

UMPI participates in 26th Annual Light Parade

The University was pleased to be a part of northern Maine's largest Holiday Light Parade on Saturday, Dec. 5, with a unique parade entry, as well as its annual holiday reception at Gentile Hall ahead of the 26th annual parade. The Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Light Parade always draws thousands of spectators to the Downtown for what has become a traditional kick-off to the season in The County.

This year's UMPI parade entry was a larger-than-life snowy owl, complete with a 40-foot wing span. The entirely hand-made snowy owl was formed out of PVC piping, cloth and wire, and was created by UMPI Art professor Hyrum Benson and students in the UMPI Art Club-Studio 923. Accompanying the owl were a crew of UMPI Owls including some who were handing out goodies to parade-goers, and the mascot Hootie. The University received a trophy for Best Non-Profit entry for its Snowy Owl.

This year's parade route started at UMPI with the annual Holiday Open House and refreshments at Gentile Hall and ended at North Street Healthcare facility with the parade



awards ceremony as well as hot cocoa and cookies inside the main lobby/walk-in clinic area as the entries made their way to North Street.

During parade line-up, UMPI staffer Amanda Baker, alum Megan Stanley and her husband Mark Stanley served



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Officials gearing up for YPI 8

MG Insurance and the University are gearing up for the ninth annual Young Professionals Institute, running this year on Tuesdays from March 1 to April 12.

The Institute provides the area's young professionals with a one-of-a-kind professional development opportunity—a 7-week short course designed specifically for emerging leaders looking to

refine the skills that will bring them long-term success in their careers.

Participants hone their professional skills through hands-on activities, on-the-spot public speaking assignments, and business simulation exercises. Along the way, participants visit local



businesses and organizations to complete on-site assignments and hear presenta-

tions by embedded guests from the public and private sectors. The Institute culminates in a showcase presentation before area business and community leaders and past YPI graduates.

The theme of this year's Institute is *Discover the Leader Within*, which will focus on self-awareness and understanding participants' emotional quotient (EQ). Participants will gain a deeper understanding of how and why they tackle problems and projects the way they do, how it impacts the workplace and team members, and how to harness it to advance *continued on page 4*

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UMPI Arts students create tape art installations

UMPI's ART 120 *Design Foundations I* class recently participated in a campus-wide project to make their (temporary) statement on the walls (and sometimes ceilings and floors) of the University. The students were tasked with creating "tape art" installations, using blue painter's tape and a whole lot of imagination.

The project, referred to as the Tape Project, is about design fundamentals and using shape quality to create a public piece of artwork. Students must find a location on campus with a natural opening, which could be anything from a drain in the floor to the frames of office doorways. They then need to incorporate a randomly selected shape quality into their design using that space, thus "engaging" the opening.

This semester's projects were displayed throughout campus—in Folsom Hall, Gentile Hall, Park Hall, and Wieden Hall. The creations included:

An octopus engaging with the floor, ceiling and a nearby vending machine in Wieden Hall, by Ashley Bown.

A chess game in progress on a wall adjacent to the gymnasium in Wieden Hall, by Ethan Campbell.

A kayaker riding through white water rapids that flowed down the stairs from the track to the gym at Gentile Hall, by Alyssa Dougherty.

The Grim Reaper looking for souls at the Infinity Mirrors in Folsom Hall, by Reed Farrar.

A re-created scene from the *Lord of the Rings* using a dorm room door as the entrance to a cave in Park Hall, by Kyle Gilman.

The Queen of Hearts Army from *Alice in Wonderland* on the windows of Folsom Hall, by Nia Hamilton.

A cassette player, headphones and sound bars on the wall of the track in Gentile Hall, by Lauryn Wegmann.

"Each cycle of Design Foundations, I take on a project that involves shape quality," Heather Sincavage, class instructor and UMPI Assistant Professor of Art, said. "I try to encourage students to get outside their comfort zone and with this project they responded to a public space. For many, this was their first time working in this way and with this group; they did a phenomenal job!" ★



This octopus in Wieden Hall was created by Ashley Bown.



Reed Farrar created a Grim Reaper on the infinity mirrors in Folsom Hall.



A kayaker riding white water rapids, by Alyssa Dougherty, appeared in the Gentile Hall gym.

