



UMPI receives 4th top U.S. News ranking

University officials are pleased to announce that the institution has garnered a fourth top ranking from *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the **Best Colleges for Veterans** among Regional Colleges in the North. *U.S. News & World Report* released its inaugural Best Colleges for Veterans rankings on Nov. 11. The rankings spotlight institutions that are helping veterans pursue a college education under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

“We are very pleased to have *U.S. News & World Report* spotlight us again, and are especially honored to be recognized for our work with our veterans,” UMPI President Linda Schott said. “This

recognition really speaks to the work we’re doing in terms of resources for veterans and academic quality. We’ve always been committed to ensuring that our veterans are successful while here on campus,



so it’s wonderful to have that reinforced by this kind of national distinction.”

In its Best Colleges for Veterans list, *U.S. News* recognizes top-ranked schools in the Best Colleges rankings that participate in federal initiatives helping veterans and active service members apply, pay for and complete their

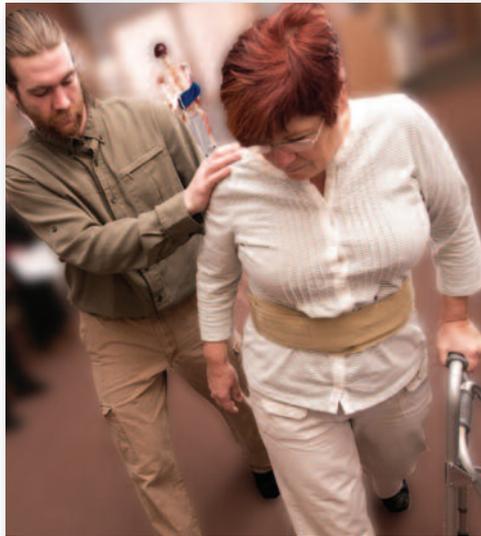
degrees. UMPI was ranked #12 on the Regional Colleges in the North list.

In a statement, U.S. Representative Mike Michaud, ranking member of the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee, praised UMPI and sister institution UMFK for receiving the ranking: “Many of Maine’s institutions of higher education excel at helping our veterans get the most out of their education, but both of these schools have gone above and beyond to serve those who served all of us,” said Michaud. “I congratulate them on this much-deserved recognition and encourage them to keep it up. Our servicemembers need great schools like these when they come home.” *continued on page 2*

PTA Program achieves accreditation

University officials are pleased to announce that the Physical Therapist Assistant Program has received official status as an academic program after receiving full accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education [CAPTE].

“We are delighted to have our PTA Program receive its full accreditation,” UMPI Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Sonntag said. “This creates very welcome opportunities for those who want to work in this particular healthcare field but don’t want to travel hours away from home to get their training. The PTA program is the latest in our range of healthcare program offerings—which includes Medical Laboratory Technology, Athletic Training, and our pre-medical concentration in Biology—and allows us to provide even more instruction in the STEM fields. With careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math as



the largest growing job sector in Maine, providing degree programs like this is of the highest priority and helps to fill an important need for the state.”

CAPTE’s approval makes UMPI’s PTA program only the second Physical Therapist Assistant Program available in the State of Maine. The program’s initial accreditation is for a 5-year term, which is the

best possible outcome for a newly accredited program. With this approval, the program will be able to graduate its charter class this month and help them to register *continued on page 4*

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University participates in Holiday Light Parade

The University celebrated the 2013 Holiday Light Parade in style on Dec. 7, with a student-created, trophy-winning float in the parade as well as its annual holiday reception on campus that night. The Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Light Parade draws thousands of spectators to Main Street in Presque Isle every year, and includes community open houses and a tree lighting.



UMPI again participated in the parade with a brightly-lit float and lots of walkers encircled by members of UMPI's Nordic ski team on roller skis, many of whom had holiday lights decorating their helmets. Marching with the float this year was UMPI President Linda Schott, her husband Tom Fuhrmark, and son Jack enjoying their second Holiday Light Parade.

