



(from left): Linda Zillman, Chris Corsello and Ethelyn Boyd get ready for the University's 103rd Commencement exercises.

University hosts 103rd Commencement

Two hundred and thirty-eight students graduated from the University on May 12 during the 2012 Commencement Exercises – the University's 103rd Commencement ceremony. President Donald Zillman conferred degrees for the 2011-2012 academic year upon 161 students who participated in the ceremony held in Wieden Gymnasium.

Laurie Lachance, President and CEO of the Maine Development Foundation, addressed the graduates as this year's commencement speaker. During the graduation event, Lachance was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree.

Lachance has led the Maine Development Foundation [MDF], a



Samuel Collins, Vice Chair of the UMS Board of Trustees, prepares to place a doctoral hood on Laurie Lachance, who was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree during UMPI's Commencement Exercises.

highly-regarded non-profit membership organization established in 1978, for eight years. In her role as President and CEO, she provides overall leadership, guidance, and direction as MDF delivers several statewide programs, including Leadership Maine, Policy Leaders Academy, the Maine Downtown Center, the Maine Employers' Initiative, and the Maine

Economic Growth Council. Prior to her work at MDF, Lachance served as the Maine State Economist in the State Planning Office for Governors McKernan, King and Baldacci (1993-2004). She has been honored with the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award in 2011, the Maine State Chamber of Commerce's President's Award in 2010, and has been a Margaret Chase Smith Distinguished Policy Fellow. Lachance recently was named the new President of Thomas College.

During UMPI's commencement exercises, University of Maine System Chancellor James H. Page and Samuel W. Collins, Vice Chair of the UMS Board of Trustees, delivered *continued on page 2*

MSSM, UMPI sign collaborative agreement

UMPI and the Maine School of Science and Mathematics in Limestone signed a unique collaborative learning agreement on May 16 that will allow MSSM students to earn college credit while still in high school, giving them a significant and cost-saving head start on college.

Luke Shorty, Executive Director of MSSM, and UMPI President Don Zillman held a short press conference at the magnet school in Limestone and signed the agreement, which will give MSSM students the opportunity to receive UMPI credit for select MSSM courses they take that are taught by UMPI adjunct-qualified instructors. Shorty and Zillman were joined

by UMPI Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Sonntag and MSSM Director of Advancement Kate Reilly for the announcement and signing ceremony.

As part of this agreement, a process is being put in place to award UMPI credit for specific MSSM courses, based on syllabi and texts approved by UMPI faculty members, to MSSM students who meet admissions standards set by UMPI. This process will involve reviewing selected MSSM courses to determine if they are equivalent in content and rigor to UMPI courses, determining whether MSSM faculty members are qualified to be UMPI adjunct instructors so they can deliver approved courses, and then approving specific *continued on page 4*

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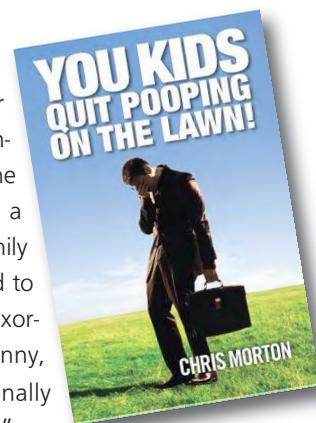


University hosts reading by UMPI alum

The University hosted alumnus Christopher Morton for a reading and book signing to mark his debut publication – a compilation of 20 essays that provide humorous insight into life for one particular family guy in northern Maine. The event took place on April 30 in the UMPI Library and included a reception and welcome, a reading, and a book signing held immediately following.

Morton's book, *You Kids Quit Pooping on the Lawn!*, explores a wide range of unexpected topics. According to the back of the book, this includes: "Braised hippo tonsils. Whirling

visionary Pentecostal dancers. Aliens. Accordions. Strange piles on the lawn. With gentle humor and a keen eye for deeper meaning, a simple man takes on the world swirling around him in a series of short essays. From family life and the terrors of fatherhood to the perils of hunting camp exorcisms, the essays are funny, poignant, sincere, occasionally bizarre, and always entertaining."



Morton said he began compiling the essays in the summer of 2011 in the hope of achieving "fame, fortune, and notoriety by selling a wildly successful, critically-acclaimed collection of stories." Unfortunately, he explained, *You Kids Quit Pooping on the Lawn!* is what happened instead.

A former columnist and staff writer for UMPI's own *University Times*, Morton graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor's degree in English Literature. He writes for the *Sharpened Axe* blog and lives in Mapleton with his wife and four children.

You Kids Quit Pooping on the Lawn! is currently available for sale online at www.amazon.com in paperback and Kindle edition. ★

Congratulations Cooper Plaisted April Student of the Month

A junior and an Outdoor Recreation major, Cooper is from Hampden, Maine. Cooper has consistently been on the Dean's List, is a leader on campus and has many achievements – he is friendly and always willing to help students and staff. He is a Resident Assistant, a member of OAPI and an all-round, good role model. He has been involved with OAPI, Accepted Student Day, the Anti-Bullying Campaign and assisted with Spring Ball. He was named to Who's Who this year. He has also contributed to the growth of this campus by allowing the University to showcase his story in our Annual Fund Campaign giving piece, and assisted with the Community Kayak Roll Clinic. Cooper is a leader by nature – he has a dynamic personality and is always available to help other students. He has helped out with community service projects for the elderly and is a fine young man who has proven he cares about the University, the students, OAPI and the community. ★

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greetings. Stephen D. Richard, UMPI Board of Visitors Chair, and Keith Madore, UMPI Director of Alumni Relations, offered remarks on behalf of each organization, respectively. A dozen members of the University's Class of 1962 were present and recognized on their 50-year milestone.

In addressing the graduating class and the hundreds gathered for the event, President Zillman focused on the dedicated efforts of faculty, staff and students to conduct research and work that directly benefits the community.

"As I look back on the last half dozen years, I'm delighted with the ever growing campus connectedness of the University of Maine at Presque Isle with its community," said President Zillman.

Among the work and projects he noted were the partnerships the University has been able to develop with Balance BPO and TxVia, the relationships

it has been able to build with local business organizations through its Young Professionals Institute, the educational connections it has been able to make with the Maine School of Science and Mathematics, and the collaborations it has been able to establish with the arts community through the Wintergreen Arts Center. He also touched upon the Fit and Fun days Physical Education majors put on for area youngsters, the GIS mapping projects that benefit everything from local governments to tourism organizations, and the research Criminal Justice majors have done to help the Presque Isle Police Department study theft from motor vehicles in the city.

