

UMPI hosts 104th Commencement

Two hundred and nineteen students graduated from the University on May 18, during the 2013 Commencement Exercises – the University’s 104th Commencement ceremony. President Linda Schott conferred degrees for the 2012-2013 academic year upon 145 students who participated in the ceremony held in Wieden Gymnasium.

John Cariani, the accomplished playwright and award-winning actor, addressed the graduates as this year’s commencement speaker and was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree.

Cariani, who has performed on Broadway, in the movies,



UMPI’s newest graduates throw their caps in the air during Commencement exercises.

and on the small screen, and hails from Presque Isle, has been a strong proponent of and contributor to the arts throughout his career. His first play, *Almost, Maine*, is featured in Smith and Kraus’ *New Playwrights: Best Plays of 2006*, has become one of the most frequently produced plays in the United States,

and has been translated into eight languages. His two other plays, *Last Gas* and *LOVE/SICK*, premiered at Portland Stage Company and are currently in negotiations for Off Broadway engagements in the coming season.

As an actor, Cariani got his start on Presque Isle stages—including the one in Wieden [continued on page 2](#)

University establishes tobacco-free campus

University officials held a press conference on June 3 to officially announce a major effort to provide a healthy and productive work and learning environment for students, employees and visitors—its move to a Tobacco-Free Campus.

UMPI President Linda Schott was joined by members of the University Senate, Student Senate and the campus Health and Wellness Committee in providing details about UMPI becoming tobacco-free, an effort that has been years in the making.

“This is a major step for our University as we join many others in Maine who have reduced harm from

tobacco use and secondhand smoke by establishing a tobacco-free campus,” President Linda Schott said. “Our goal is to provide a clean, safe and healthy environment for everyone who comes here, which helps to reduce health care costs and promote wellness and environmental responsibility. In our role as an institution of higher learning, it is important for us to educate and lead on this critical health issue.”

Late this spring, UMPI’s University Senate cast a historic vote in favor of UMPI becoming a Tobacco-Free Campus. The campus Health and [continued on page 4](#)



President Linda Schott leads a tree planting that represents UMPI’s move to a Tobacco-Free Campus. Pictured with her are Leah Rodriguez, John DeFelice, Linda Mastro, and Greg Doak.

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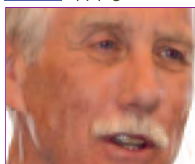
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UMPI, Red Cross to host Super Blood Drive

The American Red Cross and the University's Residence Life Office are teaming up to pull off the University's sixth "Super" Blood Drive



this summer, the time of year when the need for blood increases.

The Super Blood Drive will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 24 in the Gentile Hall Gymnasium. The event is being sponsored by the University and cosponsored by Pat's Pizza, Big Cheese Pizza, Country Farm's Market, and Wal-Mart.

Each year, the UMPI Residence Life Office helps the Red Cross coordinate three blood drives on campus, one in the

summer, one in the fall and one in the spring. Since 1987, 4,443 pints of blood have been collected at UMPI. According to the American Red Cross, the need for blood increases during the summer months. The reasons are two-fold: People are more active during the summer and thus are more likely to receive injuries that require blood, and the amount of donations decreases during the summer due to people being busy.

At the June 24 Super Blood Drive, all presenting donors can receive a new American Red Cross T-shirt, a coupon for a FREE day pass to any Maine State Park, and enter a drawing to win a complete family camping package from Eureka and a free week of camping.

Everyone is encouraged to help save

lives at one of the largest American Red Cross blood drives in Aroostook County. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE [1-800 448.3543] or log onto www.newenglandblood.org and type 04769 in the zip code field to make your appointment today. The goal of the Super Blood Drive is to collect at least 300 pints of life-saving blood.

If you are not interested in donating, but would like to help out, be a volunteer. Volunteers are needed for the following tasks: 9-11:30 a.m. – Set up tables and chairs prior to the blood drive; 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. – Escorting donors to the canteen and working the canteen; 5:30-8 p.m. – Taking down tables and chairs.

For more information about this event, call 768.9585. ★

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Auditorium—and has since performed on Broadway. His performance in the Broadway Revival of *Fiddler on the Roof* earned him an Outer Critics Circle Award and a Tony Award nomination. He's also appeared on the silver screen with film legends Robert De Niro, Christopher Walken, and Ed Asner. Cariani is probably best known, though, for his work on television, where, from 2002 to 2007, he played CSU Tech Julian Beck on NBC's long-running drama, *Law & Order*. He now lives in New York City.

Cariani shared 10 things he hoped for the UMPI Class of 2013, which included a wish that all of their dreams don't come true and that they do not achieve all their goals. Said Cariani, "Don't get me wrong, I want you to become anything and everything that you want to be. I want you all to go out into the world and dream, and make your dreams come true... but I hope that your future is not limited by what you can dream up."

Also during UMPI's commencement exercises, University of Maine System Board of Trustees Vice Chair Samuel W. Collins delivered 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. Rena Kearney, a member of the University's Class of 1963, was present and recognized on the 50-year milestone of her class.

This year's event served as President Schott's first UMPI Commencement.

"We are so proud of our graduating class and the hard work they have done to get to this special moment," President Schott said. "We have such a wide range of graduates, from traditional students who are looking forward to careers as environmental-



John Cariani shares 10 things he hopes for UMPI's graduating class during his graduation talk.

ists, teachers, and law enforcement officials, to our non-traditional students who have successfully balanced home and work as they've strived to make a better life for themselves and their families. We wish them every success as they leave here, and we hope to see them return to us many times, both for fellowship and to share their expertise with future classes."

This year's Commencement was live streamed on the University's website so family and friends around the world could see the Class of 2013 graduate. Viewers from as far afield as China, England, Canada, Venezuela, Israel, and Somalia were expected to tune in for the ceremony. The video still can be viewed at youtube.com/umpinow—look for the video "UMPI 104th Commencement."