This year's Candyland-themed float featured an "icing"-laden gingerbread house covered in giant candy canes and lollipops, gum drops, peppermints, and hard candy. Also on the float were smiling gingerbread men, candy cane arches, a giant cupcake and a giant tree trimmed in giant candy. The UMPI parade walkers and mascot Hootie the Owl waved, danced, and handed out candy to parade-goers. UMPI was very pleased to



Members of UMPI's Nordic Ski team roller ski around the Candyland-themed float.

receive the trophy for Best Non-Profit Float in this year's parade.

Before, during and after the parade, the community was invited to visit the University for its annual Holiday Open House at Gentile Hall and enjoy warmth, fellowship and refreshments. It has become an annual tradition for the University to open its doors during the Holiday Light Parade, providing complimentary hot cocoa, coffee and cookies, as well as a great

location for those who want to watch the festivities from inside or warm up and meet friends after the parade.

"We were so pleased to open our doors for this holiday tradition again this year," UMPI President Linda Schott said. "Whether people made Gentile Hall their base for viewing the annual Holiday Light Parade, or warmed up with us after the parade was over, we always enjoy welcoming the campus and community in for this special event." ★

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Top ranking

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In total, there were 234 ranked schools across all 10 *U.S. News* ranking categories: National Universities, National Liberal Arts Colleges, Regional Universities (North, South, Midwest and West) and Regional Colleges (North, South, Midwest and West). The North region includes 11 states.

According to *U.S. News & World Report*, all of the Best Colleges for Veterans scored well in terms of graduation rate, faculty resources, reputation and other markers of academic quality in the 2014 edition of the *U.S. News* Best Colleges. To qualify for the new rankings, the schools had to be certified for the GI Bill and participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program and

Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Consortium.

This ranking marks the fourth time this fall that UMPI has been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report*. In September, UMPI received three top rankings on *U.S. News & World Report's* 2014 Best Colleges list. UMPI was named among the 50 Best Regional Colleges in the North, among the 15 Top Public Schools in the North, and among the top 5 Regional Colleges in the North for graduates with least debt. In the "least debt" category, UMPI was the only Maine institution and the only public college among the 11 states in the North region that made the list. ★

UMPI hosts County's first Empty Bowls event

The University's Ceramics II class enjoyed a sellout event and raised nearly \$1,800 when they held the area's very first Empty Bowls fundraiser. As part of this event, participants had the opportunity to purchase unique home-made bowls and enjoy cups of warm soup, all to benefit Martha and Mary's Soup Kitchen. The Empty Bowls fundraiser was held at the William V. Haskell Community Center (Presque Isle Recreation Center) on Friday, Dec. 6 in conjunction with the Presque Isle First Friday Art Walk.

"I was excited to be part of this and am grateful for the generous support we received from students, colleagues and local businesses," Hyrum Benson, event organizer and UMPI Assistant Professor of Fine Art, said. "I think it is wonderful that my students recognized the need in The County and were willing to help by donating some of their amazing hand-made bowls."

Approximately 100 hand crafted bowls were made and donated by current and past students from Benson's Ceramics classes, as well as artists in The County such as Heather Bessey, Russell Mount, Benson and others. Also crafting their own unique and creative bowls to

donate were Presque Isle High School students under the direction of Ellyn Whitten Smith.

With each \$10 bowl purchased, local businesses provided participants with a cup of soup. Businesses donating soup included ARAMARK, Café Sorpreso, Governor's, The Whole Potato, Gretchen Violette, and Star City Coffee.

Organizers weren't sure what to expect for a turnout, but ended up selling every single bowl that was made for the event by about 6:10 p.m. More funds were raised by selling cups of soup for \$5 donations. And all participants were able to enjoy live music featured during the event.

Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger and was originally created by The Imagine Render Group, according to the organization's website. The basic premise is simple: Potters and other craftspeople, educators and others work with the community to create handcrafted bowls. Guests are invited to a simple meal of soup. In exchange for a cash donation, guests are asked to keep a bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. The money raised is donated to



Along with the purchase of a \$10 handmade bowl, participants enjoyed bowls of delicious soup donated by area businesses.

an organization working to end hunger and food insecurity.

