oct. 22, community members were able to take part in the Purple Pinkie Project at stations set up at **UMPI, Northern Maine Community College, TAMC,** and UMPI's **Houlton Higher Education Center.**

On the evening of Oct. 23, during the **Limestone Rotary Club**'s 64th Annual Auction, Limestone Rotarians helped to raise awareness about Rotary's polio eradication efforts. Club members also collaborated with the Maine School of Science and Mathematics to host a Purple Pinkie Project table during school hours.

Activities capped-off with one last Purple Pinkie table on Oct. 24-25, hosted by the **Caribou Rotary Club** during the Caribou Craft Fair.

Several other sites, including Loring Job Corps Center, Hampton Inn of Presque Isle, and Emera Maine participated in Purple Pinkie efforts during the week. To learn more about the event, please visit www.umpi.edu/worldpolioday. ★

Sports! Sports! Sports!

Cross Country Team finishes 7th at Nationals

The Owls finished seventh in the National USCAA Cross Country Meet on Nov. 6. The outstanding finish was made more astonishing by the extreme climate difference between the Owls normal Northern Maine training temperatures in the 40s and 50s and the balmy Florida temperature of 82, with 74% humidity at the start of the race.

Junior Sully Jackson used the experience he earned in last year's nationals to finish first for the Owls with a time of 29:58, garnering a 29th overall finish. Jackson ran his typically well-paced race in finishing eight spots better than his 2014 Nationals finish of 37th.

The heat caused a shake up in the finish order for UM-Presque Isle. Usual front runner Connor Hrynuk ran in the third position (59th of 126 overall finishers at 31:30) with Corey Hebert running this, his final race for the Owls, in the second spot (48th, 31:27).

Andrew Hunt, was not deterred by the heat and humidity, improving markedly in finishing as the Owl's 4th scoring runner (54th at 31:53), followed by Saul Nunez as the fifth man (60th, 32:13), Trevor Levesque (65th), Mitchell St. Peter (74th, 33:11), and Matthew Forshey (91st, 34:29).

Race winner was Kenyan native Emmanuell Kimmei of Berea at 26:32.

Though the women's team did not record a team score, three of them made the trek south to compete. Chenoa Jackson (FR, Wilton, ME) paced the Lady Owls with a 6K time of 30:54. Tabitha Taylor (SO, Ticonderoga, NY) and Sara Bell (JR, Unity, ME) finished with identical 33:01 times.

"Despite the heat we ran well enough to move up seven spots over last year, from 14th to 7th," said Head Coach Chris Smith. "I thought we'd move up at least that much and may have done better had the heat not taken its toll. Everyone, however, had to deal with the elements and I'm very happy with the way we ran, both men and women." ★

Players of the Week

Women's Volleyball

UMPI senior **Hannah Boyce** (Bar Harbor, Maine) has been tabbed the Association of Division III Independents women's volleyball Player of the Week for the week ending on October 11, 2015. The senior had a strong weekend for the Owls, putting up 19 kills, 14 service aces and ten digs in two matches. Boyce led the UMPI to a victory against Green Mountain College, recording 13 kills and 11 service aces and ended the week with 2.38 kills per set and 1.75 service aces per set.

Golf

Jordan Beaulier (SR, Ashland, ME) has been named the USCAA Golfer of the Week for the week ending October 11, 2015. In his last collegiate match and battling very difficult northern Maine course conditions, Beaulier shot a 6 over 78 to lead all participants in the Maine Maritime Match Play dual team event. Beaulier won his match, bettering his opponent on five holes.

Men's Cross Country

UMPI junior **Sully Jackson** (Wilton, Maine) has been chosen as the Association of Division III Independents men's cross country Runner of the Week for the week ending on September 27th. Jackson finished in 25th place at Bowdoin College out of a field of 138, ending the race with an 8K time of 28:06.3, a season and career best for the junior transfer. ★

Don't forget:

Buy your tickets for the

Owls Action Auction

Support our UMPI Athletic teams!

Dinner & Auction

Friday, Nov. 13, 2015

Presque Isle Inn & Convention Center

Social 6:30 p.m. **Dinner** 7 p.m.

MENU: *roast pork, pasta primavera, rice, vegetable, salad, and dessert*

Program 7:30 p.m. featuring our UMPI Athletic Director and Head Coaches

Auction 8 p.m.

Raffle drawings throughout the evening

Cash Bar available.

Auction and raffle items include:

- *4 Portland Pirates tickets*
- *2 round trip tickets to Boston from PenAir*
- *2 Waterfront Concerts tickets*
- *Sports Memorabilia*
- *Gift Certificates to: Country Collectibles Irish Setter Pub, Hampton Inn and much more*

Tickets: $25/person (includes dinner) available in the Athletics Office, Wieden Hall.

FMI: Sandy McDougal 768.9506 or sandra.mcdougal@maine.edu.

Come out and support your Owls!