UMPI, NMCC host 2nd Annual Food Fight

Students, faculty and staff at UMPI and Northern Maine Community College participated in a “food fight” for a cause this fall, and it resulted in thousands of pounds of food collected for Catholic Charities Maine. The institutions challenged each other to their 2nd Annual Food Fight—a food drive held between Oct. 16 and Nov. 6—in hopes of beating the total amount raised last year for the nonprofit.

Representatives from both institutions gathered on Nov. 18 at NMCC for a special ceremony to announce this year’s winner and award the coveted soup can trophy. Dixie Shaw, Catholic Charities Hunger and Relief Services Program Director, was on hand to make the announcement. Together, the institutions collected enough food and money to equal a combined 6,596 pounds of food. Shaw announced that NMCC had collected 3,167 pounds of food and UMPI had collected 3,429, so with a margin of only 262 pounds, UMPI was named the winner.

This year’s event far surpassed last year’s successful event, when a total of 1,536 pounds of food was collected.

The idea for this unique food drive was hatched in Fall 2014 after UMPI’s Registrar Kathy Davis learned about the efforts underway in Maine to celebrate Hunger Action Month, a nationwide campaign in September that mobilizes the public to take action on the issue of hunger. Davis came up with the idea to challenge NMCC to a food drive, a small committee came up with the “food fight” theme, NMCC officials were approached about the idea, and then both campuses took up the effort.

This year, organizers opted to kick off the event on Oct. 16 in honor of

World Food Day, as well as World Hunger Action Month during the month of October. The friendly competition between UMPI and NMCC continues to support hunger awareness and combat local food poverty issues in a meaningful way.

UMPI’s Houlton Higher Education Center also participated in the competition. Students from NMCC and UMPI who utilize the facility were encouraged to bring canned goods and non-perishable items to the Center. Other members from HHEC, including students from University College at Houlton, Adult Education Houlton/Hodgdon, and Carleton Project, as well as community visitors, also participated in the challenge.

A “Coffee Break” celebration was held at the Center on Nov. 12, with a trophy awarded to the school with the most collected donations. Coffee and donuts were provided and a tally determined UMPI as the trophy recipient. Otis Smith, Director of the Houlton-based NMCC program, reluctantly relinquished the trophy awarded to them



Taking part in the Food Fight trophy presentation are, from left, front row: NMCC student Jesse Henderson; NMCC instructor and Phi Theta Kappa Advisor Eric Pelkey; Catholic Charities Hunger & Relief Services Program Director Dixie Shaw; UMPI Registrar Kathy Davis; UMPI Assistant Director of Financial Aid Danielle Pelkey; and UMPI Administrative Specialist Patti Hale. Back row: NMCC Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of Fundraising Crystal Condo; Phi Theta Kappa Vice President of Public Relations Matthew Farkas; UMPI student Cody Tompkins; and UMPI Administrative Specialist Nola Belanger.



The Houlton Higher Education Center also participated in the 2015 Food Fight activities. Taking part in the Houlton trophy presentation were, from left to right: Gloria Powers, Adjunct Faculty; Erin McKenney, UMPI Student; Melody Gonya, Administrative Assistant for Adult Education; Houlton Center Director Tracy Rockwell; Ivy Neher, UMA Student; Kathy Dyer and Roger Dyer, representatives of St. Mary’s Food Pantry; and Otis Smith, Director of Adult Education and NMCC-Houlton site.

last year to Tracy Rockwell, Director of HHEC.

Roger and Kathy Dyer, representing St. Mary’s Food Pantry in Houlton, were present to receive the donated goods and were also presented with \$30 in cash donated by students. The Houlton Center gives its appreciation to Andy’s IGA and Marden’s for their contributions to the event. ★



UMPI hosts 2nd Northern Maine Regional Brain Bee



UMPI Biology professor Dr. Scott Dobrin, students from the UMPI Bio-Medical Club, and Aroostook County high school teachers worked together to hold the 2nd Northern Maine Regional Brain Bee on Dec. 8 on the UMPI campus. The

event was held in conjunction with faculty from the University of Maine at Machias and the University of New England as they held the Eastern Maine Regional Brain Bee and the Southern Maine Regional Brain Bee, respectively, on their campuses on the same day.

pete in the National Brain Bee.

“Getting students excited about neuroscience is what the day is all about,” Dobrin said. “We want students to see how exciting the brain and nervous system are. The events planned emphasize the fun side of science in a hope to inspire them to pursue the topic more in their future.”

The day of the event was packed full of hands-on activities, such as dissecting sheep brains, investigating cockroach neurons, and exploring human neurophysiology.