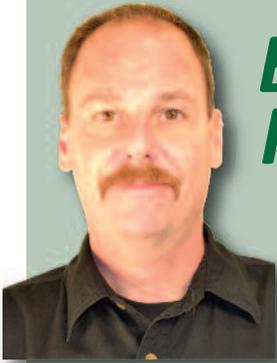
Benson hopes that the local event showed people that art can have a positive impact on a local scale. ★

Student researchers donate books to PIHS

Three Presque Isle High School students are sharing the fruits of their labor with their school library. PIHS junior Angela Wang and sophomores Sedona Lucas and Zach Rice have spent the past year assisting with research connected to UMPI's EPSCoR project (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research). As part of that work, they created a research poster, and received the best poster prize (high school category) at two conferences this fall. Their award from the Maine EPSCoR State Conference was an iPad Mini. At the GIS Educators in Maine & MEGUG (Maine GIS Users



Group) Fall Conference, their prize included 10 books on mapping and GIS technology, which they decided to donate to the PIHS Library. The value of the 13 books donated is approximately \$500. Taking part in the donation are, from left, Dr. Chunzeng Wang, EPSCoR research team member working with the PIHS students and UMPI Associate Professor of Earth and Environmental Science; Zach Rice; PIHS Principal Donna Lisnik; Angela Wang; and Sedona Lucas. ★



Bouchard hired as Director of Facilities Management

The University has hired an experienced facilities and construction leader, planner and manager to serve as its new Director of Facilities Management.

Gregg Bouchard

Gregg Bouchard, who comes to UMPI with 16 years of facilities management experience, replaces outgoing Director of Facilities Management Robert Aughinbaugh, who relocated to Pittsburgh earlier this fall to take a position closer to family.

“Bob did excellent work for us during his time here, and he will be greatly missed. We are very pleased to have found another highly experienced facilities manager in Gregg Bouchard to fill the spot Bob has left,” UMPI President Linda Schott said. “Gregg already has settled in nicely to campus and we look forward to working with him on many projects to come.”

While Bouchard is new to the UMPI campus, he is very familiar with the County and the University of Maine System. He was born and raised in Caribou, Maine, and is a

1985 graduate of Caribou High School. He has been in the Facilities Department at the University of Maine in Orono since 1997, most recently as a Project Manager. He comes with years of experience in carpentry, managing capital construction projects, working with non-traditional energy sources, landscaping techniques, and building management. His construction projects have included everything from historic lab and classroom renovations and a performing arts center to athletic facilities and a new planetarium and observatory.

Prior to his work in Orono, Bouchard worked for several County businesses, including Championship Sports Flooring in Limestone, Cyr Construction in Caribou, Wolf Construction in Limestone, and Majais Corporation in Caribou.

He earned his LEED Green Associate certification from the Green Building Certification Institute in 2010 and his Construction Documents Technologist certification from the Construction Specifications Institute in 2009.

Bouchard began his duties on Nov. 25. ★

PTA Program

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for the board exam in January 2014.

The University began the two-year accreditation process in 2011, hiring Christopher Rolon to develop and lead the associate degree program. Since then, Rolon has worked with area hospitals to create partnerships with the program; collaborated with UMPI’s Athletic Training department and local physical therapy professionals on laying the program’s foundation in terms of policies, curriculum, and clinical site contracts; and Vanessa Patenaude has been hired to serve as a Professor and the program’s Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education.

In addition, the PTA program has established a PTA Lab in Wieden that features the latest equipment to prepare students for the various physical therapy settings they will encounter in their professional careers. Located in the room to the south of the auditorium, the PTA Lab includes parallel bars; wheelchairs, crutches, canes, and walkers; therapeutic modalities including electrical muscle stimulators and ultrasound; exercise equip-

ment including a pulley system, Upper Body Ergometer, weights, balls, and bands; and a smart projector system that responds to touch.

The main PTA lab has treatment tables that can accommodate 14 students and there is a secondary lab for hospital environment simulations that boasts an electric hospital bed and a patient vital signs monitor for heart rate, blood pressure, and EKG.

Right now, the PTA program has a class of 13 qualified students who are taking PTA courses this fall, with another class completing their general education requirements for application to the program next spring.

