

## West to discuss “redefining possible” during Distinguished Lecture

The University is pleased to announce that Me to We motivational speaker and author Spencer West—who lost his legs at an early age but hasn't let that stop him from climbing mountains and overcoming other obstacles to make a difference in the world around him—will serve as the next speaker in its 2013-2014 Distinguished Lecturer Series.

West will deliver his talk *The Power of We: Overcoming Obstacles to Make a Difference* on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7 P.M. in the Campus Center. West's talk is free and the public is invited to be a part of this special evening.

Spencer West speaks candidly about the struggles he has overcome since losing his legs at the age of five and the goals that he has accomplished to create positive change in the world. Despite all odds, West works to redefine possible.

In 2008, West recognized his true calling—to motivate and inspire people around the world as a voice for social change—

when he went on a Me to We volunteer trip to the Maasai Mara region of Kenya. While there, he helped build a school in a rural community and also met and befriended local young people striving to overcome incredible challenges every day. That led him to become more involved in Me to We, an innovative social enterprise that partners with charity Free The Children, where he now serves as a speaker and an international leadership facilitator in Kenya, India and at the Arizona–Mexico border.

As a facilitator, he leads hundreds of *continued on page 2*



Spencer West

## UMPI announces Zillman Family Professorship

The University held a press conference on Nov. 7 to announce the establishment of the first professorship created especially for UMPI faculty members. The Donald and Linda G.

Zillman Family Professorship, established with annual proceeds from a designated fund at the Maine Community Foundation, will be awarded every two years beginning this fall to an UMPI faculty member to assist in research and faculty development.

announcement was Don Zillman, former UMPI President and Edward S. Godfrey Professor of Law at the University of Maine School of Law; and Dr. Chunzeng Wang, UMPI Associate Professor of Earth and Environmental Science, who is the first recipient of the Zillman Professorship. The event was held in UMPI's GIS Lab, where Dr. Wang conducts a significant portion of his research.

Joining UMPI Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Sonntag for the Nov. 7

This is the University's first rotating professorship, and the Zillmans explained that the choice to endow it came directly from their admiration of the best of the UMPI faculty.

“The expectations of the excellent faculty members at a *continued on page 4*



UMPI officials were pleased to announce the establishment of the very first professorship created for UMPI faculty members, the Donald and Linda G. Zillman Family Professorship. Taking part in the announcement were, from left, Don Zillman, former UMPI President and Edward S. Godfrey Professor of Law at the University of Maine School of Law; UMPI Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Sonntag; and Dr. Chunzeng Wang, UMPI Associate Professor of Earth and Environmental Science, who is the first recipient of the Zillman Professorship.

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## Upcountry, UMPI's online literary journal, seeking submissions

The staff of UMPI's online literary journal *Upcountry* is seeking submissions for their upcoming issue. Editors hope to include a bountiful selection of written and visual works from both campus and community members.

Dedicated to showcasing poems, short stories, personal essays and visual art from the campus com-

munity, *Upcountry* is a publication of the University's English Program. Presented both in print and as an interactive, online format, the literary journal is published twice yearly.

The journal's advisor, Dr. Melissa Crowe, said that, in this issue, she and student editors Jessica Edney and Kayla Ames are hoping to include more fine work from some returning contribu-

tors, as well as original pieces by writers new to the journal's pages.

"We were so happy with the first 'Town & Gown' issue that we decided to try and keep up that momentum by continuing to accept work from the larger UMPI and Presque Isle community; we feel this can only result in issues that showcase all the talent—and the variety of voices—here in The



County," Crowe said.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, Nov. 15. Submissions should be emailed to the editors at [upcountry@maine.edu](mailto:upcountry@maine.edu). For other specific submission instructions, please visit the journal on the web at [www.upcountryjournal.wordpress.com](http://www.upcountryjournal.wordpress.com). ★



### Suits for Students

If you are doing some fall cleaning in the next month, please bring any professional clothing you no longer need to Folsom Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor foyer on Monday, Dec. 2. They will accept shirts, jackets, slacks, dresses, ties and any other professional dress items that you might have. FMI, please contact Bonnie DeVaney at 768.9750 or [barbara.devaney@umpi.edu](mailto:barbara.devaney@umpi.edu).



### We want to hear about your news & events!

If you would like to submit an item for the December issue, the deadline for submissions is 4:30p.m. Monday, Nov. 25. Submissions received after that date may not be included. Email news or event information to: [gshaw@umpi.edu](mailto:gshaw@umpi.edu).

### Spencer West

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West's inspiring words have reached millions of audience members around the world. At We Day events, which are annual youth empowerment events organized by Free the Children, West has shared the stage with influential figures His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Dr. Jane Goodall, Rick Hansen, former U.S. Vice President Al Gore, Mia Farrow, Martin Sheen and Nobel Peace Laureate Betty Williams, and musicians such as Jason Mraz, Hedley and Nelly Furtado.