Participants enjoyed lunch at UMPI and then tested their “brain facts knowledge” during the official Brain Bee competition.

Founded in 1999 by Dr. Norbert Myslinski of the University of Maryland, this competition is intended to increase high school students’ interest in the brain and inspire them to pursue careers in brain research. There are currently about 150 local Brain Bee coordinators in 30 countries worldwide that conduct competitions annually. The motto for the International Brain Bee is “Building Better Brains to Fight Brain Disorders.” The three winners from the three Maine regional competitions advance to the national competition taking place during the third week of March at the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

To learn more about the International Brain Bee, please visit www.internationalbrainbee.com. ★



Dr. Scott Dobrin leads a session on sheep brain dissection during the Northern Maine Regional Brain Bee activities.

These events are associated with the International Brain Bee, a not-for-profit neuroscience competition especially for high school students that tests their understanding of brains and the nervous system, and how they work together.

About 90 local high school students from Houlton to Fort Kent attended the event and the winner—Samuel Gray of Presque Isle High School—earned the opportunity to travel to Baltimore, Maryland, in March to com-

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the needs and goals of their organization.

As it does every year, YPI will present sessions around this theme while focusing on the skills employers are looking for in prospective employees and candidates for advancement—including innovation, organization, communication, team work, problem analysis, and prioritization. Participants will work together to tackle new assignments each week focused on these skills areas.

During the short course, participants will take part in role-playing scenarios that refine their abilities to pitch proposals and deliver presentations, conduct mock interviews that give them experience in working with the media, and network with local officials and statewide leaders. A popular component incorporated again this year is an exchange event that will take participants to Cary Medical Center and TAMC for an extended session.

For more information, visit www.umpi.edu/ypi. ★

Three organizations partner on Smokeout/Stomp Out

Three local organizations celebrated The Great American Smokeout with a special event that encouraged community members to go “cold turkey” while also helping the region to Stomp Out Hunger. ACAP’s Healthy Aroostook, TAMC, and UMPI teamed up at Gentile Hall on Nov. 19 to encourage smokers to quit for one day and to help fight hunger in The County in a unique way—by building food sculptures out of canned food and other nonperishables and then donating the

national event draws attention to the deaths and chronic diseases caused by smoking. As a special twist on this year’s event, organizers decided to mark The Great American Smokeout by hosting a “stomp out” campaign targeted on hunger.

“We were thrilled to partner with two great community organizations to bring awareness to health and hunger issues in The County,” Vanessa Pearson, Director of Student Success and the Learning Commons, said. “Our students are thankful for the opportunity to give back to their community.”

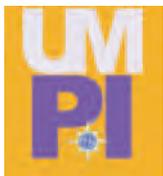
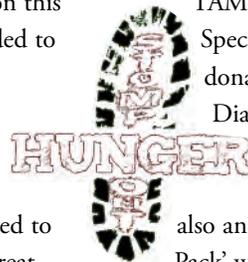
About 10 food sculptures were on display, including a schoolhouse and an American flag.

“As part of these festivities, a competition between UMPI organizations versus ACAP/Healthy Aroostook and TAMC to see who could develop the best food sculpture was a lot of fun and raised awareness for both the Great American Smokeout and Stomp Out Hunger Campaign,” Jo-Ellen Kelley, ACAP Community Education Specialist, said.

Officials hoped that the event helped to raise awareness about two very important ways to make The County a healthier place.

“We were thankful to partner up

with others in the community to benefit two great causes,” Jamie Guerrette, TAMC Community Engagement Specialist, said. “Some of the food donated was given to County Dialysis for their Thanksgiving baskets with Catholic Charities receiving the rest. There was also an opportunity to join ‘Beat the Pack’ while at the event for those looking for support to take the decision to stop smoking to the next level.” ★



materials to those in need.

Community members were invited to stop by Gentile Hall and check out the food sculptures, which went to County Dialysis

Thanksgiving boxes and Catholic Charities after the

event. Event-goers were encouraged to donate \$1 or bring a canned good to vote for their favorite sculpture. The sculptures were placed around the Gentile Hall Gym and interspersed with information tables and booths by Healthy Aroostook and TAMC regarding smoking cessation and making healthy decisions. There were door prizes, giveaways, and a free lunch provided by Healthy Aroostook: “Quit Cold Turkey” turkey and rice soup and rolls.