“We are excited to see our first graduates pass the boards and begin work as licensed physical therapist assistants,” Rolon said. “With a solid start behind us, we are confident that there will be many UMPI PTA graduates to make a positive impact in the delivery of health care in Maine for many years to come.”

To learn more about UMPI’s PTA program, please contact Rolon at 768.9542 or christopher.rolon@umpi.edu. ★



Putnam presents at climate change conference

Dave Putnam, archaeologist/climate scientist and UMPI faculty member, recently took part in the Comer Abrupt Climate Change conference, an annual conference that draws top leaders and scientists from around the world to Wisconsin to discuss abrupt climate change research.

Putnam found himself in the company of some high level scientists during the conference. In attendance were three members of the U.S. National Academy of Science, as well as Ray Pierrehumbert, University of Chicago and lead author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report the year the panel received the Nobel Prize, and several Harvard, Princeton, and Columbia scientists, among others.

Topics at the conference ranged from capturing and recycling carbon dioxide to earthquakes caused by collapsing glaciers and how they're adding to sea level rise.

Putnam delivered a presentation on the Little Ice Age – the impact he argues that it had on the Mongol expansion across Eurasia, and how that illustrates the ways climate change impacts the rise and fall of civilizations. The Little Ice Age was the last period of extreme cooling prior to the climatic conditions known today.

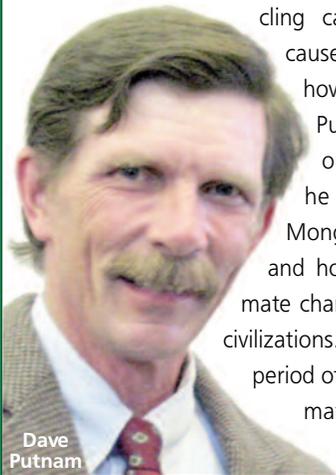
Scientists estimate that the

Little Ice Age began somewhere between 1100 and 1300 A.D. and ended around 1850.

Putnam's presentation was based on research that began with a trip to the Tarim Basin of northwestern China with his son Dr. Aaron Putnam, a climate scientist at Columbia University, and Dr. Chunzeng Wang, UMPI Associate Professor of Earth and Environmental Science. While in the Taklamakan desert, the team found centuries old signs of water, including mud cracks, mollusk burrows, and wood samples. They took samples of the wood to find out when the trees germinated and pinpoint when that desert region allowed for vegetation.

What Putnam asserted in his presentation was that, in addition to the other factors that contributed to the rise of the Mongol Empire, climate needed to be part of the equation. The cooling period associated with the Little Ice Age lowered the snow line in the Asian mountains, creating a colder and wetter climate, Putnam said. This was a boon to the pastoralist Mongols, whose nomadic way of life depended on finding water and grass for their herds, and a problem for the oasis agriculture-centered Uyghurs in northwest China, who depended on irrigation systems for their crops and struggled in the shorter and colder growing seasons.

Thus, the wetter climate provided more grass for the Mongols' livestock and horses, but agricultural efforts like farming suffered. That, Putnam said, gave the Mongols a "perfect storm" of sorts for expanding their empire. ★



Dave Putnam

McCartney makes research visit to Japan

Kevin McCartney, UMPI Professor of Geology, spent the Thanksgiving week with research colleagues at Yamagata University in Japan. He was invited to present a talk at the University, titled "Silicoflagellate double skeletons: a summary of recent observations of fossil and modern specimens." He also worked with several graduate students there on various projects.

McCartney's research specialty is the silicoflagellates, which are single-celled plants that live in ocean waters. "This group of organisms is significant enough," McCartney said, "but is generally overshadowed by other groups, such as the diatoms, that are far more important."

There are very few people in the

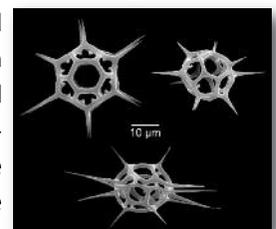
world who have a good understanding of his group, but there are many specialists of other groups that encounter silicoflagellates of interest.