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

UMPI presents Cathie Pelletier reading

The University presented a special evening with award-winning writer Cathie Pelletier on June 3, at 7 P.M. in the UMPI Library, hosting a reading and book signing for her long-anticipated new novel *The One-Way Bridge*.

Pelletier's tenth novel, published by Sourcebooks, returns readers to the logging town of Mattagash, the scene of several of her novels including *The Funeral Makers* and *The Weight of Winter*. The June 3 reading was part of *The One-Way Bridge* national book tour.

Pelletier is no stranger to The County or the University. She hails from Allagash and recently returned to her family home- stead to focus on her many writing projects. She also served as UMPI's very first writer-in-residence in 2008. Her novels have been praised as "hilarious, generous and genuine" (*New Yorker*), "bitingly original" (*Vogue*), "masterful," (*Washington Post*), and "funny and unexpectedly moving" (*New York Times*). She is "absolutely, inherently funny," says the *Los Angeles Times*, "yet she can walk the tightrope between humor and grief without once losing her balance."

Pelletier began writing *The One-Way Bridge* in 1991 while living in Tennessee. The first draft was finished in Eastman, Quebec, after she moved to Canada in 2005. Twelve drafts and 375 deleted pages later, the final version was completed after she moved back to Allagash.

Pelletier is the author of 10 novels, eight of which are under her own name, beginning with *The Funeral Makers*, published by MacMillan in 1986. Under the pseudonym K. C. McKinnon, she wrote two novels, *Dancing at the Harvest Moon* and *Candles on Bay Street*, both published by Doubleday, the latter earning a million-dollar advance. The first McKinnon novel was translated into 19 languages and was a CBS TV film starring Jacqueline Bisset, Valerie Harper, and Eric Mabius. The second was translat-

ed into 10 languages and was a Hallmark Hall of Fame film starring Alicia Silverstone.

Two of Pelletier's novels under her own name have received notable mentions from the *New York Times Book Review*. Her third novel, *The Weight of Winter*, won the New England Booksellers Award, and her ninth, *Running the Bulls*, won the 2006 Paterson Prize for Fiction.

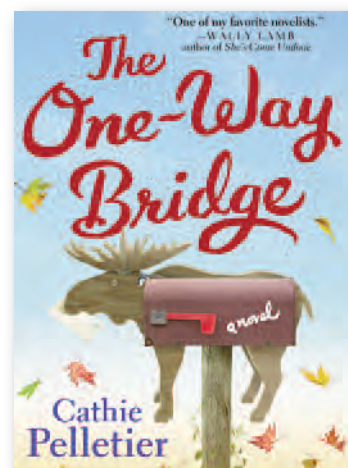
She adapted her novel *A Marriage Made at Woodstock* for producer George Stevens, Jr. and Michael Stevens. She also adapted *The Funeral Makers* for director Doug Liman (*Swingers*; *Bourne Identity*; *Mr. & Mrs. Smith*). Her original screenplay, *The Luna Christmas*, has been optioned by actor Donald Sutherland.

As if news of a new novel weren't enough to delight Pelletier fans, Sourcebooks has announced that it is putting seven of her previous novels back into new paperback print. The publisher plans to re-launch them in the coming months.

For more information about Pelletier and her work, please visit www.cathiepelletier.com. ★



Cathie Pelletier



Albanese leads forum on secondary ed reform

An open forum on secondary education reform was held on May 10 in Wieden Gym, providing faculty and staff with an opportunity to discuss ways to best position the University for these changes. The forum featured a presentation by Duke Albanese and Craig Kesselheim, of the Great Schools Partnership, about proficiency-based education.

As required by law, beginning in January 2017, students in Maine will need to earn proficiency-based high school diplomas. This means that the diploma is based on a student's demonstrated proficiency in the eight

content areas identified in Maine statute and included in the Maine Learning Results and the Common Core State Standards.

Albanese, past Maine Education Commissioner and nationally sought-after adviser and speaker on educational issues, explained that proficiency-based learning focuses on multiple measures, with students bearing more responsibility for their learning and teachers providing more opportunities for students to demonstrate it. It also focuses on the idea that students learn differently and at different speeds, allowing students the flexibility to learn in ways that engage

them and giving them choice in how they demonstrate what they've learned.

Following the presentation, President Linda Schott led a discussion about the ways UMPI addresses these issues now, what more it may need to do in the future, and the hopes and concerns members of campus have about such changes. UMPI expects two main impacts—starting in 2017, it will begin admitting students who have acclimated to proficiency-based education, and, even sooner, it will also need to begin preparing its Education majors for teaching in proficiency-based learning environments. ★



Jonathan and Meredith Stormer and their sons Atlas, left, and Corban, are preparing to move to North Carolina so Jonathan can attend medical school.

Grad preparing for medical school credits UMPI faculty and staff

For Jonathan Stormer, heading to medical school this fall isn't just about pursuing his dreams, it's a symbol of his unusual path to a degree and the strong support he received from UMPI faculty and staff members.

Stormer has crammed a lot of work into two and a half years to earn his Bachelor's degree in Biology with a pre-med concentration. But this effort was more than a decade in the making. Stormer originally earned two Bachelor's degrees from a private college, but when

he returned to school to complete prerequisites toward becoming a chiropractor, he learned that his degrees were from a non-accredited school, meaning no accredited schools would accept his credits.

"That meant I had to start from scratch," Stormer said.

He took a few classes through the Houlton Higher Education Center, and started full-time at UMPI in 2009. Early on, Dr. Bonnie Wood talked with him about becoming a doctor.

"No one in my family went to college, so even thinking about being a doctor was intimidating," Stormer said. "She assured me I was a strong student and that gave me the confidence to do it."

One year in, his first son Atlas was born and diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis, prompting Stormer and his wife Meredith to relocate near the state's only CF clinic in Portland. Stormer took a year and a half off from his studies.