In May 2011, West received the Fervent Global Love of Lives Medal from Taiwan's Chou Ta-kuan Cultural and Education Foundation. In November 2011, along with his hero, Rick Hansen, West joined the Rick Hansen 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Relay as a Man in Motion Medal Bearer.

In 2011, when Kenya experienced its worst drought in 60 years, West decided to give back in his own unique way—by

students on Me to We's international volunteer trips. As a speaker,

climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. His extraordinary feat in June 2012 attracted worldwide media attention, including CBS, *the Telegraph*, *People* magazine, the BBC and even TMZ. With the world watching, West successfully reached the summit of Kilimanjaro, raising over \$500,000 to help Free The Children

bring sustainable clean water projects to communities affected by the drought. His journey can be seen in the documentary *Redefine Possible: The Story of Spencer West*, which debuted in Fall 2012 at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF). West also shares his incredible story with

the world in his memoir, *Standing Tall: My Journey*.

West's quest continues. In May 2013, he successfully completed an epic 300-KM water walk from Edmonton to Calgary to raise money for Free The Children's Water Initiative, a year-long campaign to provide people around the world with permanent sources of clean water.

For more information about Spencer West, visit [www.metowe.com/spencer-west](http://www.metowe.com/spencer-west). ★





## Nominations open for 7<sup>th</sup> Young Professionals Institute

**U**MPI, Momentum Aroostook, and MMG Insurance are pleased to announce that nominations are open for the seventh annual Young Professionals Institute, running in 2014 on Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m., from March 4 to April 29. The online nomination/application form is available at [www.umpi.edu/ypi](http://www.umpi.edu/ypi). **The nomination deadline is Monday, Dec. 16.**

The Institute provides the area's young professionals with a one-of-a-kind professional development opportunity – an 8-week short course designed specifically for emerging leaders looking to refine the skills that will bring them long-term success in their careers. Participants hone their professional skills through hands-on activities, on-the-spot public speaking assignments, and business simulation exercises. Along the way, participants visit local businesses and organizations to complete on-site assignments and hear presentations by embedded guests from

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

The Institute will be facilitated by University officials, members of Momentum Aroostook, several local business and community leaders, and the graduates of past Young Professionals Institutes. Previous sponsors of YPI participants include Acadia Health Education Coalition, ACE Rent-A-Car, Aroostook County Action Program/Healthy Aroostook, The Aroostook Medical Center, Barresi Financial, Cary Medical Center, The

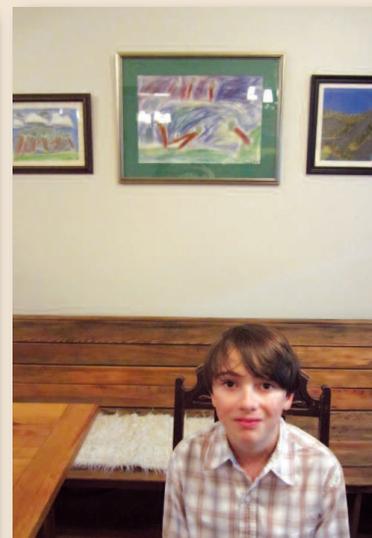
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There are only 14 seats available for YPI 7. Selections will be announced Monday, Jan. 27. A \$200 registration fee, paid by course participants or their business sponsors, is due by Monday, Feb. 24.

For more information about the short course, which is not being offered for academic credit, please visit [www.umpi.edu/ypi](http://www.umpi.edu/ypi) or contact Linda McLaughlin at 207.768.9740 or e-mail [linda.mclaughlin1@umpi.edu](mailto:linda.mclaughlin1@umpi.edu). ★



This fall, the Environmental Studies and Sustainability and Biology programs launched the Science Lunchtime Seminar Series, providing a forum to present scientific research conducted by UMPI students and faculty as well as other local and regional scientists. On Nov. 7, Frank O. Frost, pictured here, a Fisheries Biologist with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, delivered the fourth presentation of the semester, discussing Management of Long Lake Fisheries Resources within the Fish River Chain of Lakes. One more presentation will be given on Nov. 21. FMI about the seminar series, contact Dr. Jason Johnston at 768.9652.



Ten-year-old Holden Zuras was the Featured Artist at The Whole Potato during the First Friday Art Walk in August, becoming the youngest artist to be featured during the Presque Isle art walk. Zuras presented his very first art exhibit, featuring 18 of his paintings, water colors, pastels, drawings, and photographs. Zuras, the son of UMPI Professor Rich and Kelly Zuras, is a Gifted & Talented Art student who works with Ruth McAtee at Zippel Elementary School.

## Darrell Dorgan returns for talk at UMPI

An award-winning journalist and documentary filmmaker is paying another visit to UMPI in November to visit several classes and



Darrell Dorgan

deliver a public presentation. Darrell Dorgan will speak on energy and the North

Dakota-Maine connections on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center. This event is free and open to the public.