ACAP/Healthy Aroostook has hosted Great American Smokeout events for several years and TAMC and UMPI have partnered with them on past events. The



Above are some of the examples of the food sculptures built out of canned and non-perishable food that were on display in Gentile Hall Nov. 19.



UMPI SALT Team receives national recognition

The University's SALT team has been nationally recognized for its work in getting UMPI students engaged in SALT, a program that helps students to become more financially savvy and better manage their money and student loans. The nonprofit organization American Student Assistance

named the SALT team a "Know Your Money" award recipient for Most Creative Program. The only other program to receive this award was from Washington State University.

SALT is a program created by

American Student Assistance that UMPI has been involved with for the past four years; the University served as a pilot site for the program in Maine. The goal of SALT is to educate students about loan and money management to ensure a financially independent future. The UMPI SALT Team is composed of staffers from the University's Student Financial Services Office and UCU Presque Isle branch.

The team was recognized for its creative "SALT Cash Cab event," a game where students can earn candy and a little pocket money by answering questions about the SALT program. The third annual SALT Cash Cab took place earlier this fall in honor of Know Your Money Day.

The UMPI SALT team will continue its efforts to ensure students on campus know about the free resources available to them through the SALT program. College students and alumni can activate a SALT™ membership by visiting www.saltmoney.org. There, they can sign up and receive benefits that will help in the next step after college graduation and beyond. For more information or get questions answered, call SALT's Member Support team at 855.469.2724 or email them at salt@saltmoney.org. ★



Danelle Pelkey and Laurie Boucher prepare for a SALT Cash Cab event.



as a "hosting crew," delivering hot cocoa, cookies, and good cheer to people waiting in line for the parade to begin.

The start of the parade was marked with the lighting of the Holiday Tree outside the President's House as the parade started at 6 p.m.

For the third consecutive year, the Holiday Light Parade included the lighting of a 25-foot-tall tree in front of Clukey's Auto Supply on Main Street. The Lights of Life Tree has hundreds of lights representing survivors, family and friends of survivors, caregivers, and others who have been touched by cancer in some way. ★

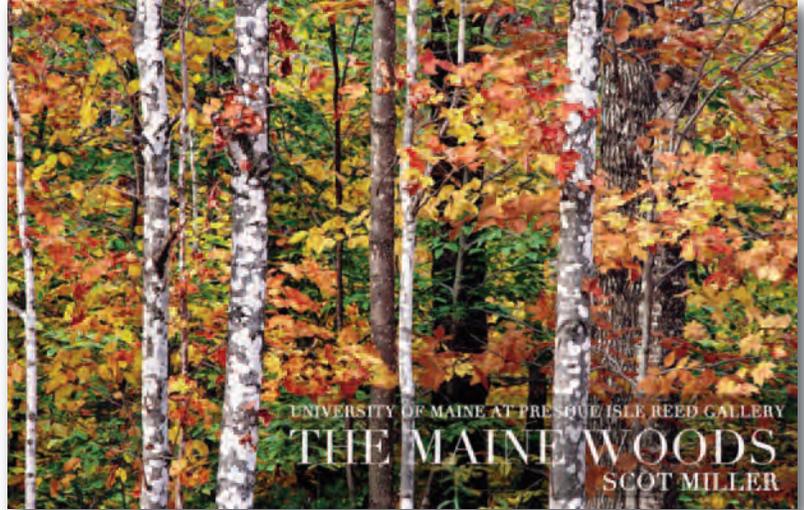
UMPI's Reed Art Gallery presents Scot Miller exhibit

The University's Reed Art Gallery joins in the 150th anniversary celebration of the publication of Henry David Thoreau's seminal work as it presents *The Maine Woods* by nationally renowned photographer Scot Miller from Nov. 30 through Jan. 9. This exhibit is sponsored and was developed by the Harvard Museum of Natural History. The public is invited to view the exhibition throughout the show's run. An Opening Reception and Book Signing was held on Dec. 1 in the Gallery in conjunction with Miller's Distinguished Lecturer presentation held later in the evening in the Campus Center.

Miller is a nationally renowned photographer and videographer. He 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. An award-winning photographer, his work has

formed the basis of numerous books, focused on everything from Walden, to Cape Cod, to the Maine Woods. His book, "My First Summer in the Sierra," won a National Outdoor Book Award in 2011.