"That gives you a sense of the University of Maine at Presque Isle – a public university in the best sense of the



Members of the Class of 1962 prepare to march in UMPI's 103rd Commencement Exercises. The group is celebrating its 50-year milestone.

term," stated Zillman. "We are proud of our graduates for the work they've been able to accomplish in their time here, and excited for them as they build on their successes and prepare to follow the thousands of University of Maine at Presque Isle students before them in making their own unique mark on the world."

A reception for graduates, family and friends was held in the Campus Center immediately following the ceremony. ★

Social Work Program receives leadership award

UMPI's Social Work Program recently was honored by the Maine Campus Compact as the recipient of the President's Campus Leadership Award.



Shirley Rush, Associate Professor of Social Work and Bachelor of Social Work Program Director, accepts the President's Leadership Award from the Maine Campus Compact on behalf of UMPI's Social Work Program.

The President's Leadership Award recognizes student organizations and campus departments for their contributions to community service, service-learning and civic engagement efforts on their campuses. Founded in 1994, the Maine Campus Compact is a coalition of 17 member campuses whose purpose is to "catalyze and lead a movement to reinvigorate the public purposes and civic mission of higher education," according to its website.

Service is an important part of what students do when they participate in the Social

Work Program at UMPI and its Student Organization of Social Work [SOSW]. Instructors and advisors encourage students to serve their communities through field practice, service learning and volunteering. Through their fundraising efforts, students have been able to contribute to local organizations, such as the Hope and Justice Project and the Sister Mary O'Donnell Temporary Shelter for the Homeless.

Through the Social Work Program, students also have had the opportunity to participate in international service learning activities in Guatemala and Tanzania. By working together to complete funding goals, and the organization and implementation of these trips, students have been able to enhance their deep understanding of the value of community locally and globally. Students have also developed professional confidence and the conviction to live in service of others.

All of these efforts led the Maine Campus Compact to recognize UMPI's Social Work Program with the prestigious leadership award. The Maine Campus Compact's Awards Ceremony was held at Bates College on April 20. Rush attended the event to accept the award on the program's behalf.

This is the second time in recent years that UMPI has received recognition from the Maine Campus Compact. In 2010, the Criminal Justice Program, led by Dr. Lisa Leduc's efforts, received this same award. ★

Upcountry publishes Spring/Summer 2012 issue

The staff of UMPI's online literary journal *Upcountry* has finished its last round of editing and the latest issue is now available for viewing in its interactive, online format.

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. It is published twice yearly.

The journal's advisor, Dr. Melissa Crowe, said that, in this issue, she and student editor Mika Ouellette were excited to include more fine work from some returning contributors, as well as original pieces by writers new to the journal's pages.

This is just the second time that the online journal is being made available in

its interactive format. For its Fall/Winter 2011 issue, the staff made the leap to a more interactive format to give viewers a more hands-on reading experience.

Crowe said, "The new issue looks gorgeous. Once again we're thrilled with the way in which this online format showcases the quality work our students produce, making it available to readers close at home and all over the globe."

The Spring/Summer 2012 issue of *Upcountry* features the work of 10 writers, poets and artists. Works range from Justin Pelkey's photo collage, entitled "Bridge," featured on the cover, to Tara White's essay "Always Home," to Nicole Moore's poem "Boeing 747," with which the issue concludes. Contributors for this issue also include



Kayla Ames, Shawn Cote, Chelsie Hawkins, Wendy Koenig, Ulyianna Michaud, Meridith Paterson, and Anthony Scott.

"Once again we had no trouble putting together an issue of top-notch writing by current and former UMPI students," Crowe said.

To view the latest issue in its interactive format, visit <http://upcountryjournal.wordpress.com>. ★

Johnson published in *Journal of Juvenile Justice*

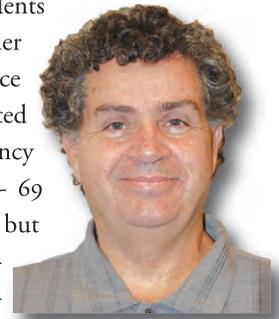
UMPI Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Charles Johnson was just published in the *Journal of Juvenile Justice* – a peer-reviewed publication.

The article *Transition of Truants: Community Truancy Board as a Turning Point in the Lives of Adolescents*, which Johnson co-authored with Kevin A. Wright of Arizona State University and Paul S. Strand of Washington State University Tri-Cities, was published in the Spring 2012 issue of the journal. Johnson served as the lead author on the article.

The *Journal of Juvenile Justice* is a semi-annual, peer-reviewed journal sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention [OJJDP], according to the journal's website.

The article Johnson co-authored discusses "interventions

that can successfully reintegrate students back into a school setting in a manner that encourages continued attendance and involvement." The authors pointed out that in 2004, nearly 56,000 truancy petitions were filed in state courts – 69 percent more than a decade earlier; but that these statistics likely underestimate the true extent of truancy-related problems in the U.S.



Dr. Charles Johnson

The article analyzes the overall effectiveness of truancy boards and discusses "the implications for ongoing theoretical, empirical, and policy debates surrounding truancy intervention."

The article provides the West Valley Community Truancy Board in Spokane, Washington, as a prime example of such intervention programs, and evaluates the overall effectiveness of its efforts. According to the article, this program employs a court-appointed officer to mentor students and manage the overall process of identifying and attending to the risks and needs that promote truancy. Along the way, school administrators, court officials, community members, the students and family members are involved to provide a multifaceted approach to truancy intervention.

According to the authors, the broader purpose of their research is to provide a theoretically-informed evaluation of an innovative approach to the reduction of school truancy.

For more information or to view the article, visit www.journalofjuvjustice.org. ★

Farewell Reception for President Don & Linda Zillman

Please join us as we celebrate Don's years of dedicated service to the campus and community, and wishing him well as he returns to the University of Maine School of Law in Portland. This is an open house event taking place on Tuesday, May 22 in the Campus Center. Social time begins at 4 p.m. Samuel Collins, Vice Chair of the University of Maine System Board of Trustees, will deliver a welcome and remarks at 5:15 p.m. Members of the campus and community are then invited to share remarks, reflection and stories. Refreshments will be served.

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courses so that MSSM students enrolled in them can receive UMPI credit for the classes.

"We're very pleased to be making even stronger connections with a local institution that has been nationally recognized as an elite public high school and to be providing their students with this unique opportunity," President Zillman said. "This is a special endorsement by UMPI of the quality of MSSM's faculty and courses. It is specifically because of the faculty's excellent academic qualifications and the academic rigors of their classes that we are able to make this agreement happen."