In his talk "Life in the Vast Lane; Two Miles Down," Dorgan will share

his experiences about living in the midst of the world's largest oil discovery in 50 years, and the impact it's having on North Dakota and places like the State of Maine. For example, the train that exploded in Lac-Mégantic, Québec, in July 2103 originated in North Dakota.

There's no unemployment in North Dakota, McDonald's pays \$19 an hour, but rents and crime are rising. There's no place to live and "Life in the Vast Lane" is changing quickly and dramatically.

Dorgan has spent more than 25 years working in the journalism field. He is the recipient of more than 50 awards for journalism excellence, including an Emmy nomination in 1992 and a National Associated Press award for Reporting Beyond Reproach. He served as a Distinguished Lecturer at

UMPI – as well as its first Journalist in Residence – in 2008 and has a scholarship named after him at the University.

Dorgan recently retired from his position as the Executive Director of the Cowboy Hall of Fame where he worked to establish a large base of support and raise more than \$4 million to construct the 15,000 square-foot facility. Dorgan now works full-time as a documentary filmmaker.

Most recently, Dorgan was appointed by U.S. President Barack Obama as a member of the American Battle Monuments Commission. Dorgan is a Vietnam Veteran, a member of AMVETS and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans.

For more information about Dorgan's visit to the area, contact Dr. Jacqui Lowman at 768.9745. ★

## Zillman

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campus like UMPI are high and diverse," Don Zillman said. "As teachers and mentors, the faculty members need to be wise and creative in the classroom and also assist outside the classroom on topics ranging from curricular planning to career choices. As scholars, they write and create for a world-wide academic and professional audience. As community leaders, they bring their disciplinary expertise to everything from community events to consultation with local businesses, governments, and non-profits. And they do this all at salaries that are modest at best. Our hope is that others will step forward to recognize the dedicated UMPI faculty with the establishment of future professorships."

Two other reasons also motivated the Zillmans' gift; first, the gratitude the Zillmans and so many members of their families owe to public higher education over the last century. Don and Linda Zillman hold a total of five

degrees from public universities. And several family members, including fathers, brothers, and a niece and nephew, have benefitted enormously in their careers and lives from their access to high quality and low cost public higher education. Don and Linda Zillman saw this as a fitting way to give back.

The second motivation for establishing the professorship was the great fondness the Zillmans have for UMPI.

"The University exemplifies what good public higher education should be," Zillman said. "With ready access to first-generation-to-college students, low costs of education, high quality educational programs, superb faculty and close community involvement, UMPI is a marvelous asset for the State of Maine and for Aroostook County. It was our pleasure to be a part of the campus for six wonderful years. We hope we were able to enhance those public education virtues and are pleased to be able to do so in the coming years through this professorship." ★

- Mondays 12-1pm**
  - Rock with "DJ Gunner"
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  - The OWL'S PARLIAMENT with Professor Brent Andersen
- Wednesdays 2-5pm**
  - COUNTRY with "DJ Smoker"
- Thursdays 6-8pm**
  - Rock with "DJ Lil Miss"
- Thursdays 8-10pm**
  - BUBBLEGUM FISH RADIO with "DJ Max and DJ Mickey"
- Fridays 3-5pm**
  - RAP and SOUTHERN HIP-HOP with "DJ Forty Below"
- Fridays 7-8pm**
  - HIP-HOP with "DJ Mohammed"
- Saturdays 6-9pm**
  - BEST HITS OF THE '70s with Rob Carlson
- Sundays 5-7 pm**
  - GOSPEL with "DJ Murchy"



## PIHS students conduct research for EPSCoR

**T**hree Presque Isle High School students have gained excellent field work and research experience—and received recognition during a statewide conference—thanks to the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research [EPSCoR] grant project underway at UMPI.

Over the last year, junior Angela Wang and sophomores Sedona Lucas and Zach Rice have assisted with research connected to UMPI's EPSCoR project, which is focused on assessing the feasibility and sustainability of grass biomass production for central Aroostook County. Working closely with Dr. Chunzeng Wang, one of the members of the grant research team and UMPI Associate Professor of Earth and Environmental Science, the students have conducted a wide range activities, including land-use GIS mapping work, ground truthing, and interviews with



Standing with their winning poster are, from left, Presque Isle High School students Sedona Lucas, Angela Wang, Zach Rice, and their UMPI faculty supervisor Dr. Chunzeng Wang.

town officials and Amish leaders.

As part of their EPSCoR research, the students have spent time since fall 2012 examining landscape and land use changes in central Aroostook, in particular in the towns of Easton and Fort Fairfield, due to the emerging Amish community. Through surveys, interviews, and mapping efforts, they learned that Amish families are attracted to central Aroostook because of its many acres of low-cost land. Because they turn fallow land and densely-wooded fallow land into pasture, hayfields, and croplands, they are playing a critical and positive role in landscape and land-use change in The County.