Such scientists sometimes see in their own work unusual silicoflagellate specimens that relate to McCartney's research. Some of these colleagues work with the scanning electron microscope, which provides especially detailed photographs. The data and photos collected by these colleagues have enabled McCartney to be very productive in the last several years. A recent article that he submitted to a biology journal has a dozen co-authors from eight countries.

McCartney's week in Japan included work with a colleague there on two

papers, and interaction with several graduate students. These students are doing work in

several microorganism groups, and McCartney provided training on silicoflagellates so they can recognize unusual specimens in the future and take photographs. One of these students had already sent McCartney some very interesting photographs of silicoflagellates, and is co-author to a paper recently submitted to an international journal. McCartney expects this trip to lead to further collaborative research. ★



Silicoflagellate Double Skeletons

UMPI group attends regional geological conference

A group of UMPI Environmental Studies and Sustainability (ESS) program faculty and students attended the 105th annual meeting of the New England Intercollegiate Geological Conference (NEIGC), held at Millinocket Lake in the Katahdin region earlier this fall. NEIGC is a conference composed of three days of field trips led by regional experts to locations of geological and historical significance. It is designed to facilitate field-based interactions and dialogue between regional college students, faculty, and professional geologists.

Scott Belair, a recent UMPI ESS program graduate, and his wife, Leigh Belair, an UMPI adjunct instructor, hosted the UMPI group at their camp on Millinocket Lake. Students Andy Hunt, Henry Meyer, Mike Henderson, Angie Paul, Ray Kohutka, Jared Dickinson, Chris Staples, Gary Parent, and Dayton Maxcy were accompanied by ESS faculty Chunzeng Wang and David Putnam.

On the first day of the trip, Putnam led a group to South Branch Pond in Baxter State Park. Most of the group walked around Lower South Branch Pond on a trip led by Tom Weddle, Maine Geological Survey. Bob Johnston, Maine Geological Survey, led another group, including Jared Dickinson, up North Traveler Mountain. Wang took another group on a trip led by Adam Schoonmaker of Utica College and William Kidd of University at Albany to the area around Chesuncook Lake and Ripogenus Gorge.

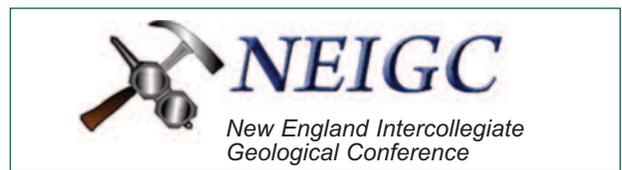
On Saturday, Wang took Kohutka, Dickinson, Maxcy, and Hunt on a climb up Roaring Brook to Chimney Pond in Baxter State Park to see Katahdin granite and glaciated landforms. Putnam and Parent chauffeured the remaining students on a trip to Katahdin Ironworks and Gulf Hugas. During the trip, Angie Paul and Mike Henderson, Maliseet and Micmac tribal members, were able to collect natural red ochre at the old pit at Katahdin Ironworks.

On Sunday, Wang took the UMPI crew on the final field trip to Sugarloaf Mountain in the Shin Pond area. Led by Maine State Geologist Robert Marvinney, this trip focused on investigating an historic outcrop of fossils that supports the concept of an intervening Ordovician ocean, and therefore plate tectonic theory.

UMPI students have attended NEIGC every year for more than 18 years. NEIGC began in 1901 with a field trip led by William Morris Davis to the terraces of the Westfield River in south-central Massachusetts, reported in Davis' 1902 paper in *American Journal of Science*. The conference has met annually since that time, with exceptions during World Wars I and II, and a two-year gap during 1913 and 1914. The NEIGC may be the oldest "non-organization" in North America whose sole purpose is to organize and present field trips in areas of recent geologic mapping and topical studies. ★



UMPI Professor Chunzeng Wang, second from left, took several UMPI students on a field trip guided by Bob Johnston of the Maine Geological Survey up Roaring Brook to Chimney Pond in Baxter State Park to see Katahdin granite and glaciated landforms as part of the New England Intercollegiate Geologic Conference. Pictures are, from left, Andrew Hunt, Wang, Dayton Maxcy, Ray Kohutka, and Jared Dickinson.