With *The Maine Woods*, Miller has partnered with the Harvard Museum of Natural History to create this exhibition of 32 contemporary photographs and video from Maine. The photographs and interpretive graphics are organized around Thoreau's three mid-19th century expeditions to northern Maine chronicled in the *Maine Woods* essays, *Ktaadn*, *Chesuncook*, and *Allegash & East Branch*.



"I was delighted to work with Harvard curator, Jan Sacco, and Scot to bring this body of work to campus," Reed Gallery Director Heather Sincavage said. "While 'The Maine Woods' is essentially our backyard, Scot captures a beauty of our landscape with a true artistic eye. This is a unique opportunity for us to honor our region for its historical significance and take part in the dialogue around the contemporary impact of transcendentalism to our environment." ★

Houlton Center hosts Job & Resource Fair

The Houlton Higher Education Center hosted a Job & Resource Fair on Nov. 6, giving students and community members a chance to explore career opportunities and learn about local resources available to them.

The Resource portion of the fair was tailored to veterans and active military and featured information on several topics, including the translation of military skills to the civilian workplace,

resume writing for veterans and dependents, and resources for military and veterans. Representatives from local veterans' organizations were also on hand to discuss resources and opportunities available.

The Job portion of the fair featured job recruiters from various companies and industries who gathered at the Houlton Center to discuss future opportunities at their workplaces. Participants were encouraged to bring

their resume with them. More than 20 businesses and organizations were represented at this event.

Also during the Job & Resource Fair, the Center served as host to 13 visiting Region Two students, all from the Early Childhood Education program. The group toured the building, snacked, and spoke with career recruiters. Event organizers look forward to hosting a similar event in the future. ★

Sports! Sports! Sports!

Post-season awards announced

Post-season awards were announced for Fall sports teams, including Men's and Women's Cross Country, Women's and Men's Soccer, and Women's Volleyball.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY postseason awards were announced recently for both the USCAA and the Association of Division III Independents. The University had four student athletes honored by the AD3I and three honored by the USCAA. ■ **MATT FORSHEY**, Freshman, Scotia, NY, was selected for the AD3I All-Independent Honorable Mention Team. ■ **COREY HEBERT**, Senior, West Baldwin, ME, was selected to the 2015 USCAA Cross Country National All-Academic Team. A student-athlete must have a 3.5 GPA and sophomore standing or higher to qualify. ■ **CONNOR HRYNUK**, Freshman, Boonville, NY, was selected for the AD3I All-Independent Second Team. ■ **SULLY JACKSON**, Junior, Wilton, ME, was selected to the 2015 USCAA Cross Country National All-Academic Team. He was also selected for the AD3I All-Independent Honorable Mention Team. ■ **TREVOR LEVESQUE**, Sophomore, Presque Isle, was selected for the AD3I All-

Independent Honorable Mention Team. ■ **SAUL NUNEZ**, Sophomore, Mapleton, was selected to the 2015 USCAA Cross Country National All-Academic Team.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY postseason awards were announced recently for both the USCAA and the Association of Division III Independents. The University had one student athlete honored by the AD3I and two honored by the USCAA. ■ **CHENOA JACKSON**, Freshman, Wilton, ME, was selected for the AD3I All-Independent Honorable Mention Team. ■ **SHAWNA MCDONOUGH**, Senior, Alexander, ME, was selected to the 2015 USCAA Cross Country National All-Academic Team. A student-athlete must have a 3.5 GPA and sophomore standing or higher to qualify. ■ **KRISTEN WESTRACK**, Senior, Calais, ME, was selected to the 2015 USCAA Cross Country National All-Academic Team.

WOMEN'S SOCCER postseason awards were announced recently for both the USCAA and the Association of Division III Independents. The University had four student athletes honored by the AD3I and five honored by the USCAA. ■ **BETHANY HEALD**, Junior, Enfield, ME, was selected to the 2015 USCAA Soccer

National All-Academic Team. A student-athlete must have a 3.5 GPA and sophomore standing or higher to qualify. Heald was also selected as a forward on the AD3I All-Independent Second Team. She scored six goals and had one assist in 15 games this season. ■ **ALLIE LOPEZ**, Sophomore, Kingsfield, ME, was selected to the 2015 USCAA Soccer National All-Academic Team. Lopez was also selected as a forward on the AD3I All-Independent Second Team. She was credited with 153 saves this season and had a 71.8 save percentage in 15 games this season. ■ **SAMANTHA NADEAU**, Sophomore, St. David, ME, was selected to the 2015 USCAA Soccer National All-Academic Team. Nadeau was also selected as a forward on the AD3I All-Independent Second Team. She scored five goals and had five assists in 13 games this season. ■ **AUTUMN POULIN**, Sophomore, Winslow, ME, was selected to the 2015 USCAA Soccer National All-Academic Team. ■ **ABIGAIL RIITANO**, Senior, Abbot, ME, was selected to the 2015 USCAA Soccer National All-Academic Team. ■ **MIKAELAH TRACY**, Junior, Houlton, was selected as a defender on the AD3I All-Independent Second Team. She scored five goals and had one assist in 15 games this season.