Returning to school meant an

extremely daunting courseload—and the couple's second son Corban was born in 2012—but Stormer persisted. By coordinating with the Office of Student Records and his professors, Stormer finished his degree by taking a hybrid of live classes at UMPI, online classes, science classes through USM and Orono, and CLEP testing.

Stormer has been accepted to the Campbell University School of Osteopathic Medicine in North Carolina. He plans to complete the four-year program and a three- to seven-year residency. This move also will allow Atlas to have access to one of the top ranked CF clinics in America, located at nearby Duke University. Stormer is quick to point out, though, that things could have gone differently.

"If it wasn't for Kathy Davis, my professors and the way they worked around my schedule and my needs, I wouldn't have been able to make it work," he said. "None of this would have happened without UMPI." ★

Tobacco-Free

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Wellness Committee was tasked with drafting a Tobacco-Free Campus Policy. That policy went into effect on June 1, with an implementation phase taking place between June 1 and Sept. 30 to acclimate the campus and community to the change without penalty.

As laid out in UMPI's Tobacco Free Campus Policy, no employee, student, contractor, vendor, or visitor will be allowed to use any tobacco products on campus. This includes the Houlton Higher Education Center, Skyway Housing Complex, any University owned or leased vehicles, and any privately owned or leased vehicles on University property. This policy applies to all tobacco products and non-FDA approved nicotine products, such as e-cigarettes. To view the new policy, please visit www.umpi.edu/tobacco-free.

Several changes will occur as part of this

policy. New signage will be placed around campus—temporary signage has been posted already—all smoking gazebos will be removed, and a variety of resources designed to help individuals become tobacco-free will be promoted. Information will be conveyed to the campus community, incoming students, visitors, and the greater community in a variety of ways—from information tables to door hangers to business card-sized handouts—as the University strives to ensure that everyone is aware of, and observes, the new policy.

During the press conference, held on the first weekday after the policy went into effect, University officials marked the policy's implementation with brief sentiments and a short ceremony that involved the ceremonial decommissioning of the smoking gazebo outside the Campus Center and the planting of a tree to repurpose the spot for oxygen creation. ★

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**MILITARY
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DAY**

**Houlton Higher
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Friday, June 14 9am–3pm

*For active duty military, veterans,
retired veterans, and their families*

Information will be available from:

- ★ **Military Family Assistance Center**
- ★ **Employer Support of Guard and Reserve program**
- ★ **Military OneSource**
- ★ **Embrace a Vet**
- ★ **UMA Military Achievement Project**
- ★ **TriO Educational Services**
- ★ **Career Services, State of Maine**
- ★ **Operation Outreach**

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WAGM's Ted Shapiro offers thunderstorm workshop

The University hosted a Thunderstorm Safety/Spotter Workshop with WAGM Meteorologist Ted Shapiro on May 21. A crowd of about 20 weather enthusiasts attended the free event, an excellent primer as Northern Maine and Western New Brunswick prepares to enter the thunderstorm season.

Shapiro shared important weather-watching skills everyone should know to help identify impending thunderstorms so they can properly prepare for them. He also taught about clues to look for in the morning, hours before thunderstorms have even developed.

While Northern Maine experiences severe thunderstorms every year, even non-severe thunderstorms can be deadly, so it is critical to know the signs that a storm may be brewing, Shapiro said.

Severe weather can strike unexpectedly and cause fatalities along with serious damage to property. According to U.S. Natural Hazard Statistics compiled by the Office of Climate, Water and Weather Services and the National Climatic Data Center, lightning accounted for about 26 weather fatalities in 2011. While many people think that lightning causes the great-



est loss of life in thunderstorms, it is actually flash flooding during these storms that causes the most fatalities, and, to illustrate that point, Shapiro showed some incredible video of a rapid road washout.

Shapiro was born and raised near Washington, D.C. He has served as Chief Meteorologist at WAGM-TV in Presque Isle since 2006. He also teaches a field course in weather observation at UMPI.

This workshop was part of the University's StormReady efforts. In 2007, UMPI received a federal designation as a National Weather Service StormReady University, making it the second campus in New England, after Harvard University, and the 21st campus in the nation to receive this designation. Established in 1999, StormReady helps arm communities with the planning, communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property before and during storm events. Program "communities" can include cities, towns, universities, Indian Nations, and government and private entities. Among the requirements that must be met to maintain a StormReady designation is promoting the importance of public readiness through community seminars. ★

Aging Well Living Well EXPO celebrates seniors

The Aroostook Agency on Aging presented the Aging Well Living Well EXPO at UMPI on June 1. The agency partnered with the United Way of Aroostook, AARP, WAGM-TV, UMPI, and SAGE (Seniors Achieving Greater Education) on the event, which also served as a celebration of SAGE's 15th anniversary.

The EXPO was especially for people nearing or in retirement or interested in improving their health and well-being. The EXPO included informative sessions and event exhibitors sharing products and information to help attendees improve their quality of life and maintain their independence.

Steve Farnham, Aroostook Agency on Aging Executive Director, said organizers wanted the event to serve as a day of learning, exploring opportunities, and enhancing health and well-being for participants.

EXPO booths were open throughout the day in the Exhibitor Hall at Wieden Gymnasium, and workshops were held in Pullen Hall. The day's events included welcoming remarks and a keynote address by Dr. Marilyn Gugliucci, a

Gerontologist from the University of New England Medical School.

Workshops included sessions on a wide variety of topics, including Social Security and Medicare, Yoga, Brain Fitness, Ductless Heat Pump Technology, Avoiding Fraud and Scams, Outdoor Exploration, Reverse Annuity Mortgages, Leaving your Legacy, Traditional Medicines, Medicare Benefits, Container Gardening, Zumba, and Nutrition.

For the University in particular, this event served as a fitting way to celebrate the 15th anniversary of its Seniors Achieving Greater Education program.