UMPI Environmental Studies and Sustainability (ESS) program faculty and students attended the 105th annual meeting of the New England Intercollegiate Geologic Conference (NEIGC), held at Millinocket Lake in the Katahdin region. Here, a group takes part in a field trip to the Katahdin Ironworks pit to learn about geological features of significance there.



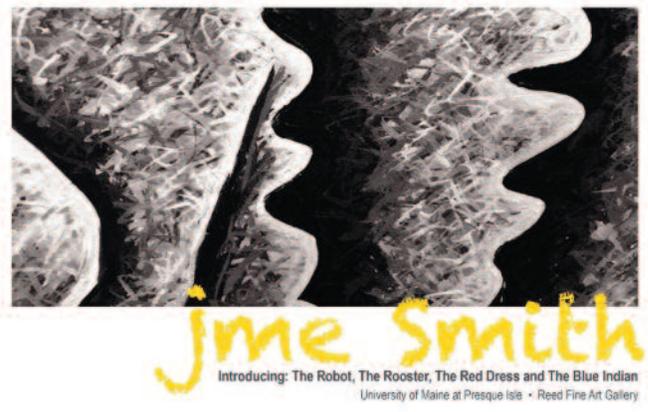
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Reed Gallery presents Jme Smith exhibit

The Reed Fine Art Gallery is presenting *The Robot, The Rooster, The Red Dress, and The Blue Indian* by Jme Smith through Jan. 11, 2014. The public is invited to view the exhibition throughout the show's run.

Jme Smith is a local artist living in Caribou, Maine, and an UMPI alumnus. Though he grew up in central Maine, and lived for a period of time in southern Maine, he now calls Caribou "home"—living back where both his parents were born and raised. His work is of a contemporary nature, whether doing landscapes, or his toy-inspired art. This show will introduce *The Robot, The Rooster, The Red Dress, and The Blue Indian*, from the third set of his "four set series"—*Inspired by Toys*. Smith encourages: "Children of ALL ages are welcomed!"

"When you meet Jme Smith, you know that he is one who enjoys what he does," Heather Sincavage, Director of the Reed Fine Art Gallery, commented. "Smith's exhibit reflects his fun-loving nature in each energetic brushstroke. His work nearly vibrates off the walls!"



This exhibit is part of the Reed's mission to feature local, regional, and international work. Sincavage explained, "We have been so thrilled to support our local artists and show off the excellence right here in our back yard."

Smith rounds out the 2013 calendar year after an illustrious year of work at the Reed Gallery featuring Painter Anderson Giles, Photographer Joyce Tenneson, and the accomplished basket weavers of the Mi'kmaq and Maliseet tribes.

The Reed Fine Art Gallery is open Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is closed Sundays and University holidays. For more information about this exhibit, please contact Sincavage at 768.9442 or heather.sincavage@umpi.edu. ★

Sincavage completes international art residencies

UMPI Assistant Professor of Fine Art Heather Sincavage spent several months this summer and fall working in locations throughout Europe after being awarded three art residencies—two of them with fellowships—to focus on her art work.

Sincavage participated in art residencies at the Arteles Creative Center in Hameenkyro, Finland; at the Can Serrat International Art Center in Barcelona, Spain; and at the Nes Artist Residency in Skagastrond, Iceland. Based on the strength of her application and artistic merit, she was awarded fellowships from both Arteles and Can Serrat.

Sincavage's journey began with a one-month residency in July at the Arteles Creative Center. According to the center's website, it is one of the most international creative residency programs

in the Arctic area, welcoming more than 80 selected visual artists, curators, musicians, writers, performance artists, photographers and designers per year. While in Finland, Sincavage focused her artistic energies on molded paper, wood, graphite, and silver leaf. At residency's end, her work was featured in the exhibition "Sideshow" at the Heiska Historical Homestead in Hameenkyro.