MEN'S SOCCER postseason awards were announced recently for both the USCAA and the Association of Division III Independents. The University had four student athletes honored by the AD3I and one honored by the USCAA. ■ **AJ DOLLEY**, Junior, Whiting, ME, was selected to the 2015 USCAA Soccer National All-Academic Team. ■ **CALEB BRAGG-GRADY**, Junior, Whitefield, ME, was selected as the AD3I Goalkeeper of the Year and as the Goalkeeper on the AD3I All-Independent First Team. Bragg-Grady made 138 saves and his goals against average was 3.77 in 16 games this season. ■ **CHRIS DALY**, Sophomore, Kingsfield, ME, was selected as a midfielder on the AD3I All-Independent Second Team. Daly had three goals and one assist this season. ■ **DEREK HEALY**, Junior, Hanover, MA, was selected as a forward on the AD3I All-Independent Second Team. Healy had five goals and five assists in 17 games this season. ■ **CODY BLAIR**, Freshman, Ashland, was selected as a forward on the AD3I All-Independent Honorable Mention Team. He had seven goals and three assists this season.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL postseason awards were announced recently for both the USCAA and the

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Nordic Ski Team returns from annual Thanksgiving retreat

The Men's and Women's skiing team just recently returned from its annual Thanksgiving week camp in northern Québec. With no natural snow on the ground, the team was limited to a 2.5 km manmade loop. The small loop certainly didn't



slow down the Owls as many on the team got in upwards of 18 hours of training and over 250 km (155 miles). The week provided excellent training with great conditions despite one day of rain.

"The focus of the camp is certainly for the athletes to get comfortable being on skis again. The transition from a long rollerski season to be on snow can sometimes be difficult for some. The entire team responded very well to that transition and that enabled us to get in the amount of training we did," said head coach Joey Bard.

Being away from home didn't stop the ski team from celebrating Thanksgiving Day either. With excellent accommodations and a full kitchen at its disposal, the team—full of many first time cooks—enjoyed a 20-pound turkey, stuffing, potatoes, carrots, peas, rice, salad and pie.

"It may not have been momma's cooking, but it was still nice to enjoy Thanksgiving while in Canada," said freshman Connor Hyrnuk (Boonville, NY).

Looking ahead, the team will focus on recovery this week before buckling down for its last big training block of the season starting next week. The first on-snow races of the year will happen in Craftsbury, VT on Dec 19 and 20. ★

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Association of Division III Independents. The University had three student athletes honored by the AD3I and two honored by the USCAA. ■ HANNAH BOYCE, Senior, Bar Harbor, ME, was selected as a middle hitter on the AD3I All-Independent Second Team. She averaged 1.6 kills per set and

had 55 service aces in 24 matches this season. ■ ABBY JEWETT, Junior, Bass Harbor, ME, was selected as an outside hitter on the AD3I All-Independent Second Team. She averaged 1.83 kills per set and led the team with 226 digs in 24 matches this season. ■ KATIE PATENAUDE, Senior,

Presque Isle, was selected to the 2015 USCAA Volleyball National All-Academic Team. A student-athlete must have a 3.5 GPA and sophomore standing or higher to qualify. ■ MORGAN SWAN, Senior, Caribou, was selected to the 2015 USCAA Volleyball National All-

Academic Team. ■ HANNAH WILLIAMS, Freshman, Park Falls, NS, was selected as a setter on the AD3I All-Independent Second Team. She had 232 assists in 17 matches this season. ★

Hotham receives AD3I Player of the Week honors

UMPI junior forward Amanda Hotham (Fort Fairfield) has

been selected the Association of Division III Independents women's basketball Player of the Week for the week ending on November 22, 2015. Hotham was named to the All-Tournament team in the Pepsi Tip-Off as she recorded her first double-double of the season with 19 points and 13 rebounds against Morrisville State on Sunday. The junior ended the week averaging 11.5 points per game, 8.5 rebounds per game and went 7-of-8 from the charity stripe. ★



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CJ Club Prize-a-Day raffle is back!