With Dr. Wang's help, the students have been able to present their research in two different forums. In August, they joined college students and UMPI faculty members in delivering PowerPoint presentations to the campus and community about the EPSCoR research that has been underway at UMPI over the last year.

In addition, the high schoolers had the opportunity to attend the Maine EPSCoR State Conference on Sept. 30 at the University of Maine in Orono, where they participated in the poster presentation, showcasing their poster "Emerging Amish Community in Central Aroostook as a New Factor in Landscape/Land-Use Change." They won the best poster prize for the high school category and received an iPad Mini, which will be used for future research efforts.

For more information about UMPI's EPSCoR project, please visit [www.umpi.edu/academics/environmental-studies/epscor](http://www.umpi.edu/academics/environmental-studies/epscor). ★

## UMPI honors 2012-2013 AMA graduates

**T**he University is pleased to announce that nearly 30 people completed the American Management Association certificate programs in 2012-2013. UMPI has served as an extension institute of the AMA for the past 25 years, offering a multi-course curriculum leading to Certificates in Management and Human Resources Management.

"The AMA curriculum was designed for people who are looking to better prepare themselves for promotion, enhancement, and career advancement in their current or future work field," Keith Madore, campus AMA coordinator, said. "As a partner in higher education, we're very excited that UMPI can be a part of continuing education for working professionals in this area and we applaud our 2012-2013 graduates for completing this coursework."

Those who received the Certificate in Management, with 90 contact hours, were: Lisa Bates, Madigan Estates; Billi

Blanchard, Katahdin Trust Company; Dianne Collins, MMG Insurance; Mary Hall, Katahdin Valley Health Center; Tamra Kilcollins, Cary Medical Center; Blair McCartney, Life by Design; Lori McIntyre and Wilfred St. Peter, McCain Foods; Sherry Beaulieu, Suzanne Buckley, Donna Dean, Judy Hennessey, Pat Lamoreau, Heather Michaud, Ginette Pitre, Barbara Turner, and Karla Whittaker, TAMC; and Thomas Richard, Northern Maine Community College.



Those who received the Certificate in Human Resources, with 75 contact hours, were: Lisa Bates, Madigan Estates; Billi Blanchard, Katahdin Trust Company; Theresa Fowler, Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce; Mary Hall, Katahdin Valley Health Center; Tamra Kilcollins, Cary Medical Center; Blair McCartney, Life by Design; Thomas Richard, NMCC; and Barbara Turner, TAMC. ★

# 2nd annual World Polio Day and



**T**he Presque Isle Rotary Club and UMPI have declared their 2<sup>ND</sup> annual World Polio Day and Purple Pinkie Project events, held on Oct. 23 and 24, a major success. The two joined forces to present the activities, which raised awareness throughout the region about Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio worldwide. In addition, this year's Purple Pinkie Project saw more than 1,000 people participate and raised an estimated \$1,800 to go toward that global effort.

World Polio Day activities began with a special community kick-off on Oct. 23. Rotarians explained that since Rotary International began the fight against polio in 1985, the crippling disease has been reduced by more than 99 percent—from more than 350,000 people, mostly children, in 125 countries, to less than 300 cases last year. Rotary International is working harder than ever to end polio: experts say that if the job isn't finished, the disease could rebound to 10 million cases in the next 40 years.

That's a future that local residents Rodney and Barbara Leach fervently hope the world never sees. The couple has a very personal connection with the disease—Barbara Leach is a

polio survivor. Rodney Leach shared their story, explaining that he and his wife wanted to be a part of the kick-off to emphasize how important Rotary's fight to end polio is and how much they support it.

Community members had a chance to do the very same thing the following day, during the region's Purple Pinkie Project. Volunteers were on hand in a dozen locations throughout the community on Oct. 24, staffing Purple Pinkie Project tables. For \$1, volunteers colored people's pinkies purple. The dollars helped to raise money for Rotary International's End Polio Now efforts and each purple pinkie served as a symbol of one child's life saved from polio.

This year's World Polio Day and Purple Pinkie Project, which grew significantly from last year's event, was sponsored by TAMC, NMCC, MMG Insurance, and University Credit Union, and supported by the Aroostook Centre Mall, Graves Shop 'N Save, Bradley's Citgo, Maine Public Service Company, and Star City Coffee. Others involved in the project included UMPI's Houlton Higher Education Center and Presque Isle High School. To learn more, please visit [www.umpi.edu/worldpolioday](http://www.umpi.edu/worldpolioday). ★

**PHOTOS:**

**1** Rodney and Barbara Leach participated in the World Polio Day community kick-off presentation on Oct. 23, sharing their personal connection with polio. Photo: Kayla Ames/UNIVERSITY TIMES  
**2** Local residents Heather Harvell and her son Josh Harvell, at Star City