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2nd annual UMPI Owls Relay Silent Auction to be held

Want to start your Holiday Shopping? The UMPI Owls Relay For Life Team will host the 2nd Annual Silent Auction Nov. 16 -19 at UMPI (tables will be set up on the 2nd Floor of Preble Hall), and everyone is invited to participate. To see the items available, visit Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/events/1605983936327629/. To bid on these items here on-line, please place a bid in the comment section below the picture and your bid will be added to the bid. Updates to the bids will be made every few hours to give everyone an updated high price on each item. Then, on Nov. 19 at 2 p.m., the winners will be announced. If you have any questions, feel free to email Laurie Boucher at laurie.boucher@maine.edu Remember to visit this event page daily (or stop by Preble Hall and see the items in person) because bids will be updating often. All funds raised will go to the American Cancer Society. Please share this with ALL of your family and friends.

UMPI hosts PTA play day

On October 21, UMPI's Physical Therapist Assistant students hosted 10 children with ages ranging from 14 months to 8 years for their 4th Annual PTA play day. Children were mostly from UMPI faculty and staff but a few community members brought their children in. The purpose of the day was for PTA students to interact with children. Secondly, as they are learning about "typical" development in the classroom, they get a chance to actually see "typical" development but more importantly see that "typical" or "normal" development can vary from child to child. Children played with the PTA students in the Wieden gym with established activities and also had a snack break. It was a fun and exhausting day for all! On Friday, October 23 a local pediatric PT came in with 4 children from her current caseload that receive PT services. The students had a chance to ask questions and interact with these children who had various medical and developmental disorders. It was a great learning experience for the students. ★

Charitable Appeals Campaign underway

As Chancellor, I am very proud of our ongoing efforts to assist neighbors and friends in helping make Maine a better place. You may be aware that one of the many ways we support these efforts is through our annual Combined Charitable Appeal for University Employees, or CCAUE. Each fall we partner with a variety of state-wide and regional agencies and service organizations to invite contributions that enable them to support those among us who are most in need. The CCAUE Campaign offers everyone an opportunity to help, knowing that dollars contributed are spent close to home.

The University of Maine System has long believed in the effectiveness, efficiency, and accountability of this approach to community service. Because giving is based upon very personal choices, a fundamental aspect of our outreach is to make information available so that contributors can make informed choices.

Please give serious consideration to this year's CCAUE Campaign and the opportunity to be a part of something that helps so many. Over the past ten years, our combined efforts have resulted in contributions totaling more than $1.7 million and I am confident that we will once again step forward to help meet our communities' very pressing needs.

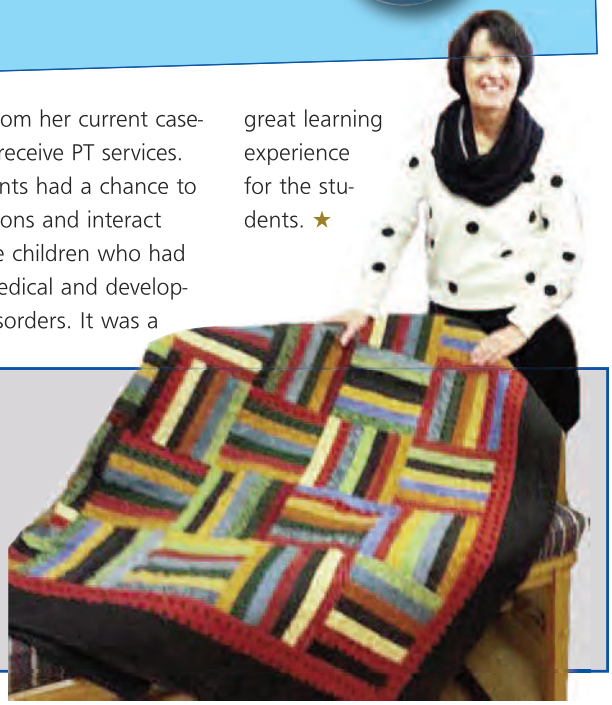
The University of Maine System CCAUE Campaign launches on October 5 and will continue until the end of November. We are fortunate to have our efforts supported by a number of dedicated volunteers serving as campus chairs and I ask you to provide them your support in carrying out this important work.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,
James H. Page
Chancellor

Kathy Davis donates quilt for fundraiser

Kathy Davis donated a quilt that she made to help fight hunger here in Aroostook County. The pattern was rail fence and the quilt was made from Maywood Woolies fabric. The fabric was a cotton flannel that feels like soft wool. The quilt was machine quilted and measured 60" x 78". Tickets were sold for $2 a piece with a goal to sell 100 tickets; however 262 tickets in total were sold and the money went towards Catholic Charities. The drawing was Nov. 6 and Michelle Daigle from Houlton won the quilt. Thanks Kathy!



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Zuras poem accepted for publication

Professor Richard Lee Zuras' poem "Rogue Soprano" has been accepted for publication by *The Innisfree Poetry Journal.* The poem will appear in the Spring 2016 issue. Zuras' poems have been published and/or accepted for publication in *The Great American Wise Ass Poetry Anthology, Poetry Nook, Red Rock Review, Confrontation, Jabberwock Review, Milkwood Review,* and *South Dakota Review,* among others.