The UMPI Criminal Justice Club is happy to announce their 4th annual Prize-a-Day raffle to benefit the club beginning February 1, 2016. Tickets are only \$5 and this year you get 29 chances to win! The tickets will be sold through Jan. 31. A ticket will be



drawn every day for the month of February and winning tickets are re-entered so you can win more than once. Each day's prize is worth at least \$20 with the grand prize on Feb. 29 of \$200 cash. The fundraiser will support the club's trip in March to Denver to attend the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual conference. Some of the prizes are \$30 at Netflix, \$25 at Pizza Hut, \$20 at JC Penny, \$30 at VIP, and \$50 at Dana's Auto. Tickets may be purchased from any CJ Club member or contact Lisa Leduc at lisa.leduc@maine.edu or 768-9436.

Eldershaw to have chapter published

The University is pleased to announce that Lynn Eldershaw PhD, RN, and UMPI adjunct instructor, will have her chapter, co-authored with Janice Morse PhD, FAAN, entitled *Self-Transcendence and Self-Reformulation: One Concept or Two?*, included in the book *Analyzing and Constructing the Conceptual and Theoretical Foundations of Nursing*, Janice Morse (ed.). The chapter integrates Eldershaw's academic interests in theory, end-of-life issues and

nursing and focuses on theoretical concepts used in exploring quality of life for individuals facing terminal diagnoses. The book presents theoretical and methodological developments in nursing and is aimed at nurse educators and graduate students. It will be available in June 2016 by Springer Publishers.

Stick a Fork in Cancer

Stick a Fork in Cancer is a campaign that some local restaurants participated in for the American Cancer Society by donating 10% of their sales during a day they chose between 11/1 – 11/7. Our

own UMPI Owls Relay for Life Team received a check

for \$100 from the Mapleton Diner. The Aroostook County Relay for Life committee members have decided to make this a yearly event which will take place the first week of each November and hope to expand this to even more local eating establishments.

Relay for Life Silent Auction results

UMPI's Relay for Life team held another very successful silent auction for a week in November and raised over \$1,500 between the auction and the Lunch for a Donation. There were many great items that drew a lot of attention. Some of the items that had a

lot of bidding were the rustic bench (which also brought the highest bid), a hat and scarf set, and a handmade fishing basket. There were over 50 items for the auction. The lunch was a huge success with a baked potato bar this year that was very popular. A big thank you to everyone that made this another huge success.

UMPI hosting employee holiday luncheon

The University employee holiday luncheon will be held on Thursday, Dec. 17 at Noon in the MPR.

Lunch will be served at



Noon and is sponsored by ARAMARK with the holiday auction at 1 p.m. Any auction items should be taken to Greg Doak in the Campus Store. This luncheon also benefits Maine Foster Children and Wards of the State. To provide gifts for foster children, please visit the Giving Tree on the second floor of Preble, purchase the item you pick and bring the wrapped item, with the tag, either back to Preble Hall or bring it to the luncheon. There will also be an ugly sweater contest and a 50/50 raffle with half of the money going to the Wards of the State. RSVP to Crystal Funke at crystal.funke@maine.edu. ★



The Houlton Higher Education Center had more than 20 businesses and organizations represented at its Job and Resource Fair (see story, page 7), including ACAP. Mary Duff, ACAP Job Counselor, pictured at left, has been assisting Aroostook County job seekers with workforce development services for nearly 35 years. The Center was also pleased to welcome more than a dozen Region Two students from the Early Childhood Education Program (pictured above with Jean Henderson at left).

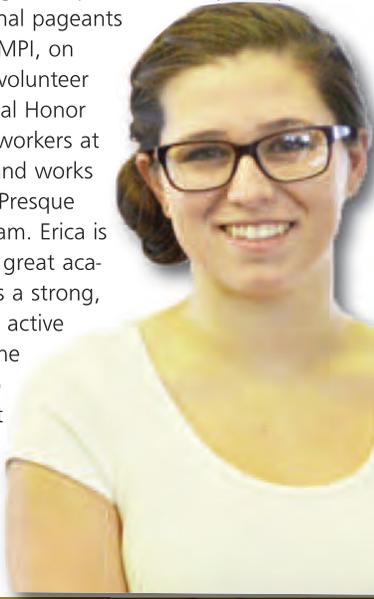


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Congratulations **Erica K. Hemphill**