Coffee, were among the hundreds of people who got their pinkies colored purple during the Purple Pinkie Project. Photo: Sonja Plummer-Morgan  
**3** Members of the Presque Isle Fire Department proudly display their purple pinkies. From left are Chief Darrell White, Firefighter Kyle

Bartley, Code Officer George Howe, Captain Vince Baldwin, Firefighters Dale Morrison and Dave Lovley, and Administrative Assistant Penny Anderson. Photo: Presque Isle Fire Department  
**4** Purple Pinkie Project tables were set up at a dozen spots throughout

the community on Oct. 24, raising money—\$1 at a time—to go toward Rotary International's End Polio Now efforts. Staffing the table at UMPI were, from left, UMPI students Jasmine Cote, Chelsea Lynds-Beaulieu, Bethany Heald, and Craig Pullen.  
**5** Presque Isle Rotarians Sharon Campbell and Jim

Bubar cover the Purple Pinkie Project table at Presque Isle High School, coloring scores of students and staff member's pinkies purple to raise money for polio eradication efforts. Getting their pinkies purple are high school students Hanna Postell, foreground, and Angela Hallowell. ★





# Purple Pinkie Project a success



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**PHOTOS:**  
**6** UMPI and NMCC education students staffed the Purple Pinkie table at NMCC. Photo: NMCC.  
**7** Presque Isle Rotarians Leigh Smith and Jen Flynn were at the Aroostook Centre Mall coloring pinkies purple.  
**8** Maine Public Service Company went purple during the Purple Pinkie Project. Photo: MPS.  
**9** University Times students Stephanie Jellett and Kayla Ames proudly show off their purple pinkies while covering a Purple Pinkie table at Graves Shop 'N Save. Photo: University Times.  
**10** UMPI's Houlton Higher

Education Center was full of smiles and purple pinkies during World Polio Day.  
**11** Many businesses around the community supported this year's Purple Pinkie Project. Pictured here are employees with United Insurance, who colored their pinkies purple and dressed in purple for the occasion. Photo: United Insurance.  
**12** Employees at MMG Insurance were very much in the Purple Pinkie Project spirit—in addition to serving as a Purple Pinkie site, employees also raised money by making a donation so they could dress in purple for the day. Photo: MMG Insurance. ★



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## Giles leads Pacific, South Korea trips

**U**MPI Art Professor Andy Giles has led dozens of trips focused on World War II in the Pacific over the years, but this time, he and his group had the unusual opportunity of visiting one of the most mysterious archeological sites in the Pacific, Nan Madol, the ancient city built on coral reefs. *(pictured at right)*

Giles has worked for more than 20 years to preserve the history of the war in the Pacific through film, photographs, paintings and other collections.

On this trip, Giles directed a tour group of scholars, history buffs, and veterans on a tour through a number of Central Pacific Islands, including Pohnpei, Chuuk, Palau, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

One of the most intriguing adventures was a visit to Nan Madol, on the island of Pohnpei. The site has been labeled the ancient “Venice” of the Pacific because it was built around a system of canals. Nan Madol served as a location for royal homes, burial sites, and ritual activities. How it was built and why the occupants abandoned the site sometime after 1200 A.D. is still a mystery. Giles and his group were able to spend the better part of a day exploring the ancient tombs, walled temples and many other structures.

Other highlights of the trip included stops at Truk Lagoon, the infamous Japanese “Pearl Harbor” of the Pacific; the Sapuk lighthouse complex on the island of Eten; and remote Japanese cave and battle sites on Peleliu which were featured in three episodes of the recent HBO “Pacific” series, produced by Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg. ★



Giles, far right, and the group took a photo in front of one of the immense basalt structures at Nan Madol.

**E**arlier this fall, Giles also helped to lead a private tour to South Korea for the College of the Ozarks, which gave Korean War veterans and students the opportunity to visit important Korean War sites and the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea. The tour took place from Sept. 28 to Oct. 7 and included stops in Cheorwan Country, Yanggu, Gyengii-do, Busan, and Incheon.

Giles escorted the group to sites such as the Iron Triangle Battlefield and the Pork Chop Hill area.

On Oct. 5, the group made its way to Panmunjom and the DMZ, a buffer zone between the two countries. The group had the opportunity to see the Imjingak Park, the Bridge of Freedom over the Imjin River and the DMZ Museum and Exhibition Hall. On the way to Panmunjom, the group visited the area along the Imjim River very near the site where Giles’ father was killed in action while serving with the 1st Marine Division in 1953.

At the Panmunjom complex, Giles’ group was allowed into the building where the negotiation table is displayed in a room where one end is in North Korea and one in South Korea. *(pictured below at left)* They saw the abandoned village where the Armistice Agreement was signed and visited the “Bridge of No Return.”