The University would also like to congratulate Professor Zuras on being featured in the October edition of *Ex Libris Maine* for his new novel *The Honeymoon Corruption*! For a link, visit the University's facebook page at www.facebook.com/umpiowls. ★

Attention all seniors!

Are you planning to complete your degree requirements in May or August of 2016?

If so, you need to submit an Application for Degree to the Registrar's Office by **November 30, 2015.** Applications for December 2015 potential graduates are due NOW. Applications can be obtained from the Registrar's Office, 231 Preble Hall or by logging into the Portal and choosing **Graduation** under the **Student Services** dropdown.

Fall 2015

Hours of Operation
Center for Innovative Learning

Mon-Tues-Wednesday
7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Thurs-Friday
7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Saturday Noon-5 p.m.

Sunday 5-10 p.m.

The CIL will be CLOSED
☆ **Wed, Nov. 11**
Veterans Day
☆ **Thurs-Fri-Sat**
Nov. 26-27-28
Thanksgiving weekend

Community

Northern Maine Chamber Society fall concert

The Northern Maine Chamber Society will present its fall concert on Sunday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. in the Campus Center. Under the direction of Kevin Kinsey, the orchestra will perform both classical and popular musical selections. Society members are from Maine and New Brunswick. This event is free and open to the public. FMI, contact Sue Herold at 473.7698.

Comedian to appear at Caribou Performing Arts Center

Maine Deputy turned comedian Juston McKinney (right) who has multiple Tonight Show appearances and two Comedy Central specials, makes his return to the Caribou Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. Advance tickets are $15 and tickets at the door will be $20. Show your UMPI ID at the door and pay only $15. FMI, visit the CPAC website at www.CaribouPAC.org.

Congratulations Elizabeth J.Day

Student of the Month September 2015

Elizabeth is from Fort Fairfield, Maine. She is a senior Bachelor of Social Work major, is popular with students, and is well-respected by staff. She is friendly and always willing to help others. She has been a member and leader in the SOSW, has won the Outstanding Junior Student Leader of the Year award for 2015 and was a student ambassador to the Mwika Musicians. She has participated in the fundraising events which have supported the Social Work major's trips to New York City, Guatemala and Tanzania. Elizabeth is a member of Phi Eta Sigma - National Honor Society, and the UMPI Student Government Association. In addition to all that Elizabeth does for our campus community, she is the UMPI Student Representative on the University of Maine System, Board of Trustees. Elizabeth is a positive role model for everyone.

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activities 10.25.2015–11.8.2015

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NOV	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	DEC 1	2	3	4	5

NOV 10
Advisement & Registration for spring/summer 2016 ends ■ 100% Society 5:30pm, CC118

NOV 11
Veterans Day offices closed, no classes

NOV 12
SEAM 12:30pm, Alumni Room ■ SOSW 12:30pm, CC118 ■ SEAM 12:30pm, Alumni Room ■ TBT with CAB, 7pm, Owl's Nest

NOV 13
Owls Action Auction and Dinner 6:30pm, Presque Isle Inn & Convention Center (story on page 11)

NOV 15
CRU 3pm, CC118

NOV 16-19
Relay for Life Silent Auction

NOV 17
100% Society 5:30pm, CC118

NOV 19
SOSW 12:30pm, CC118

NOV 19
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NOV 22
CRU 3pm, CC118

NOV 25
Thanksgiving vacation begins

NOV 26
Thanksgiving Day

NOV 30
Classes resume ■ Application for degree filing deadline (Dec 2015/May2016)

DEC 1
100% Society 5:30pm, CC118 ■ University Distinguished Lecturer: Scot Miller 7pm, MPR

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!

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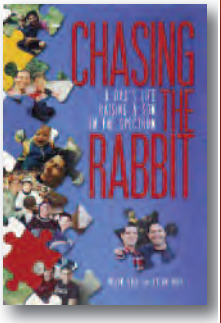
We want to hear about your news & events!

If you would like to submit an item for the December 2015 issue, the deadline for submissions is Monday, November 16, 4:30 p.m.
Submissions received after that date may not be included.
Email news or event information to gshaw@maine.edu ★

Community

Autism Group presents Derek Volk at UMPI

The Aroostook Autism Support Group will host Derek Volk, author of *Chasing the Rabbit: A Dad's Life Raising a Son on the Spectrum,* for a talk on Monday, Nov. 16 at 9 a.m. in the Campus Center. There will be a Q&A and book signing after the talk. Mr. Volk will be speaking about his personal experiences with his son's journey, as well as acceptance and workplace inclusion for all individuals on the autism spectrum. Volk is a Maine businessman, supporter of Autism awareness, volunteer, and philanthropist. He has been traveling the country during the past year to speak at various conferences and gatherings, and is honored to be receiving the Spurwink Humanitarian Award of the year, along with his family, this November. This event is free and open to the public, but pre-registration by Nov. 13 is required. FMI: Maeghan Swanson, 554.0482 or aasgmaine@hotmail.com.



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Don't forget to wear your Wings T-shirt every "Wings Wednesday"
November 18 and December 16!
The third Wednesday of every month is "Wings Wednesday." Take a selfie wearing your T-shirt and upload it to Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter with the #UMPIOwls for a chance to win a prize!