"Our senior college members were excited to be part of this day of promoting healthy options for aging well," Mary Lawrence, SAGE Coordinator, said. "SAGE participants are celebrating 15 years of actively encouraging well-being with our diverse, low stress—no homework or tests—classes and learning excursions, and this EXPO was an excellent way for all of us to continue that celebration." ★



YPI 6 ends with visit from Senator King

The 6th annual Young Professionals Institute wrapped up on April 30 in the Campus Center with the usual excellent presentation by participants about what they learned during their eight-week short course. A small difference for this year's YPI participants, however, was the addition of U.S. Senator Angus King as one of the audience members.

YPI is a leadership development short course hosted by UMPI, MMG Insurance and Momentum Aroostook that is designed specifically for emerging leaders looking to hone their professional skills. This year's Institute focused on the workplace of the future.

During the eight weeks of YPI, participants took

part in role-playing scenarios, conducted mock interviews, networked with local officials, and visited MMG Insurance, The Aroostook Medical Center in Presque Isle, and Cary Medical Center in Caribou for on-site business simulation exercises.

Each year during their final class, YPI participants deliver a showcase presentation on what they've learned to area business and community leaders and past YPI grads. This year, the final class kicked off with a special talk on leadership and Maine's own Joshua Chamberlain by Senator King. The Senator visited several places in Aroostook County on April 30, including both of Presque Isle's institutions of higher education, and wanted to

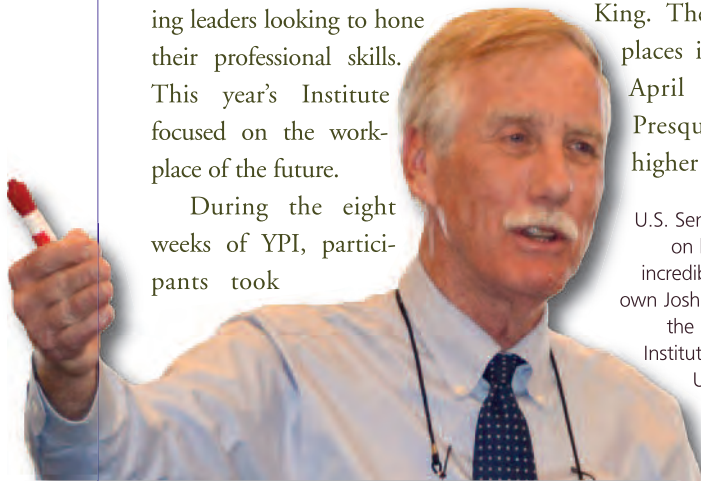
U.S. Senator Angus King delivers a talk on leadership and the story of one incredible leader in particular—Maine's own Joshua Chamberlain—at the start of the 6th annual Young Professionals Institute final class held in late April at UMPI. Fifteen local professionals graduated from this year's YPI leadership development short course.

visit the final YPI 6 class.

Following his talk, the Senator sat in on the leadership talks and activities delivered by this year's YPI participants. These included mini-sessions on gamification strategies, communication in the workplace, and work/life optimization.

After the presentation, all attendees enjoyed a reception, and then each YPI participant received a completion award.

YPI 6 graduates include Amy Bouchard of ACAP/Healthy Aroostook, Jenna Bradstreet of MMG Insurance, Timothy Boyce of MMG Insurance, Lynn Dube of TAMC, Benjamin Everett of TAMC, Jason Grant of McCain Foods, Brandon Hale of MMG Insurance, Tina Ireland of McCain Foods, Ben McQuade of NorState Federal Credit Union, Eric Miller of MMG Insurance, Jennifer Plant of Cary Medical Center, Cole Putnam of McCain Foods, Tyler Rowe of Katahdin Trust Company, Trent Tompkins of Ace Rent A Car, and Bethany Zell of Cary Medical Center. ★



University hosts Career & Job Fair 2013

The University hosted its Annual Career & Job Fair in the Campus Center on April 25. Twenty businesses and governmental agencies from the region and across the state participated in the event.

"The Career & Job Fair provides a unique opportunity for our students and the public to explore career options, meet with employers and take the first step to possibly gain professional employment," Barbara DeVaney, Director of Career Services, said.

The Career Fair is part of an effort to connect employers with University students and to provide the opportunity for them to meet with prospective employees. Students were able to learn more about employment possibilities and employer expectations. Some of the employers at the fair had job openings for full-time, part-time or summer employment and some employers provided the opportunity for on-site preliminary interviews.

The University also invited the general public, students from Northern Maine Community College, and area high school seniors to attend. The Fair, free to employers and attendees, was sponsored by the Human Resources Class and the Career Services Center.

"The Career Center provides a wide range of services to our students and alumni," DeVaney said. "We post job listings and email them to appropriate faculty; employers come to campus to recruit and interview our students; and individual career counseling and information sessions are provided on a variety of topics to prepare our students for the job search and to be successful on the job."

While the primary purpose of the UMPI Career & Job Fair is to promote employment opportunities, and facilitate the screening and eventual hiring of qualified employees, an additional benefit for employers is the opportunity to promote their products and services. ★

Students honored during Convocation 2013

MORE Than 70 STUDENTS were honored during the University's 2013 Awards Convocation, held on April 28 in the Campus Center.

The annual convocation event includes student awards for outstanding achievement in 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.