Provost Sonntag explained that UMPI and MSSM's faculty and administration

have worked for months to put together this agreement.

"There are several early college credit programs out there, but I believe this one stands alone in providing University approval of existing high school courses. We have vetted these courses, the MSSM faculty and the students through the same sort of process we would any on campus. And while it took a while to make all the pieces fit, we're very pleased with what this agreement means for both institutions," Sonntag said. "One of our hopes is that it may encourage these MSSM students to attend college at a University of Maine System school and help to increase the number of science and math graduates in the state of Maine."

MSSM officials are equally excited

about the collaboration.

"For years, MSSM has sought a way to recognize the college-level work that our students do; we're very grateful to UMPI for finally making that possible," Shorty said. "We offer many AP classes that give students the opportunity to earn credit through the College Board's AP tests, but many of our courses are so unique and advanced that the College Board doesn't offer tests for them. These are courses like Multivariable Calculus, Applied Genetics and Biotechnology, and Literary Theory. This agreement finally gives students in those classes an opportunity to get credit for their work. MSSM is proud to be the only high school in Maine with such a comprehensive early-college agreement with a university and we thank UMPI for making it possible." ★

Prometric provides close-to-home testing option

Just over three years ago, the University held a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for its brand new Prometric Testing Center. In the years since, the center – located on the ground floor of South Hall – has provided a convenient and close-to-home option for the people of Aroostook County to complete their computer-based licensure exams and certifications.

“People don’t have to drive to Portland or Bangor anymore to take these tests,” John Harrington, Prometric Test Center Administrator, said, citing a major reason why the testing center has proved so popular since its opening in 2009.

The University has a contract with Prometric – the leading global provider in testing services – for a five-seat testing site on campus. Some of the tests offered at the facility include the Praxis, the MCAT, LSAT and GRE, and licensure exams for those in a wide range of career fields, including healthcare, veterinary medicine, accounting, investment management, construction work and law enforcement. UMPI’s center tests children as young as second grade to people who have been in their careers for 50 years or more. If UMPI’s Prometric facility didn’t exist, the next closest testing centers would be more than 150 miles away – there are centers in Bangor, Portland, and Halifax.

“The greatest response I see is relief that this is something that can be done so much more conveniently and close to home,” Harrington said. “Just going to Bangor to take that

test, you’re talking about six hours of driving. The exam can range from one hour to 16 hours, a two-day test. And when you make an appointment, you have to make all kinds of arrangements. You have to make sure the seat available is ‘long enough’ for the block openings at the testing site.”



Harrington pointed out that UMPI’s testing center plays an important role when it comes to “windowed” exam. These exams require test-takers to complete their tests between two specific dates: “Especially when a person isn’t able to find a location nearby within their testing window, they have to look for the next closest site, and sometimes the next closest site can be pretty far away. We’ve had people fly in from areas like the Midwest and from southern states, when they can’t find seats for speciality exams,” Harrington explained.

Harrington said he gives between 40 and 60 exams each month. Who does the Prometric Testing Center benefit? Harrington said that local employees who need to take exams to maintain certifications for their jobs are high on the list.

“Where, before, you’d have to take two days of work off for your test, now you can just take your lunch hour,” he said. “That’s the real advantage of this testing center.”

To learn more about the tests offered through UMPI’s Prometric Testing Center or to register for a test, email john.harrington@umpi.edu. ★

Houlton Center hosts graduation celebration



The Houlton Higher Education Center will host its annual Graduation Celebration at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 24, honoring the graduates of several education programs and institutions housed at the facility.

Graduates from the University of Maine at Presque Isle, Northern Maine Community College, Houlton/Hodgdon SAD #29/70 Adult Education program, the Carleton Project, as well as students from the University of

Maine System campuses affiliated with University College are honored during the annual event.

A small but dedicated staff at the Houlton Higher Education Center work to help students from all partner organizations achieve their educational goals. Students hail from southern Aroostook County, northern Penobscot County, western New Brunswick, Canada, and beyond. Because students are graduating from a variety of different programs and institutions, the end-of-the-school-year graduation event gives this close-knit community, their family and friends an opportunity to join together in celebration. About 200 people are expected to attend.

The phrase “Wherever you go in life and whatever you do, remember that you



HOULTON Higher Education CENTER can Make a Difference” serves as the theme of this year’s celebration. Bookmarks printed with the phrase will be handed out to event participants and HHEC officials will read *The Starfish Story* an adapted version of Loren Eiseley’s short story “The Star Thrower” during the event. The inspirational story showcases the importance of making a difference, no matter how small, because it does make an impact.

To learn more about the Houlton Center’s Graduation Celebration, please contact Linda Hickman at 521.3100 or linda.hickman@umpi.edu. ★

Dr. Wood presents in Indianapolis, at Husson

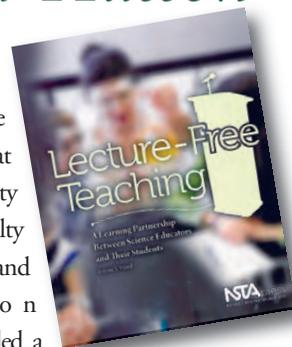


Dr. Bonnie Wood
30 pre-registered participants were a mix of middle school, high school and college science

UMPI Professor of Biology Dr. Bonnie Wood was in Indianapolis this spring to present a full-day Professional Development Institute on lecture-free teaching ahead of the National Conference on Science Education. Her hands-on workshop was entitled *Lecture-Free Teaching: A Learning Partnership between Science Educators and their Students*. The

educators and administrators. During the morning session, participants played the role of students as Dr. Wood simulated a typical science classroom using a variety of her lecture-free teaching methods. Educators experienced how the interplay of student preparation before class, cooperative learning, and formative assessment techniques allow a teacher to achieve course content identical to that of a lecture-based course. After lunch, participants followed Dr. Wood's 13 steps to lecture-free teaching to plan revisions of their own. While she was in Indianapolis, Dr. Wood completed her two-year term as an elected Councilor-at-Large on the Executive Board of the Society for College Science Teachers [SCST] by attending her final board meeting.

Also this spring, Dr. Wood was invited to serve as a presenter at Husson University by its Faculty Development and Evaluation Committee. She led a full-day workshop entitled *Lecture-Free Teaching: A Learning Partnership between College Educators and their Students* on April 20 for Husson faculty of all disciplines. To accommodate such a diverse audience, Dr. Wood modeled techniques appropriate for a variety of students. Her book *Lecture-Free Teaching* [NSTA Press, 2009] was used as a workbook in the afternoon to help participants plan their own course reforms. ★



Student education group hosts international debate

UMPI's chapter of S.E.A.M. [Student Education Association of Maine] held an international student debate with students from Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland, during University Day activities in April.