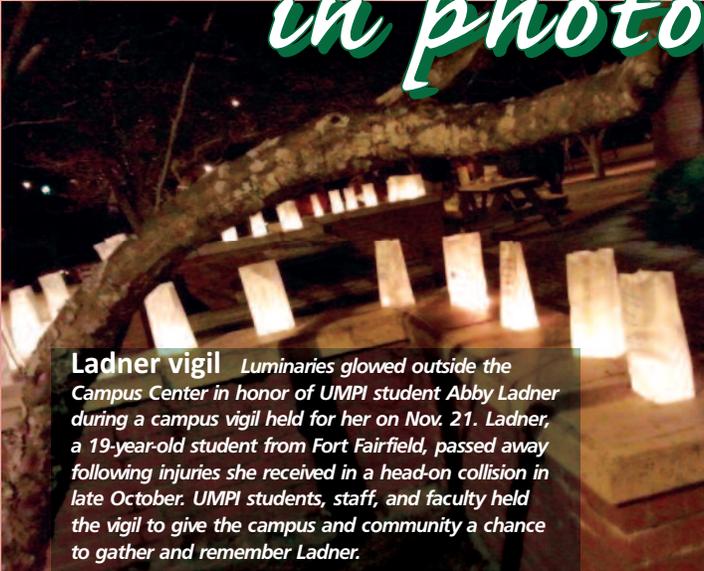
Sincavage then traveled directly to Barcelona to spend the month of August at Can Serrat. According to its website, Can Serrat was founded in 1988 by a group of 12 Norwegian artists whose primary purpose was to create an exciting working and living space for themselves and others. During her time in Spain, Sincavage continued her work on paper, but expanded her canvas to the actual walls and floors of her studio space.

Sincavage next traveled to Iceland for a month-long stay in September at the Nes Artist Residency. Nes, located on the water in a former fish processing plant, was founded in 2008 and is a member of the Remote Network of Artist Residencies in the Nordic and Baltic Regions.

Sincavage's studio space was in the original fish cooler of the processing plant. This allowed her to work with the black sand from the beach outside her front door. Other materials (due to the slow postal service) included assembled paper, graphite, turmeric and her own body.

Now back from her travels, Sincavage is refining the pieces and themes she worked on during her residencies and expects to display some of her work in an exhibit next spring. ★

UMPI in photos



Ladner vigil Luminaries glowed outside the Campus Center in honor of UMPI student Abby Ladner during a campus vigil held for her on Nov. 21. Ladner, a 19-year-old student from Fort Fairfield, passed away following injuries she received in a head-on collision in late October. UMPI students, staff, and faculty held the vigil to give the campus and community a chance to gather and remember Ladner.



PTA fun The PTA Program held a special class in November that welcomed local kids for a “playdate” that also helped UMPI students identify motor skills and development in young children. Here, they enjoy fun activities in the gym.



Rotary award Two Presque Isle Rotarians, who also happen to be UMPI employees, were honored during the Rotary District 7810 Annual Conference held in Miramichi, New Brunswick. Nancy Fletcher received the Paul Harris Fellow award, the highest honor a Rotarian can receive, and Rachel Rice received the Past District Governor Frank Hussey Award as Rotarian of the Year. Fletcher is the Head of Access Services at the UMPI Library and Rice is UMPI’s Director of Community and Media Relations. Pictured are, from left, Rice, Presque Isle Rotary Club President Ralph McPherson, and Fletcher.

CGS Visit A China Geological Survey delegation that included four geologists and GIS specialists recently visited UMPI and UMPI’s GIS laboratory as part of a major trip that included stops at the Oracle headquarters in Silicon Valley and ESRI headquarters (a major GIS software developer) in Redlands, California. The delegation was led by Dr. Chaoling Li, Deputy Chief Scientist of the China Geological Survey Development and Research Center, and Dr. Minghua Zhang, Director of the China Geological Survey Geoinformatics Engineering Center. During their visit at UMPI on Nov. 14 and 15, the delegation toured the campus and the GIS Laboratory. The delegation also met UMPI’s President Linda Schott, Provost Michael Sonntag, College of Arts and Sciences Chair and Vice Chair Ray Rice and Jason Johnston, as well as several faculty in the Environmental Studies and Sustainability program. Both parties discussed future collaboration in research and exchange in GIS and geology. The delegation was invited and facilitated by Dr. Chunzeng Wang, Associate Professor in Geology and GIS. Dr. Wang has served as external consultant geologist for one of the large-scale projects at the China Geological Survey Development and Research Center since 2011. He was invited to visit the Center in fall 2011 and summer 2013 to give presentations and conduct workshops. Pictured during the delegation visit at UMPI are, from left to right: Chunzeng Wang, Jianqiang Li, Chaoling Li, President Linda Schott, Xia Lv, and Minghua Zhang. ★



Sports! Sports! Sports!