Departmental Academic Area awards and scholarships:

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Outstanding Elementary Education Majors **Chelsie Hawkins & Katie Ouellette**

Outstanding Post-Baccalaureate Education Student **Margaret Selig**

Outstanding Physical Education Major **Desiree Smith**

Ruel Parks "Rising Star" Memorial Scholarship **Alexander Jardine**

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Outstanding Achievement in Accounting **Robb Miller**

Outstanding Achievement in Management Information Systems **Kyle Corrigan***

Outstanding Achievement in Business Management **Patrick Manifold**

Outstanding Athletic Training Major **Emily Pelletier**

Outstanding Recreation Majors **Cooper Plaisted and Joshua Stahl**

Outstanding Social Work Student **Christina Wall**

Outstanding Criminal Justice Senior **Joshua Conroy***

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Humanities Scholarship **Dylan Markie**

English Book Award **Kayla Ames**

Outstanding Achievement in Professional Communication and Journalism

Lanette Virtanen

University Times Advisor Award **Stephanie Jellett and Lanette Virtanen**

Fine Art Talent Award for Outstanding Studio Achievement **Karrie Brawn and Angel Cray**

Art History Award **Rowena Forbes**

Film Scholar Award **Kayla Ames**

Outstanding History Major **Cody Pond**

Mathematics-Science Merit Award **Shawna McDonough and Anthony Corbin**

General Biology I Award **Hilary Saucy**

AFUM SCHOLARSHIPS

Daniel Patterson Scholarship **Justin Howe**

John K. Steinbaugh Scholarship **Bethany Millet**

HONORS PROGRAM

Brandon Bonney, Makaila Bourgoine, Elizabeth Bousquet, Meagan Brissette, Ashley Christie, Kelsey Churchill, Elizabeth Day, Ashley Drost, Taylor Dwyer, Justin Fereshetian, Thomas Grylka, Dylan Hackworth, Erica Hemphill, David Huntley, Carly Langley, Gabrielle McCausland, Ashley Murray and Jessica Stepp

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES

Elizabeth Bousquet, Kathleen Christoffel, Joshua Conroy, Courtney Cray, Cassandra Davenport, Cole Dumonthier, Cassandra Green, Bryan Jennings, Carly Langley, Molly Lindsey, Patrick Manifold, Sarah McGlenn, Courtney McHugh, Emily Pelletier, Cooper Plaisted and Bradley Trask

STUDENT SENATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Steven Edward Eagles Memorial Scholarship **Ghazaleh Sailors**

Monica G. Gilbert Memorial Scholarship **Angela Williams**

Alan Arman Memorial Scholarship **Sarah Pickering-Ames**

T.W. Morrison Scholarship **Hilary Saucy**

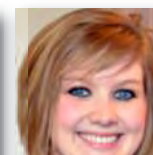
2012-2013 STUDENT SENATORS

Timothy Babine, Catrina Comeau, Mercedes Dobay, Jason Fortin, Jeffrey Jamieson, Elizabeth Keagan, Logan Lockhart, Patrick Manifold, Michael Muir, Ryan Ouellette, Craig Pullen, Jeffrey Rhoads, Scott Robinson, Leah Rodriguez, Andrew Seeley, Jessica Stepp, Jimmy Stepp, Jeh Thomas and Angela Williams ★

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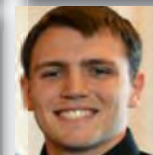
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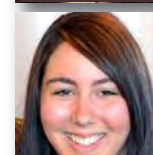
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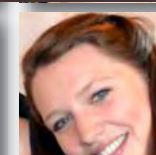
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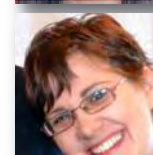
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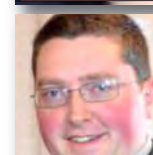
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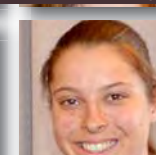
Cody Pond



Shawna McDonough



Anthony Corbin



Hilary Saucy



DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD Carolyn Dorsey-Durepo
Assistant Professor of Business Management
DISTINGUISHED STAFF AWARD Charlie Bonin
Vice President for Administration and Finance



Student Support Services awards grant aid

During a President's Reception held on May 7, 17 students at UMPI received grant awards through the Student Support Services Program. Each full-time-student award was approximately \$800 and will assist the students by reducing their loans.

On December 15, 2000, Section 17 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 was amended to provide grant aid for eligible TRiO Student Support Services Program (SSS) students. The respective college/university SSS Program selects the recipients and awards the grant money to eligible freshman and sophomore college students who are active participants, have successfully completed at least one semester, and are receiving Federal Pell Grants.

This is the twelfth year, since the passing of this act, that the University's SSS Program has been funded to provide its participants with grant aid. A total of \$13,210 was awarded. Mary

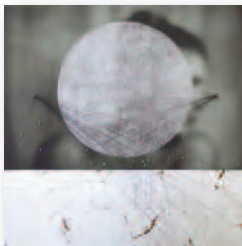


Seventeen UMPI students have received Student Support Services Program grant awards. Taking part in a President's reception on May 7 are, from left, front row: Tonya Godin Van Buren, ME, Jade McConnell Limestone, ME, Ashley Drost Limestone, ME, Jennifer Farr Washburn, ME, and Rickie Pelletier Fort Fairfield, ME; back row: Kirby Hardy Smyrna Mills, ME, Kevin Huston Caribou, ME, Tristan Russell Presque Isle, ME, and Zachary Benner Swanville, ME. Not pictured were: Dana Boardman Fort Fairfield, ME, Amesley Connors Houlton, ME, Chad Crandall Fort Fairfield, ME, Tyler Cryslar Madawaska, ME, David Flagg Stockholm, ME, Kaitlyn Martin Presque Isle, ME, Heather Roesger Caribou, ME, and Amelia Rumney Clinton, ME.

Kate Barbosa, Director of TRiO Student Support Services and Chris Bell, Director of Financial Aid, worked together to make the selections. ★

UMPI Art Professor exhibits at national art festival

New work by UMPI Assistant Professor of Fine Art Heather Sincavage was on display during the Mayfair Festival of the Arts, a national multidisciplinary arts festival held in late May in Allentown, Penn. that welcomes about 50,000 attendees each year.



Between Here and There

Sincavage's work was included in a new invitational exhibition of 30 notable artists in or from the Lehigh Valley in Pennsylvania. Mediums represented in the Invitational Gallery at Mayfair included metal, mixed media, photography, oils, acrylic, collage, encaustic, graphite, watercolor, sculpture, sound sculpture, and goache.