Students from UMPI and Adam Mickiewicz University participate in an international debate about higher education during University Day in mid-April. Pictured are the views, respectively, from Poland and Presque Isle.



Margaret Selig, Shara Gardner, Wendy Walsh, Francesca Johnson and Karrie Brown. Their portion of the event was supported organizationally by Dr. Tomasz Herzog.

The main participants from Poland included Zuzanna

The hour-long debate, titled *Higher Education in the USA, Canada & Poland: Similarities & Differences*, was able to happen in real time through the use of teleconferencing technology. The debate, which focused on academic counseling, was conducted in English.

S.E.A.M. students met with students from Adam Mickiewicz University's Student Professional and Personal Counseling Majors Club. These students are part of the Polish university's Faculty of Educational Studies, which comprises students from both undergraduate and graduate programs and is ranked #1 among all schools/colleges of education in Poland.

The goal of the activity was to allow students on either side of the Atlantic to learn more about each other's higher education systems.

S.E.A.M. students took care of all the organizational and logistical details on the American side of the discussion. The six main participants at UMPI included Education majors Danielle Pelkey,

Szczepaniak, Marta Szewior and Jakub Wierzbicki. Their portion of the event was supported organizationally by Dr. Małgorzata Rosalska and Mr. Michał Jankowski.

"As part of this year's debate, all communication between the participating universities was taken care of by our S.E.A.M. members and their Polish colleagues," S.E.A.M. advisor Dr. Tomasz Herzog said. "It was a true student endeavor, from the very beginning to the very end. I'm very proud of them."

Adam Mickiewicz University is Dr. Herzog's alma mater. Largely due to this exchange with Polish college students, S.E.A.M. recently received a Certificate of Excellence from the Maine Education Association for Cultural Diversity. The MEA presented the certificate because of S.E.A.M.'s "continuing dialogue and collaboration with education students from other countries." ★

Writing tutors present at NYC conference

UMPI Writing Center tutors recently were in Queens, New York, to present at the annual Northeast Writing Centers Association [NEWCA] Conference at St. John's University.

UMPI tutors Martha Franklin-Wight and Taylor Ussery attended the April conference with Writing Center Director Dr. Deborah Hodgkins. The UMPI group's session, titled *The Whole Writer, the Whole Tutor: What We Talk about When We Reflect on Practice*, was an interactive one that first provided context and then engaged the audience in activities.

According to Hodgkins, the purpose of the session was to "explore the language that we use when we talk about tutoring and reflect on practice, and the metaphors we invoke both for what writing consultants do and how they describe their roles in sessions with writers."

The Whole Writer, the Whole Tutor presentation originated from papers produced in the UMPI class ENG/EDU 393, *Writing Theory and Practice*, as well as conversations in the Writing Center. Interestingly, the title was inspired by a paper written by fellow UMPI Writing Center consultant Stephanie



UMPI Writing Center tutors Taylor Ussery, left, and Martha Franklin-Wight, right, attended the Northeast Writing Centers Association Conference in New York City with UMPI Writing Center Director Dr. Deborah Hodgkins, center.

Corriveau, who was unable to attend the conference. Corriveau discovered a very interesting connection between the osteopathic philosophy of "patient-centered" medicine and that of the UMPI Writing Center while applying for medical school – both embrace a reflection on the patient/writer's needs as part of their efforts to provide service and support.

This was Hodgkins' third time presenting at national or regional conferences with UMPI consultants.

"I am always impressed with the outstanding work that all of the Writing Center tutors do each time they work with writers. It is important academic work," Hodgkins said. "Having the opportunity to present on that work at a professional conference is an invaluable experience, and Martha and Taylor represented UMPI very well."

With a new academic year on the way, Hodgkins is seeking new tutors to staff the Writing Center in the fall. If you would like more information on becoming a Writing Center tutor, contact Dr. Hodgkins at 768.9423 or deborah.hodgkins@umpi.edu. ★

Fine Art Seniors display exhibitions

The University's Fine Art Program faculty was pleased to have three solo shows, developed through the 2012 Fine Art Senior Thesis Exhibition course, hosted at the Pullen Art Gallery during the spring semester.

UMPI's Fine Art Senior Thesis Exhibition, a six-credit, academic-year-long course, provides students with the kind of in-depth educational opportunity that most Art students never experience until they are in graduate school. In fact, UMPI's Fine Art program is the only one in the entire State of Maine in which every senior must prepare for and host a one-person art exhibition of his or her work, and defend it orally and in writing, in order to graduate.

Three students displayed their works during week-long shows held

between April 20 and May 12. The exhibition schedule included: a drawing focused exhibition from Bryanne Thomas from April 20-26, a photography focused exhibition from Carolyn Anderson from April 27-May 3, and a painting/watercolor focused exhibition from Alanna Venturo from May 4 to 12.

These Fine Art students spent an entire academic year preparing for their shows. As part of the Fine Art Senior Exhibition course, Art students spend the fall semester of their senior year developing ideas and creating pieces for their shows. These pieces get critiqued by all four art professors and fellow senior art students, teaching students through real experiences how to talk about and defend their work. By the

end of the fall semester, seniors complete a short research paper and artist's statement and host a mini-art show to prepare for their final show in the spring.

During the spring semester, seniors begin focused work to prepare for their final shows and endure a rigorous critique schedule to aid them in this preparation. Students are responsible for preparing for every aspect of their exhibition. During their actual show, seniors have to talk about their work, present their artist's statement, and be able to answer audience questions. As a final component of this year-long project, students must turn in their final thesis, an in-depth research paper about their work and the art and artists that influenced it. ★

Criminal Justice Club travels to California

UMPI Criminal Justice Club members recently traveled to Sacramento and San Francisco, California, in conjunction with a course designed to increase student awareness of historical perspectives of policing and corrections. The trip included student ride-alongs with members of the Sacramento Police Department, visits to Folsom Prison, Alcatraz Prison, Berkeley Police Department, the California Highway Patrol academy, and various tourist attractions in the greater San Francisco area.

The students who participated in the trip included: Christina Hall, Hanad Ashkir, Mark Bartlett, Tom Dionne, Josh Esty, Josh Conroy, Sierra Turmenne, Richard Landry, and Ben Lulofs.