Student of the Month October 2015

Erica is a senior from Presque Isle, majoring in Psychology. She is popular with students and is well-respected. Erica is friendly and always willing to help others. She participates in regional, state and national pageants and is an advocate for UMPI, on stage and off. She does volunteer work through the National Honor Society, supports her co-workers at the pool as a lifeguard, and works as a swim coach for the Presque Isle High School swim team. Erica is very responsible and has great academic standards. She has a strong, reliable work ethic and is active in the Outing Club and the Criminal Justice Colorado trip. Erica is the President of Phi Eta Sigma - National Honor Society. She is a fun, positive, responsible and outgoing young woman!



Congratulations **William P. Coppola III**

Student of the Month November 2015

Will is from Presque Isle and is a senior majoring in Business Accounting. Will previously received an International Studies degree with a History concentration in 2011. He is treasurer of the Business Club, and a tutor for accounting and other subjects. He works full-time while carrying a full load of classes. Will is a member of Phi Eta Sigma - National Honor Society and a member of Kappa Delta Phi fraternity. He is an all-around perfect student and helps anytime he is asked.



The University participated in the 2015 St. Apollonia Dental Clinic's Festival of Trees, a fun holiday event that involves businesses and organizations decorating holiday trees that are put on display and raffled off as a fundraiser. All proceeds benefit the dental clinic. This year's event was held Dec. 4-6 at Northern Maine Community College. Pictured is UMPI's submission, decorated in blue and gold ornaments and accented with feathered owl decorations. Congratulations to Kyle Tibbetts on winning the UMPI tree! He happens to be transferring to UMPI this spring so the tree should help to get him in the owl spirit.

For the past three Thanksgivings, UMPI President Linda Schott and her family have opened their home for a Thanksgiving Day dinner especially for those who aren't able to get home for the holidays. This year, it was a turkey-and-all-the-fixings meal (with vegetarian-friendly options) for more than 20 people. And the finishing touch? Some of the President's homemade pies.





activities 12.11.2015–02.5.2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
DEC 7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	JAN 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	FEB 1	2	3	4	5	6

DEC 11
Last day of classes ■
Movie, Elf Allagash Room, 8pm, CC118
DEC 13
CRU 3pm, CC118
DEC 14
Final examinations begin
DEC 15
SGA 1pm, CC118
DEC 16
Wings Wednesday
DEC 17
SEAM 12:30pm,

Alumni Room ■ Final examinations end
JAN 19
Classes begin ■
Application for degree final filing deadline (May 2016)
JAN 20
Wings Wednesday
JAN 21
Bingo night 7:30pm, St. John & Aroostook rooms
JAN 25
Last day to add a

class
JAN 27
Last day to drop from a class/University
JAN 29
Last day to request pass/fail option
FEB 3
Comedian Josh Johnson 7pm, Auditorium
FEB 5
First Friday Art Walk 5pm, Reed Gallery

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We want to hear about your news & events!
 If you would like to submit an item for the February 2016 issue, the deadline for submissions is Monday, January 25, 4:30 p.m.
 Submissions received after that date may not be included.
 Email news or event information to gshaw@maine.edu ★

Reminder to UMPI Alums

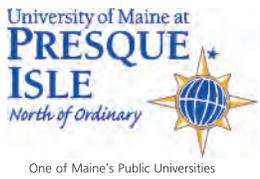
Don't forget to show your UMPI pride and celebrate your major accomplishments since graduation! Wear your snowy owl lapel pin you received when you graduated and answer the question, "Where have your wings taken you?" Just take a photo that shows you wearing the pin—either in your professional role or 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!

END-of-SEMESTER Hours of Operation Center for Innovative Learning

Fri Dec. 11, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Sat & Sun Dec. 12 & 13, 2 - 10 p.m.
 Mon Dec. 14 - 16, 7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
 Thurs & Fri Dec. 17 & 18, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
CLOSED Sat & Sun Dec. 19 & 20
 Mon - Wed Dec. 21 - 23, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
CLOSED Thurs - Sun Dec. 24 - 27
 Mon - Thurs Dec. 28 - 31, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
CLOSED New Years Day
 Mon - Fri Jan. 4 - 8, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Mon - Fri Jan. 11 - 15, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Don't forget to wear your Wings T-shirt every "Wings Wednesday"
 The next ones are December 16 and January 20th!
 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!