Sincavage, who hails from the Lehigh Valley and taught art there for more than a decade, was named the recipient of the Allentown Arts Commission "Outstanding Contributions to the Visual Arts" Award in 2011 just before her move to northern Maine to take her position at UMPI. ★

12x12 ART AUCTION A SUCCESS

Officials with the Wintergreen Arts Center and the University are pleased to announce that their second annual blank canvas event, the 12x12 Art Auction, has raised more than \$7,100 to go toward the establishment of a cultural center in the downtown area.

The event, held on May 3 at the Wintergreen Arts Center during the May 2013 First Friday Art Walk, featured 70 original works by more than 50 artists from throughout Aroostook County, and from as far away as Michigan, Pennsylvania, California and Oregon.

Co-organizers Wendy Gilman-Zubrick, WGAC Executive Director, and Heather Sincavage, UMPI Assistant Professor of Fine Art and Reed Fine Art Gallery Director, were excited to report that approximately 300 people took part in the event.

Funds raised support Wintergreen and UMPI's efforts to transform 149 State Street into the region's first cultural campus. The two organizations are partnering on a \$50,000 Maine Arts Commission Creative Communities = Economic Development grant [CCED], which will be used to develop the second and third floors of 149 State Street into an UMPI downtown art gallery and emerging artists' studio space, both overseen by UMPI. ★

Martin Puckett, top left, reacts as the bids go up on one of the pieces in the 12x12 Art Auction, which raised more than \$7,100, which will help establish a cultural center in the downtown Presque Isle area. Looking on are, clockwise from top right, Ray Rice, Michael Sonntag, and Leo-Paul Cyr.



Sports! Sports! Sports!

UMPI hosts annual Athletic Awards Ceremony

The University held its annual Athletic Awards Ceremony on May 8. 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 an Owls coach and a staff member. Leo Saucier has stepped down from his position as Head Baseball Coach and Connie Levesque, Administrative Specialist and Awards Event Planner will be retiring this fall.

This year's award recipients are as follows:

2012-2013 Most Valuable Players

Men's Cross Country,
PHILIP BOODY New
Sweden, ME

Women's Cross
Country
KAYLA LEGASSIE
Presque Isle, ME

Men's Golf
MICHAEL BALMER
New Smyrna
Beach, FL AND
REYNOLD BROWN
Essex, CT

Men's Soccer
JOSH MACKINNON
Lismore, NS

Women's Soccer
CHELSEA
BEAUCHEMIN
Adams, MA

Women's Volleyball
RANDI KAPLAN
Embsden, ME

Men's Basketball
PATRICK MANIFOLD
Great Yarmouth, UK

Women's Basketball
EMILY PELLETIER Fort
Kent, ME

Men's Nordic Skiing
EIRIK FOSNAES
Høvik, Norway

Women's Nordic
Skiing
KATHLEEN
CHRISTOFFEL Clifton
Park, NY

Baseball
JACOB FILLEBROWN
Stoneham, ME AND
CARLOS VILLORIA
Caracas, Venezuela

Softball
KELLIE PEERS
Caswell, ME

2012-2013 Most Inspirational awards

Men's Cross Country
COREY HEBERT
Baldwin, ME

Women's Cross
Country
GHAZALEH SAILORS
Santa Barbara, CA

Men's Golf
ALLEN CONNER
Stonington, ME

Men's Soccer
TYLER HARDING
Plymouth, ME

Women's Soccer
KALLIE PELLETIER
Madawaska, ME

Women's Volleyball
SHAINA HOOD
Princeton, ME

Men's Basketball
JORDAN
MCLAUGHLIN
Washburn, ME

Women's Basketball
BRIGITTE PRATT
Southwest Harbor,
ME

Men's Nordic Skiing
JOEY BARD
Woodland, ME

Women's Nordic
Skiing
GHAZALEH SAILORS
Santa Barbara, CA

Baseball
BRYAN LUCAS
MOLLOY Lovell, ME

Softball
WHITNEY DONOVAN
Ashland, ME

2012-2013 Rookie of the Year awards

Men's Cross Country
THOMAS GRYLKA
East Hampton, CT

Women's Cross
Country
KAYLA LEGASSIE
Presque Isle, ME

Men's Soccer
SETH COTE Otis, ME

Women's Soccer
ASHLEY LAKING
Topsfield, ME

Women's Volleyball
KATHRYN PATENAUE
Presque Isle, ME

Men's Basketball
CHASE VICAIRE
Mattawamkeag, ME

Women's Basketball
DONI YENDRIGA
Conneaut, OH

Men's Nordic Skiing
ETHAN BURKE
Newburgh, ME

Women's Nordic
Skiing
HILARY SAUCY
Harleysville, PA

Baseball,
ADAM GEEL Calais,
ME

Softball,
ASHLEY LAKING
Topsfield, ME



Athletes of the Year



EMILY PELLETIER & PATRICK MANIFOLD



Joshua MacKinnon



Ghazaleh Sailors



Lucas Bartlett



Janel Sewell



Bradley Trask



Alison MacDonald

Al Arman (Make a Difference) Award

JOSHUA MACKINNON Lismore, NS
men's soccer
& GHAZALEH SAILORS Santa Barbara, CA
baseball, women's cross
country, Nordic skiing

Stanley H. Small Coaches Award

LUCAS BARTLETT Bradley, ME
men's soccer

Ruel Parks Coaches Award

JANEL SEWELL Mobile, AL
women's basketball

Donald N. Zillman Character Award

BRADLEY TRASK Easton, ME
men's basketball

Athletic Training "Rising Star" Award

LUCAS BARTLETT Bradley, ME
"Most Valuable Student"
Award

ALISON MACDONALD Antigonish, NS



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NEACAC College Fair

UMPI hosted the New England Association for College Admission Counseling College



Fair on Tuesday, May 21. Over 250 Aroostook County high school juniors

attended. There were over 50 representatives from colleges around the country—mostly the northeast—with tables set up with information. This was a great opportunity for local high school students to learn of the wide variety of colleges and universities that may offer degrees of interest to them.