While students noted different aspects of the trip as being their favorite, the general consensus was that the tour



Dr. Charles Johnson took 9 members of the Criminal Justice Club to California where they learned about historical perspectives of policing and corrections. Here, the group pauses for a photo in front of the California Highway Patrol academy's memorial fountain.

of Folsom Prison was unforgettable. Senior Christina Hall said about Folsom, "This was pretty amazing. I have never been to an active prison before and even though some of the inmates were making us girls feel a little uncomfortable, it was still a pretty fun experience to be put in a brown jumpsuit and given a tour

of what the reality for the prisoners inside is actually like. I have to say this was one of the best parts of the trip!"

UMPI Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Dr. Charles Johnson, the trip facilitator and escort, toured the California Highway Patrol academy with the students. This part of the trip was an especially rewarding homecoming for Dr. Johnson, a 1977 graduate of the academy.

A capstone to the trip was the visit to Berkeley Police Department, where August Vollmer developed the professional model of policing during the first part of the 20th century.

The trip also included visits to see Lombard Street (the most crooked street in the world), night life in San Francisco, the Golden Gate Bridge, and the Painted Ladies (the colorful Victorian houses depicted during the opening scene of the television series Full House). ★

S.E.A.M. hosts Read Across America event

The University's S.E.A.M. [Student Education Association of Maine] members provided the afterschool program in Washburn with a special treat this spring – they hosted a Read Across America event that had children "traveling" all over the United States.

With the help of UMPI's S.E.A.M. members and their imaginations, children were able to tour a bat cave in New Mexico, explore seashells in Florida, dig up fossils in Montana, and lay on a beach in Hawaii and learn a little about the Hawaiian language. Children were broken into groups and each was given a suitcase and a destination.

In New Mexico, the children learned many facts about the bats that inhabit the caves, as well as echolocation and the food the bats eat. Children made their own bats to put in their suitcases. Before heading to each next stop, children received stickers on their suitcases as passport stamps.

In Florida, the children used a seashell chart to identify various seashells. They were able to label the shells and learn interesting facts about the ocean. Before departing for their next stop,



SEAM member Margaret Selig gives the Washburn Afterschool Program children a lesson about seashells when they "visited Florida" on their Read Across America trip on April 3.

they enjoyed a "little piece of the ocean" – gummy fish swimming in cups of blue Jell-O®.

In Montana, children learned about fossils, dinosaurs, and archeology by viewing fossils and dinosaur figures, reading a book about fossils, and learning about the archeologists who study fossils. The children then broke into small groups and looked at a book with facts about Montana, dinosaurs and archeology.

In Hawaii, children were presented with leis around their necks, enjoyed Hawaiian fruit kabobs, and learned some Hawaiian words. They also learned about Hawaiian plants, the way their alphabet is different than Maine's, and the different fruits they eat.

At trip's end, the children "returned" to Maine and had the chance to tell all their friends and teachers all about their adventures and what they learned. UMPI S.E.A.M. advisor Dr. Tomasz Herzog said S.E.A.M. members did an amazing job of providing a fun and interactive way for children to read and learn about different parts of the U.S. through their Read Across America activity. ★

Geo-Ecology Club visits Washington, D.C.

Members of UMPI's Geo-Ecology Club took their spring break excursion to Washington, D.C., making equal time for geological enrichment and sightseeing.

Those who participated in the trip included Geo-Ecology Club President Gary Parent, Club Secretary Sarah Ames, Chris Staples, Michelle Hersey, Kayla Ames, and club adviser Dr. Kevin McCartney.

The group visited several sites during their first day in the nation's capital, including the Smithsonian Castle, the Washington Monument, the World War II Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, Lincoln Memorial and Vietnam War Memorial. At the Smithsonian, the group took special care to explore the Fossil, Ocean and Ancient Sea Halls.

On their second day in Washington, D.C., they visited the Library of Congress, experienced a protest first-hand when they walked through the White House courtyard, had a tour



UMPI's Geo-Ecology Club paid a visit to U.S. Senator Susan Collins' office during their visit to Washington, D.C. Pictured are, from left, Dr. Kevin McCartney, Gary Parent, Chris Staples, U.S. Senator Susan Collins, Kayla Ames, Sarah Ames, and Michelle Hersey.

of the U.S. Capitol and took the opportunity to meet U.S. Senator Susan Collins. Later, they visited the Botanical Gardens, the National Museum of the American Indian, the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, and the National Gallery of Art.

On day three, with no planned itinerary, some members of the group headed to the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center (an air and space museum) while others visited

the National Museum of American History or the Natural History section of the Smithsonian.

During the fourth day of their visit, some members of the group took a trolley tour around the city, while others headed to the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center. Later in the day, the group traveled to the U.S. Naval Academy Museum and the National Wildlife Refuge.

On their return to Maine, the group made a special stop at the Dinosaur State Park in Connecticut. ★

Students create Citizen Centric Reports

Students in UMPI Instructor Linda Gover's *Special Topics in MIS: Business Reporting* class spent their Spring semester creating Citizen Centric Reports [CCR's] for several municipal governments and non-profit organizations in the community.

These simple, four-page documents follow a standard template and showcase public institutions' performance, finances and key initiatives in a clear and easy-to-understand way. Citizen Centric Reporting is an initiative of the Association of Government Accountants and serves as a way to improve government accountability and transparency.

"My reasoning behind having the students complete these CCR's was twofold," Gover explained. "I wanted students to be exposed to local governments and local organizations and I saw this type

of class project as an opportunity to show students what Aroostook County has to offer outside the normal business avenues. I also believed that this would be a good way to introduce the concept of these reports to local town managers and non-profits as well as citizens, members and students."

Gover's students each were provided with a "stakeholder" – a point of contact associated with the organization or entity for which they were to draw up a report. Each student needed to coordinate and communicate with their assigned stakeholder on gathering data, strategic information and pictures to include in their CCR's. "Students had to use a variety of on-the-job skills to be able to complete the reports, such as time management, communication skills – writing and public speaking – and decision making. They

also had to incorporate the use of technology and prior coursework," Gover said. "In my experiences with the AGA, I have heard several officials from major financial companies state that if they had an applicant who had experience completing a CCR, that they would rank that candidate higher and that it could be a deciding factor for being offered a position."

While students no doubt benefit from the experience of creating the CCR's, so do local groups. Some of the reports have been turned over to the institutions they showcase so that officials there can share the information with the public.

For more information about the Citizen Centric Reporting initiative, visit the AGA's website at [www.agacgfm.org/Advocacy--Accountability/Citizen-Centric-Reporting-\(CCR\).aspx](http://www.agacgfm.org/Advocacy--Accountability/Citizen-Centric-Reporting-(CCR).aspx). ★

STUDENTS HONORED DURING CONVOCATION 2012

Nearly 50 students were honored during the University's 2012 Awards Convocation, held on April 22 in the Campus Center. The annual convocation event includes student awards for outstanding achievement in their academic areas, scholarship announcements, and the recognition of the Student Senate, UMPI's Maine Policy Scholar and those named to the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges. The Distinguished Teaching Award and Distinguished Staff Award also are given during the event.