In Busan, the group visited the UN Memorial Cemetery and Peace Park. On the Wall of Remembrance, Giles viewed his father’s name along with 40,895 other U.N. soldiers’ names chiseled on the granite wall. While seeing the area where his father was killed brought back painful memories of growing up without a father, Giles related that seeing his Dad’s name memorialized and how the South Korean people poured out their thanks to the veterans in his group for their sacrifices was a powerful, healing experience.

A blog about the trip is at <http://cofokorea2013.blogspot.com/>. ★



At the Panmunjom complex, Giles’ group visited the Armistice table. Here, tour participant Dave Williams (far right), who fought in the Korean War with the 1st Marine Division, and several students with a South Korean college group, have the opportunity to stand on the North Korean side of the room.



# Sports! Sports! Sports!

## Former Owl impacting his community

**M**any times in the recruiting process, a college coach will mention how a college education can change the life of a prospective student-athlete and those around him. Former UMPI basketball player **JEREMY BROCK** is taking that statement to heart as the first-year Officer in the Bangor Police Department is making a difference and saving lives in his community.

On Aug. 16, Officer Brock saved a distraught man from jumping off Veterans Remembrance Bridge. Brock and other members of the Bangor Police Department were summoned to the Penobscot River area with reports of a suicidal man heading toward the bridge. Within minutes of arrival, the former Owl basketball player observed a man tying a rope to the guiderail of the bridge and attempted to talk the anguished 57-year-old man away from the bridge edge, but seeing the man hurriedly angle toward the upper edge of the railing, Brock acted quickly and

tackled the man to the bridge walkway and away from danger.

It was not the first time the newly appointed police officer had saved a community member from danger. In July, Brock responded to a call of a man possibly overdosing in the Mansfield Stadium parking lot. Brock found a man conscious, but not breathing and immediately administered rescue breaths and chest compressions. The man soon regained the ability to breathe on his own, but without Officer Brock's appropriate and quick response, the man may never have recovered.

Brock, an Easton native, was a Dean's List student while majoring in Criminal Justice at UMPI and played an important role within the Owl basketball program for three years, registering career game highs of 17 points and 9 rebounds in 2009.

Officer Brock has received outstanding marks for his professionalism in a short span of time in uniform—a trait



Jeremy Brock

our UMPI Criminal Justice Program is proud to have helped Brock develop while a student-athlete for the Blue and Gold.

"These newer guys we're hiring seem to be more mature and more sensitive [to crisis situations]," said Bangor Police Lt. Steve Hunt about Brock in a Bangor Daily News article. "He's carrying on the fine tradition of the Bangor Police Department."

Jeremy Brock is another exemplary illustration of a UMPI student-athlete moving on after graduation and impacting his community in a positive manner. ★

**Basketball!** **MEN's** regular season play begins Friday, Nov. 15 at home v. U. Maine-Machias. **WOMEN's** play begins Saturday, Nov. 16 at home v. Newbury College. For a complete schedule of games, go to [OWLS.UMPI.EDU](http://OWLS.UMPI.EDU).

## Midnight Madness

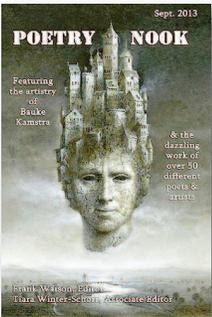
**U**MPI's Men's and Women's Basketball teams kicked off their 2013-2014 season with Midnight Madness 2013, held on Halloween Night in Wieden Gym. Sponsored by Student Activities and UMPI Athletics, Midnight Madness featured a costume contest, tailgate party, performance by UMPI's Dance Team, free T-shirts, door prizes, music and lots of fun. The Women's team was introduced first, with a shooting competition and short scrimmage, and, following the Men's team introduction and scrimmage, the 2013 Amato's Midnight Madness Dunk Contest took place. The evening's festivities were emceed by Joshua MacKinnon. ★



notes

**English Professor Richard Zuras has poem published**

UMPI English Professor Richard Lee Zuras's poem *Shallow Grave* appeared



recently in *Poetry Nook*, a monthly journal seeking the best poetry and art that

captures the interaction between the senses—of images, sounds, tastes, smells, touch—and emotions. Zuras has been published in more than 20 journals, including *Passages North*, *South Dakota Review*, *Story Quarterly*, and *The Laurel Review*. He has also garnered several prizes, including the Yemassee Fiction Award and the Bernard O'Keefe Fiction Scholarship at Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, and was named a Wesleyan Writers' Conference Scholar.