UMPI Owls Relay for Life

The UMPI Owls Relay for Life team participated in the American Cancer Society relay event on Friday and Saturday, May 31 and June 1 on the track at Caribou High School. The event was slated to start at 6 p.m. with a survivor lap around the track but severe weather came through and a large number of participants moved to the gymnasium for that part of the ceremony. After the rain stopped, over 1,400 luminaries were lit bearing the names and



pictures of those who successfully fought the disease and those who lost the battle. UMPI's Relay Team has 39 members, which include family and friends. Last year, they raised \$10,500 and this year, they raised over \$12,000. Overall, over \$147,000 was raised and money is still coming in. UMPI's team last year was the top Aroostook County non-profit team and our own Laurie Boucher was one of the top three individual fund raisers from Aroostook County.

The UMPI Relay for Life team is the only team with a service dog who actually walks. Saint Lowman, who assists Jacqui Lowman, raised over \$650, and they hoped to walk a lap for everyone that made a donation but the bad weather this year stopped them from doing that. Maybe next year! Thanks to everyone for another successful Relay for Life!

County students attend TRiO Day events in New Hampshire

Twenty Aroostook County high school students from UMPI's TRiO College Access Services—Upward Bound program were selected to travel to Nashua, NH and attend TRiO Day 2013 this spring. Nearly 650 TRiO and GEAR-UP participants from all six New England states banded together to participate in the event, sponsored by the

New England Educational Opportunity Association (NEOA). TRiO Day 2013 was intended to celebrate the positive impact of federal TRiO programs in local communities throughout the nation, reflect on the importance of educational opportunity programs in creating a fairer society for all, and act to protect and advance access to higher education for disadvantaged students. Workshops and speakers provided TRiO students with information about academic preparation for higher education, the processes of college admission, cultivating leadership skills, financial aid and financial literacy, student engagement, social and cultural capital skill building, building



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a personal and professional network, and career development. Students also attended college visits and participated in a large college fair.

UMPI students host Nickel Carnival

The UMPI Student Senate hosted a "Nickel Carnival" for the community on May 11 in Gentile Hall to support My Friends' House and All About Me programs. Carnival games cost a nickel and there was a prize booth where participants could redeem tickets for prizes. My Friends' House, located on 265 Main St. in Fort Fairfield, is a community project created and run by UMPI student Angela Williams. Operating solely on donations, it includes programs specifically designed for women and youth, including an After School Program for middle

Rice delivers three higher ed presentations

Dr. Ray Rice, Chair of UMPI's College of Arts and Sciences, has participated in three higher education presentations during the 2012-2013 academic year, providing the University with important regional and national exposure for its LOOC (Local Open Online Course) project—also known as the UMPI OpenU initiative—and its data-driven transformation strategies with Project Compass. At the New England Board of Higher Education conference *The University Unbound: Can Higher Education Compete and Survive the Age of "Free" and Open Learning?*, held Oct. 15, 2012, at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, he co-presented *Open, Flat and Free: Improving Higher Ed and Lowering Its Price* with Mary Lou Forward, Executive Director of Open Courseware Consortium and Jeff Shelstad, Co-founder and CEO of Flat World Knowledge. Dr. Rice discussed UMPI's OpenU program as a "local online open curriculum" and its distinction from its qualitatively different larger siblings, the "MOOCs." ■ On April 5 at the Association of American Colleges and Universities conference *Student Success and The Quality Agenda*, held in Miami, he co-presented a workshop titled *Data-driven*

Transformative Strategies for Campus-wide Faculty/Staff Collaborations to Enhance Student Success with Carmen R. Cid, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Eastern Connecticut State University; Heather Bouchee, Director of the Patrick and Marcelle Leahy Center for Rural Students at Lyndon State College; and Alicia Dooley, Director of the Academic Achievement Center at Bridgewater State University. Dr. Rice discussed ways that UMPI developed more effective student support services for its underserved student populations through its Project Compass efforts. ■ Most recently, on May 22, Dr. Rice co-presented with UMPI's Dr. Melissa Crowe a webinar for the New England Resource Center for Higher Education's Virtual Think Tank Series. Titled *The LOOC (Local Open Online Course): Full Access to Free Online Courses*, the two discussed UMPI's process toward developing its "LOOCs"; the politics of scalability, asynchronicity vs. connectivity, and massive delivery capacity vs. local engagement; and how the MOOC movement could be repurposed to engage and promote the best values of a liberal education while serving as a tool for institutions of all sizes to better serve their community. ★

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school boys and girls; the All About Me program for

high school girls; the Young at Heart Program for individuals over 50; and D.A.S.H (Daily Affirming and Self Help), a 12-week mentoring program for women ages 18 and older. For more information about My Friends' House, contact Williams at 493.2011.

UMPI alum published in BDN

UMPI alumnus Zhe Fan recently touched base with the campus excited to report that a short opinion piece he co-wrote had appeared in the *Bangor Daily News*. Zhe Fan was one of the first Chinese students to come to UMPI following recent efforts by the Academic Affairs Office to develop relationships with specific Chinese universities so that students could complete

their Bachelor's degrees here. Zhe Fan began as a Business student at UMPI, but connected with Social Work Professor Shirley Rush and is now in the Master of Social Work program at the University of

Maine in Orono. He will be doing his advanced clinical rotation at Bellevue Hospital in New York City this summer, interning in a unit with people who are monolingual and hail from various regions of Asia. He will be able to work with many of the people linguistically, using his native language, and culturally, as a young professional from China. Zhe Fan's opinion piece *Insurance Rate Dangers*, co-written with Chris Tibbetts, discussed their support for a bill being considered by the Maine Legislature to restore consumer rate reviews for health insurance plans in individual and small group markets. ★



Summer Youth Camps

Volleyball Camp grades 6-12

Mon-Fri, July 22-26, 10am-3pm, Wieden Gymnasium. Instruction provided by a college coach and members of the 2013 UMPI volleyball team. Instruction in setting, serving, blocking, hitting; training in team play offense and defense, position, and coverage for hits and blocks. Lunch is available or bring a lunch. T-shirts are included in the price. Players: be ready for court play; wear appropriate clothing and non-marking court shoes. Cost: \$50 per person (\$40 if part of a team of 6 or more).