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

In the College of Education, the Outstanding Elementary Education Major Award was presented to **DANIELLE PELKEY**. The Outstanding Physical Education Major Award was presented to **DESIREE SMITH**. The Ruel Parks "Rising Star" Memorial Scholarship was presented to **EMILY PELLETIER**.

In the College of Professional Programs, the Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Accounting Award was presented to **ROBERT BLAISDELL**. The Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Business Management Award was presented to **ASHLEE PRYOR**. The Outstanding Athletic Training Major Award was presented to **BRITTANY KIRBY**. The Outstanding Fitness & Wellness Major Award was presented to **MARYL RAE SHAW**. The Outstanding Recreation Major Award was presented to **AMANDA TURMENNE**. The Outstanding Social Work Student Award was presented to **KELSEY ALBERT** and **DUSTIN**

DAMBOISE. The Outstanding Criminal Justice Senior Award was presented to **NATHAN CRONKITE**.

In the College of Arts and Sciences, the Humanities Scholarship was presented to **KAYLA AMES**. The English Book Award was presented to **HAYLEY JIPSON**. The Outstanding Achievement in Professional Communication and Journalism was presented to **DONNA DELONG**. The University Times Advisor Award was presented to **KAYLA**

Senate scholarships were presented. **ELIZABETH KEAGAN** received the Steven Edward Eagles Memorial Scholarship. **LANETTE VIRTANEN** received the Monica G. Gilbert Memorial Scholarship. **RICHARD LANDRY** received the Alan Arman Memorial Scholarship. **NICHOLAS REID** received the T.W. Morrison Scholarship.

Student Senators for the 2011-2012 academic year were honored for their contributions to student government. This year's Student Senators included:

TIMOTHY BABINE (Parliamentarian), **EMILY BARTLETT**, **CATRINA COMEAU** (Secretary), **MERCEDES DOBEY** (Student Affairs Co-Chair), **JASON FORTIN**, **ROBERT HEALEY III**, **JEFFREY JAMIESON**, **ELIZABETH KEAGAN** (Vice President), **LOGAN LOCKHART**, **PATRICK MANIFOLD** (SAAC Representative), **JEFFREY RHOADS** (BOT Representative),

LEAH RODRIGUEZ, **ANDREW SEELEY** (Treasurer), **JESSICA STEPP** (President), and **ADAM TILSLEY** (Student Affairs Co-Chair).

Student Senators then presented the Distinguished Teaching Award to **SHIRLEY RUSH**, Associate Professor of Social Work and Bachelor of Social Work Program Director; and the Distinguished Staff Award to **BARBARA DEVANEY**, Director of Career Services.

At the end of the program, the Maine Policy Scholar Award was presented to Andrew Levesque, and eight students were recognized for being named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges. They included: **KELSEY A. ALBERT**, **ELIZABETH C. W. BOUSQUET**, **KYLE D. CORRIGAN**, **JUSTIN FERESHETIAN**, **BRYAN W. JENNINGS**, **PATRICK MANIFOLD**, **CHRISTOPHER R. MOORE**, and **COOPER A. PLAISTED**. ★



Student Senate President Jessica Stepp presents the Distinguished Teaching Award to Shirley Rush (left photo), and the Distinguished Staff Award to Bonnie Devaney (right photo).

AMES and **LANETTE VIRTANEN**. The Fine Art Talent Award for Outstanding Studio Achievement was presented to **ALANNA VENTURO**. The Art History Award was presented to **KARRIE BRAWN** and **LANETTE VIRTANEN**. The Film Scholar Award was presented to **LANETTE VIRTANEN**. The Outstanding History Major Award was presented to **SAMUEL PICARD**. The Most Promising French Major Award was presented to **JESSICA DOUCETTE**. The Mathematics-Science Merit Award was presented to **CARLY LANGLEY**. The General Biology I Award was presented to **COLE DUMONTHIER**.

Two AFUM scholarships were awarded during the event. **ANDREW HUNT** received the Daniel Patterson Scholarship and **ERIC BROWN** received the John K. Steinbaugh Scholarship. Four Student

One Hundred Third Commencement

MAY 12, 2012



TOP: Graduates prepare to enter Wieden Hall.

ABOVE: Chancellor Page addresses those gathered for UMPI's commencement.

RIGHT: Members of the Class of 1962 gather in the Library.

BELOW: Anatole Wieck and Soo-Yon Choi play during graduation ceremonies.

FAR RIGHT: Loren Fawthrop (left) and Francesca Johnson, two of UMPI's 238 graduates, pause for a photo after Commencement exercises conclude.



Sports! Sports! Sports!

UMPI hosts annual Athletic Awards Ceremony

The University held its annual Athletic Awards Ceremony on April 25. All 12 intercollegiate athletic programs at UMPI gathered in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Campus Center for the event. Each team honored a "Rookie of the Year," "Most Inspirational" and "Most Valuable Player" student-athlete in addition to seven other department-wide awards.

The event marked the last for some Owls coaches and administrators. Jay Beaulieu (women's volleyball) and Dan Williams (women's soccer) resigned their posts after the fall season. UMPI Dean of Students and Athletic Director Chris Corsello will also be moving on after completion of the 2011-2012 school year. Corsello will be stepping into the position of Dean for Student Services and Enrollment Management at Carolina HealthCare System on the campus of Cabarrus College of Health Sciences in Concord, North Carolina.