**Charitable Appeals Campaign underway**

It is campaign kick-off time for the United Way of Aroostook and this year UMPI is hoping to increase the amount raised through its workplace campaign. Money raised through the campaign will be given to selected agencies to assist those less fortunate. The list of agencies and programs supported by the United Way of Aroostook and UMPI workplace campaign contributions



can be viewed on the United Way's website at [www.unitedwayaroostook.org](http://www.unitedwayaroostook.org). The Combined Charitable Appeal guide and pledge forms have been sent through inter-office mail. The campaign runs through the end of November. As a thank you for generous donations, each employee who contributes \$2 or more per week (just \$104 per year) to the United Way will have his or her name placed in a drawing. There are

more than 30 prizes and they are impressive (gift certificates to local restaurants, a round trip airfare ticket from Pen Air, and fitness memberships, just to name a few). Continue UMPI's solid giving history! FMI, contact Jennie Savage at 768.9551 or [jennie.savage@umpi.edu](mailto:jennie.savage@umpi.edu).

**UMPI Owl Relay for Life Team holds fundraiser**

With the holidays just around the corner, are you looking for the perfect gift? Look no more – the UMPI Owl Relay for Life Team will be holding a Lia Sophia Jewelry Fundraiser Party for everyone (faculty, staff, students, friends, and family), on Thursday, Nov. 14 from 4:45 –



7 p.m. in the Human Resource Conference Room. Food and beverages will be provided. Nancy

Nichols will be on hand with the Lia Sophia Fall/Winter styles of jewelry. Attendees will be able to purchase jewelry at

the event or place an order if the jewelry wanted is not available at the party. For those who cannot attend but would like to place an order, contact Nichols at the information below to get a catalog. Orders will arrive in plenty of time before Christmas. For gifts purchased during the party, the UMPI Owl Relay for Life Team will be on hand to wrap items for free! The special for November: Purchase two items at regular price and get up to four items at half price with the most expensive item(s) at half price. There are also extra specials for the month of November. Please RSVP to Laurie Boucher at [laurie.boucher@umpi.edu](mailto:laurie.boucher@umpi.edu) by Nov. 13. FMI, contact Nancy Nichols at [nancy.g.nichols@umpi.edu](mailto:nancy.g.nichols@umpi.edu) or 768.9532.

**UMPI hosts Fine Art Tour 2014**

The Fine Art Department announces its 40th annual European Art Study Tour. This year's 12-day tour is to the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Scotland. The dates are Tuesday, June 2 through Friday, June 13, 2014. Three credits are available



Members of the statewide self-advocacy network Speaking Up For Us gather for a photo after planting a tree outside of Gentile Hall in honor of the network's 20th anniversary. Pictured are, from left, Dick Gardiner, Director of Gentile Hall; and SUFU members Rose Ouellette, Daniel Gosline, Ray Bucklin, Robert Little, Paul Doucette, Marie Fearon, Bobby Belanger, Debbie Wiggins, and Ida Patterson.



With a handshake, UMPI President Linda Schott thanks Tim Lavin, President and CEO of BalanceBPO, for his generous gift of 38 flat-panel computer monitors that will replace older monitors around campus. Also involved in the effort are, from left, UMPI student Nicole Gray and JoAnne Wallingford, UMPI's Director of Information Services.



## notes



*Fine Art Tour includes Cliffs of Moher*

(ART/EDU 400). The trip is fully-escorted under the personal guidance and supervision of Emeritus Professor of Fine Art Clifton Boudman, group leader. Tour costs include round-trip air fare, Boston to Glasgow on Aer Lingus and Aer Arann; superior first class accommodations with private facilities and portage; Irish Sea travel by ship; all meals (10 full breakfasts, 10 evening dinners, 1 lunch, and a set tea with scones on a sheep dog farm); entrance fees to museums and sites; all motor coach tours; and all transfers throughout the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Scotland. The tour is highlighted by two full days at the Cliffs of Moher and the Ring of Keary. For particulars and deposit information, contact

Clifton Boudman at 455.8096 (leave message) or cbcboudman@gmail.com.

### Upward Bound Accepting Applications

TRiO College Access Services is accepting applications from high school students in the central Aroostook area to par-



ticipate in the TRiO Upward Bound program, a federally funded college preparatory program. Designed to help students be successful in high school and navigate the road to college, all services in Upward Bound are free to

qualifying students. Students are eligible for the program if neither parent has attained a four-year college degree or if the family meets income guidelines based on taxable income, or if the student has a need for academic support. The student must also have the potential to succeed in postsecondary education. High school students in grades 9 or 10 from Ashland, Caribou, Central Aroostook, Easton, Fort Fairfield, Limestone, Presque Isle, or Washburn high schools, who want to go to college, should apply to Upward Bound to help achieve their dream. FMI or for an application, call 768.9591 or 768.9618.