Science Boot Camp grades 3-5

Team Discover, Mon-Fri, Aug 5-9, 8am-1pm, Folsom 105. Designed to explore the world of science. A fast-paced one-week camp engages in hands-on learning, experiments, critical thinking, and learning in a stimulating and creative environment. Cost: \$100 until July 11; \$125 after that.

Art Camp grades 3-7

Mon-Fri, Aug 12-16, 9am-2:30pm, Folsom 105. Offers experiences in



mime, musical composition, watercolor, acrylic, clay, optical design. Two sessions: 9-11:30am and 12-2:30pm. Cost: \$95 for one session, \$175 for both sessions. Register by Tuesday, June 25.

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SCIENCE BOOT CAMP or ART CAMP

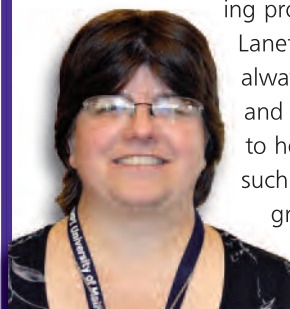
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Congratulations Lanette Virtanen April Student of the Month

Before graduating in May, Lanette, from Caribou, Maine, was a senior and Fine Arts major with a minor in Professional Communication/Journalism. She has consistently been on the Dean's List. Lanette served as the editor of the *University Times* and could be seen all over the campus covering programs for the paper.

Lanette is friendly and was always willing to help students and staff. She has volunteered to help with many programs, such as, orientation, tours, focus groups, etc. and is an all-round good role model for her fellow students.



Congratulations Patrick Manifold April Student of the Month

Prior to his graduation in May, Patrick, from Great Yarmouth, England, was a senior and a Business Management major. He has consistently been on the Dean's List. Patrick was a leader on campus, has many achievements, and was always willing to help students, community members, and staff. As captain of the basketball team he received many awards, including All American, Player of the Year, All Academic, and UMPI's Male Athlete of the Year. Patrick served on the Student Senate for two years, was President of the Student Athletic Advisory Council (SAAC), and worked at Gentile Hall. An outstanding role model, he organized a food drive for the local community, two toy drives for local children, and volunteered with Special Olympics.



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JUNE	24	25	26	27	28	29
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June 24

Blood Drive

11:30am, Gentile Hall

June 29

Tri Aroostook

Triathlon

8am, Gentile Hall

July 8

Six Week Summer

Session starts

July 21-25

Anniversary

Celebration Echoes

magazine 3pm, MPR

July 22-26

Summer Volleyball

Camp 10am,

Wieden Gym

Aug 5-8

Science Boot Camp

8am, Folsom 105

Aug 12-16

Art Camp 9am,

Folsom 105

Sept 2

Labor Day ■ New

Student Orientation

10am, MPR, Alumni Room, Owl's Nest

Sept 3

Classes begin ■

Student Senate

12:40pm, Alumni Room

Sept 5

SEAM 12:15pm,

Alumni Room ■

SOSW 12:30pm,

CC118 ■ Welcome

Back Dance 10pm,

St. John & Aroostook Rooms

Sept 8

Youth Triathlon 1pm,

Gentile Hall ■ Kappa

Delta Phi 6:30pm,

Alumni Room

Sept 9

Last Day to Add a

Class

Sept 10

Student Senate

12:40pm, Alumni Room

Sept 11

Last Day to Drop a

Class/University ■

DLS speaker Joyce

Tenneson, 7pm, MPR

Sept 12

SEAM 12:15pm,

Alumni Room ■

SOSW 12:30pm,

CC118

Sept 13

President Schott

Inauguration

2:30pm, Gentile Hall

Sept 13-15

Homecoming

Sept 15

Kappa Delta Phi

6:30pm, Alumni Room

Sept 16

Last Day to Request

Pass/Fail Option

Sept 17

Student Senate

12:40pm, Alumni Room

Sept 19

Club & Community

Fair 11am, MPR ■

SEAM 12:15pm,

Alumni Room ■

SOSW 12:30pm,

CC118 ■ Make a

Wish Walk 6pm,

MPR

Sept 22

Kappa Delta Phi

6:30pm, Alumni Room

Sept 24

Student Senate

12:40pm, Alumni Room

Sept 26

SEAM 12:15pm,

Alumni Room ■

SOSW 12:30pm,

CC118 ★

Another addition to the UMPI family!

Congratulations to RACHAEL HANNAH and PAUL STONE on the latest addition to their family, **Magnus Tariq Hannah Stone**. He arrived on 4/26/13 and weighed 10 lbs. and 12 oz. He joins big brother Axel.



1962 UMPI graduates at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in South Portland on April 28. Seated, from left: Joan Tankey, Lorraine Lapointe Fallona, Don Waddell, Donna McCarthy Waddell. Standing, from left: Doug McGowan, Fred Ross, Al Smith, Russ Kinney, and Eric Pettengill.



The UMPI Business Club traveled to Philadelphia during April break to tour ARAMARK's Innovations Center. ARAMARK is the University's food service provider. Pictured, left to right, front row: UMPI student Andrea Hill, Club Advisor Stacey Emery, ARAMARK's Director of Food and Beverage Development Betsy Rosenblum, Development Chef Bill Allen, UMPI student John Haddad, Development Chef Charles Schermer, and Director of Culinary Chef Scott Zahren; back row: UMPI students Cody Humphrey, Matt Vick, Mike Picard, Mario Fula, and Mark Bartlett. Missing from the photo: UMPI student Taylor Ussery.

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