This year's award recipients are as follows:

2011-2012 Most Valuable Players

Men's Cross Country

JUSTIN FERESHETIAN Turner, ME

Women's Cross Country

KATHLEEN CHRISTOFFEL Clifton Park, NY

Golf

REYNOLD BROWN Essex, CT

Men's Soccer

KYLE CORRIGAN Caribou, ME
& **CRAIG MAFFEI** Readfield, ME

Women's Soccer

LAINY HERRING Houlton, ME

Volleyball

SHAINA HOOD Princeton, ME

Men's Basketball

PATRICK MANIFOLD Great Yarmouth, UK

Women's Basketball

EMILY MOORE Lisbon, ME
& **RASHELL SAUCIER** Washburn, ME

Men's Nordic Skiing

JOEY BARD Woodland, ME

Women's Nordic Skiing

JUSTINE CYR Fort Kent, ME
& **KATHLEEN CHRISTOFFEL** Clifton Park, NY

Baseball

DYLAN WORSTER Howland, ME

Softball

DESIREE SMITH Thomaston, ME

2011-2012 Most Inspirational awards

Men's Cross Country

TIMOTHY CHASE Houlton, ME

Women's Cross Country

MIRANDAH AKELEY Fort Fairfield, ME

Men's Basketball

AARON HUTCHINS East Millinocket, ME

Women's Basketball

RENEE MOORE Lisbon, ME

Men's Nordic Skiing

JUSTIN FERESHETIAN Turner, ME

Women's Nordic Skiing

DESIREE SMITH Thomaston, ME

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SUSAN LAVERTU

Al Arman (Make a Difference) Award
 Susan LaVertu Madawaska, ME &
 Justin Fereshetian Turner, ME

Stanley H. Small Coaches Award
 Desirée Smith Thomaston, ME

Ruel Parks Coaches Award
 Women's Basketball

Brigitte Pratt Southwest Harbor, ME

Donald N. Zillman Character Award
 Lucas Bartlett Bradley, ME

Male Athlete of the Year
 Craig Maffei Readfield, ME

Female Athlete of the Year
 Kathleen Christoffel Clifton Park, NY



JUSTIN FERESHETIAN



DESIRÉE SMITH



LUCAS BARTLETT



BRIGITTE PRATT



CRAIG MAFFEI



KATHLEEN CHRISTOFFEL

... award recipients

Baseball

Bryan Lucas Molloy Lovell, ME

Softball

Carolynn Tuck Brewer, ME

2011-2012 rookie of the Year awards

Men's Cross Country

Phillip Boody New Sweden, ME

Women's Cross Country

Emily Wright Mapleton, ME

Golf

Reynold Brown Essex, CT

Men's Soccer

Aaron Hutchins East Millinocket, ME

Women's Soccer

Kallie Pelletier Madawaska, ME

Volleyball

Elizabeth Koestad Presque Isle, ME

Men's Basketball

Lucas Bartlett Bradley, ME

Women's Basketball

Brigitte Pratt Southwest Harbor, ME

Men's Nordic Skiing

Andrew Nesbitt Williamstown, MA

Women's Nordic Skiing

Chelsea BeaucheMin Adams, MA

Baseball

Ghazaleh Sallors Santa Barbara, CA

Softball

Whitney Donovan Ashland, ME

& Danielle Smith Phillips, ME



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UMPI hosts Northern Maine Math League

UMPI's College of Arts and Sciences will host the Northern Maine Math League for Aroostook County students, grades 6 through 8, on Saturday, May 24 at 9 a.m. in the MPR and Alumni Room. The end of the year awards for the league will also be presented. The event is open to the public. For more information, call 768.9452.



Relay for Life Team gets help from Plummer's Redemption

The UMPI Owl Relay for Life Team is getting a little fundraising help for the Aroostook Relay for Life event. Plummer's Redemption Center at 119 Parsons Street here in Presque Isle has agreed to contribute toward the UMPI team by paying 6 cents for every bottle that they receive when people mention the event when they recycle. This year's Relay for Life will



begin at 6 p.m. on June 1st at the Caribou High School Track and continue through the morning of June 2nd. Thanks to redemption center owners Mary and Dean Lawrence for their help! For more information, contact Laurie Boucher at laurie.boucher@umpi.edu.

UMPI students donate to Women's Reentry Center

UMPI's Honors Women and Crime students raised over \$400 for the Women's Reentry Center in Bangor as part of a service learning project. The WRC is a residential transition-

al program for female inmates in Maine that helps with reentry plans including employment and housing. Students held several fundraisers, including an Ultimate Frisbee tournament and bake sales, to raise the funds. They also collected professional clothing during a clothing drive. They then purchased items like Wal-Mart gift cards, bus passes and taxi vouchers to help the women prepare for employment and get to interviews and jobs. On May 4, the students travelled to Bangor to present the gift cards and clothing to the residents.

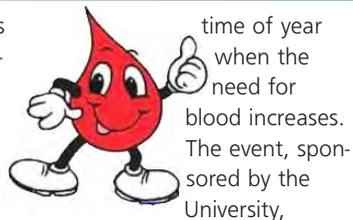
Carleton Project students gather water samples

Students from the Carleton Project are conducting a hands-on Biology activity to learn more about the environment and conservation. They started their field work on April 24 with water quality samples from 29 brooks and streams, including Larry Brook, B Stream, and Webster Brook. They will be conducting six tests on the samples: turbidity, nitrate, phosphate, oxygen, pH level, as well as checking for insect presence. Students will be setting a shelter up nearby due to the time involved in the woods. The hope is that through the study of the environment, they'll be closer to determining what needs to be done to conserve it. For more information, contact Linda Hickman at 521.3100 ext. 3105.



UMPI, Red Cross to host Super Blood Drive

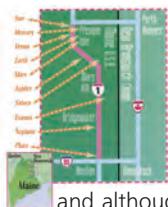
The American Red Cross and UMPI's Residence Life Office are teaming up for the University's fourth "Super Blood Drive" this summer, the



time of year when the need for blood increases. The event, sponsored by the University, UMPI's Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society and Pizza Hut, and cosponsored by Pat's Pizza, Big Cheese Pizza, Country Farm's Market, and Wal-Mart, will be held from 11:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 25 in Gentile Hall. Coupons and drawings to win various prizes will be awarded. Everyone is encouraged to help save lives at one of the largest American Red Cross blood drives in The County. The goal of the drive is to collect at least 300 pints of life-saving blood. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 768.9585

Maine Solar System Model in the Huffington Post

UMPI's Maine Solar System Model was recently selected for a special feature by the *Huffington Post's* travel section on "overlooked U.S. attractions." UMPI's solar system model was one of eight "attractions" chosen from throughout the United States for this feature. All eight features participated in a bracket system-style competition, and although we didn't win, it was, indeed, an honor to be nominated.



Annual Spring Runoff 5K Road Race a success

The UMPI Cross Country teams held the 32nd Annual Spring Runoff Road Race on April 7. The race serves as a major fundraiser for the teams. Approximately 150 runners and walkers participated, a record number for the event.

This event was sponsored by Aroostook Beverage, River Run Deli, Pepsi Bottling Company, the UMPI Cross Country teams, and the Aroostook Mûsterds Running Club. Congratulations on another successful Spring Runoff!

UMPI students held Native Appreciation Day

UMPI's Native Voices Group hosted the Fifth Annual Native Appreciation Day on Saturday, April 21 in Wieden Hall. The day-long event was supported by Project Compass. The day, which included a dance competition, local vendors, and presentations on Native issues, was capped off with an awards ceremony. More than 75 people attended the event.