### UMPI hosts 1st Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

The University hosted its 1st Go Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Walk on Thursday, Oct. 17, from Noon to 1 p.m. Participants met at the flag circle in front of Preble Hall. President Linda Schott officially started the walk, which followed the driveway loop

around campus. Participants could walk as many loops as they wanted and many wore pink. The walk, organized by Linda Mastro, raised money for Pink Aroostook, a local program that helps with breast cancer education in Aroostook County and provides financial assistance to individuals in need who are undergoing breast cancer treatment. To make a donation, checks made out to Pink Aroostook can be



dropped off at UMPI Health Service office in Emerson Annex or mailed to UMPI Health Service, 181 Main St., Presque Isle, ME 04769. Plans are already underway for next year's event! FMI, contact Linda Mastro at 768.9586 or 227.0453. ★

AT RIGHT: UMPI Social Work Professor Shirley Rush is in Moshi, Tanzania, as part of her University of Maine System Trustee Professorship for the 2013-2014 academic year. In the middle of her research, charity work, and teaching she's doing there, she's been affectionately named Bibi Kachumbari, or Bibi K for short. The literal translation: grandmother tomatoes and onions. Rush explains that the "r's" in her name are difficult to say, and that Kachumbari (a delicious salad) was selected because of the way she dresses with bold mixtures of color.



UMPI held its first Go Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Walk on Oct. 17, raising money for Pink Aroostook, a local program that helps with breast cancer education in Aroostook County and provides financial assistance to individuals in need who are undergoing treatment.

## activities 11.14.2013–12.8.2013

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

### Nov 14

**Business Club mtg**  
1pm, Allagash Room  
■ **CRJ Fellowship**  
5pm, Normal Faculty Lounge

### Nov 15

**GSTA mtg** 12:15pm, Alumni Room ■  
**International Students Club mtg**  
1pm, Alumni Room

### Nov 17

**Northern Maine Chamber Society Concert** 3pm, MPR  
■ **Kappa Delta Phi mtg** 6:30pm, Alumni Room ■  
**Kappa Delta Phi NAS mtg** 6:30pm, CC118

### Nov 18

**Movie Night: Pitch Perfect** 8pm, Owl's Nest

### Nov 19

**Bio-Med Club mtg** 12:30pm, CC118 ■  
**Student Senate mtg** 12:40pm, Alumni Room ■  
■ **à Capella Group: Six Appeal** 7pm, Wieden Aud

### Nov 21

**Business Club mtg** 1pm, Allagash Room  
■ **Student Senate mtg** 4:45pm, Allagash Room ■

**CRU Fellowship** 5pm, Alumni Room ■

**UMPI Games Club mtg** 6pm, Owl's Nest

### Nov 22

**GSTA mtg** 12:15pm, CC 118 ■

**International Students Club mtg**  
1pm, Alumni Room  
■ **Warmachine play mtg** 6:30pm, Pullen 111

### Nov 23

**Live Action Role Playing** 6:30pm, Pullen 112, 113 & F105

### Nov 24

**Kappa Delta Phi NAS mtg** 6:30pm, CC118 ■ **CRU Leadership** 6:30pm, Owl's Nest

### Nov 26

**Bio-Med Club mtg** 12:30pm, CC118 ■  
**Student Senate mtg** 12:40pm, Alumni Room

### Nov 27

**Thanksgiving Vacation** begins

### Dec 1

**Kappa Delta Phi mtg** 6:30pm, Alumni Room ■ **Kappa Delta Phi NAS mtg** 6:30pm, CC118 ■  
**CRU Leadership** 6:30pm, St. John

Room

### Dec 2

**Classes resume** ■  
**UMPI/Community Band Winter Concert** 7pm, Wieden Auditorium

### Dec 3

**Bio-Med Club mtg** 12:30pm, CC118 ■  
**Student Senate mtg** 12:40pm, Alumni Room

### Dec 5

**SEAM mtg** 12:15pm, Alumni Room ■ **SOSW mtg** 12:30pm, CC118 ■  
**Business Club mtg** 1pm, Owl's Nest ■  
**CRU Fellowship** 5pm, Alumni Room

■ **UMPI Games Club mtg** 6pm,

Owl's Nest ■ **Go Red Dance** benefit for people with HIV/AIDS in

Aroostok County, co-sponsored by GSTA and SOSW, 10pm, Campus Center

### Dec 6

**GSTA mtg** 12:15pm, Alumni Room ■  
**International Students Club** 1pm, Alumni Room ■  
**First Friday Art Walk** 5pm, Reed Art Gallery ■

## Congratulations

### Melinda Hitchcock October Student of the Month

Mindy is originally from Plymouth, MA and now lives in Presque Isle. She is a senior majoring in Environmental Studies with a minor in Education and has consistently been on the Dean's List. Mindy has many achievements and is always willing to help students, staff and community members.



Mindy is an outstanding role model and an inspirational leader. Mindy makes a difference at UMPI and in the community. ★

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**Warmachine play mtg** 6:30pm, Pullen 111

### Dec 8

**Kappa Delta Phi mtg** 6:30pm, Alumni Room ■  
**Kappa Delta Phi NAS mtg** 6:30pm, CC118 ■ **CRU Leadership** 6:30pm, St. John Room ★

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