10 x 10 Art Auction held

UMPI and the Wintergreen Arts Center hosted their first 10 x 10 Art Auction on May 4 to raise funds for a Cultural Center in Presque Isle. A silent auction and reception was held from 6–9 p.m. WGAC will use some of the funds raised to expand on its programming, and together, the two organizations are using the rest of the funds to create a center with museum-quality gallery space in the downtown. The event raised more than \$5,500. For more information, contact Heather Sincavage at heather.sincavage@umpi.edu.



UMPI Community Band holds Spring Concert

The UMPI Community Band, with Director Jon Simonoff, performed its Spring Semester

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Concert at 7 p.m. on May 7 in the Wieden Auditorium. A variety of music was played with selections by Reineke, Smith and Anderson. In addition, the audience enjoyed music from the Muppets and Lord of the Dance. There were 125 in attendance with an encore presentation. The Community Band is accepting new members with their first rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in Wieden Hall on Monday, September 10. For more information, contact Pamela Kinsey at pamelakinsey@myfairpoint.net.

UMPI presents Warhol Exhibition

The University presents "Eye to Eye with Andy Warhol: The Multiples", which is on display through June 16 in the Reed Fine Art Gallery. A



Mrs. Klaus Crammer

reception for the exhibition was held on May 4. More than 75 campus and community members gathered for the first glimpse of the new Warhol show and for the opportunity to hear a talk by Linda Zillman on the curation of the show. The exhibition is sponsored by the Maine Community Foundation, the Maine Arts Commission, the Bank of Maine Presque Isle, and Morningstar Art and Framing. The Reed Fine Art Gallery is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. and is closed Sundays and University holidays.

Project Explore set for summer

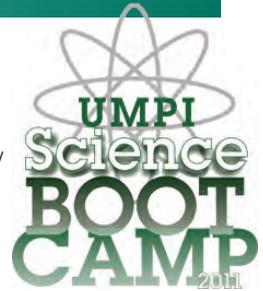
Project Explore is just around the corner! The summer enrichment program is for students enrolled in grades 2 through 8, and is designed to provide activities in academics and arts that will help develop the potential, talents and skills of each student. Classes are scheduled for June 25–29, 2012. For details, visit www.umpi.edu or contact Mary Lawrence at mary.l.lawrence@umpi.edu.

UMPI to hold Summer Science Boot Camp

UMPI will launch its second annual Science Boot Camp this summer, and local youth interested in science and discovery are invited to take part. Team Discover is a one-week camp

on the grounds of the University that is designed for children in grades 3–5. Children who

enjoy exploring the world of science will be able to learn about physics, chemistry, astronomy, ecology, and rocks and minerals through hands-on experiences, experiments, critical thinking, and learning in a stimulating and creative environment while having fun. The camp will be held Monday, August 6 through Friday, August 10, 2012 from 8 a.m.–1 p.m. For more information, call 768.9502. ★



ABOVE: Students help to celebrate Earth Day with the annual raising of the international flags at the flag circle near Wieden Hall. The flags identify the nations represented on campus.

LEFT: International student Liron Albag pauses for a photo after participating in the international flag raising ceremony in early May as part of UMPI's Earth Day celebration.

Community

Spring for Fair Trade!

Spring for Fair Trade is an educational event where you can learn what fair trade is, how it is changing the world, and current issues in fair trade, while sampling fairly traded coffees and chocolates. Fair Trade ensures that products purchased around the world are doing good, not harm. This Spring for Fair Trade event is supported, in part, by a grant from the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, and is being held on Saturday, June 23 from 9–11 a.m. at The Cup Café at the Unitarian Society of Houlton, 61 Military Street. For more information, contact Audrey Zimmerman at 532.4570.

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AUGUST 6-10

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Memorial held for Frank McGrath

A memorial was held on Friday, May 4 in Saco, Maine to celebrate the life of Frank Francis McGrath, former Athletic Director of the University of Maine at Presque Isle. McGrath passed away on Friday, April 27 at his home. He is survived by his wife Margaret. A graduate of Springfield College in Massachusetts, McGrath was captain of the college's basketball and baseball teams. He went on to earn a Master's degree in Physical Education from the Pennsylvania State University. After teaching and coaching at schools in New York state, Frank served in the state's National Guard. Family, friends, and former students describe him as a strong, caring and gentle man who could always be depended on for support.

Homecoming 2012

Please mark your calendars for this year's homecoming festivities, scheduled for September 14-16, 2012.

Youth Triathlon scheduled

Save the date! The region's first youth Triathlon will take place on Sunday, September 9, 2012 on the UMPI campus, starting at Gentile Hall. Presented by UMPI, The Aroostook Medical Center, and Healthy Aroostook, the event is for competitors between the ages of 7 and 13, and is a multi-sport activity with three components: swimming, cycling, and running. For more information, call Reegan Brown at 768.3030 ext. 633 or visit www.reddyouthtriathlon.org.

Community

Presque Isle prepares for music festival

The Hayward-Frazier VFW Post #2599 will host a two-day Rock and Country Jamboree on Friday, June 22 and Saturday, June 23. The event will be held at the Northern Maine Fairgrounds in Presque Isle. Hours are 4 p.m. to midnight on Friday, June 22 and noon to 11 p.m. on Saturday, June 23. Among the artists scheduled to perform are country legend Stonewall Jackson at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 23 and the 1960s rock band the Royal Guardsmen at 7 p.m. of Friday, June 22. Admission is \$10 on Friday and \$15 on Saturday. Camping is available. Proceeds will benefit the VFW Post, the Sister Mary O'Donnell Homeless Shelter and the Hope and Justice Project. Tickets can be purchased at www.veterans-rock-and-country-jamboree.com. Additionally, tickets are available at VFW Post #2599 from Thursday through Saturday during normal business hours. For more information, contact Theresa Fowler at tfowler@centralarostookchamber.com.

BioMass Fair held at UMPI

A BioMass Fair took place on Saturday, May 19 in Gentile Hall, providing the opportunity to educate the public and businesses about biomass potential. Sponsored by the Aroostook Partnership for Progress, the BioMass Fair included a display by UMPI's own Dr. Jason Johnston on some of the EPSCoR [Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research] grant-funded research that has been done focusing on biomass. The research involves evaluating the potential of grass biomass production for central Aroostook County using the Aroostook River Watershed as a sampling space. The project includes coordinating efforts to locate and establish up to 10,000 acres of grassland, and evaluating the potential ecological impact, or benefit, to grassland birds. ★

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