Men's Basketball welcomes Nick Krause to team

The newest signee of the UMPI Men's Basketball Program may not be as tall as most of Head Coach Jim Casciano's recruits, but if success is measured by heart and courage, Nick Krause will be a shining example of what a teammate should be.

From Fort Fairfield, 13-year-old Nick Krause joined the UMPI Men's Basketball Team at a ceremony on Dec. 10.

"I am excited to welcome Nick Krause as the newest member of our basketball program. Nick comes to us through Team IMPACT," Casciano said. "We look forward to Nick making a difference on our team because of his work ethic, perseverance, and attitude."

Krause is part of the national service organization Team IMPACT (Inspire, Motivate, and Play Against Challenges Together), which matches youngsters with debilitating or life-threatening illnesses with college sports teams. Krause has epilepsy and has endured the effects of seizures and severe memory loss for the past three years.

As a new member of the UMPI team, Krause will be on hand for practices and

the Owl student-athletes will continue to interact with him and his family as the season progresses. Krause and his family have already helped the team to a win! He was on hand to cheer his new teammates onto victory at their Dec. 11 game against rival UMFK.

Team IMPACT is the brainchild of several close friends, most of whom attended Tufts University together, including Dan Kraft, son of Patriots owner Robert Kraft, and Jay Calnan, who provides office space for the organization at his J. Calnan & Associates business in Quincy. The group decided it wanted to take the traditional model of a mentoring program to a new level, according to Dan Walsh, Tufts class of '87, who recently stepped down as Team IMPACT's executive director when the group hired a new chief executive.

"The concept itself has been around forever," Walsh said. On the group's website, www.goteamimpact.org, he said, "We reference at least a half-dozen other programs. Among the oldest is 'Picking Up Butch' at Middlebury College. It's a really simple concept, really powerful.



Nick Krause holds up his new jersey as Coach Jim Casciano congratulates him as the newest member of the Owls basketball team.

Everybody wins."

The friends provided the money to start Team IMPACT, and launched the program with the St. Anselm's College hockey team in Manchester, NH, in 2011.

Today, Walsh estimates that Team IMPACT oversees partnerships in 37 states nationwide, with roughly 1,200 children participating. Those numbers are in constant flux, as the program looks to match more children with teams.

Coach Casciano obviously picked a winner when he signed Krause. Not only has the team already enjoyed meeting and hanging out with their new teammate and his family, but the Owls are undefeated with Nick Krause on the team! ★



Legassie finishes 5th at USCAA Nationals

In her last race for the Owls, UMPI's Kayla

Legassie combined her coaches and her own race strategies to improve upon her 2012 USCAA National Championship 7th place, All-American performance.

Going into the USCAA Cross Country National

Championships, held at SUNY-ESF in Syracuse, NY on Nov. 8, Legassie and Coach Chris Smith looked to have her at least in the top 15 with a 6:20 to 6:25 opening mile intended to serve the purpose. At the mile mark, Coach Smith was a bit apprehensive as Legassie was a full 10 to 15 seconds ahead of pace at 6:10 and in fifth position.

"Kayla started a bit quick-

ly," Smith noted, "but her ability to recover within races all season was assuring."

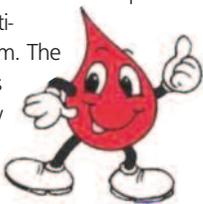
At the mile and a half point, Legassie was in sixth place and was passed on a steep hill just after the three kilometer mark.

"The very hilly terrain and soft, wet, and snowy conditions made this course more of a strength challenge, a type of course suited to *continued on page 11*

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UMPI hosts annual spring blood drive

The University will host a blood drive on Tuesday, Jan. 28 from noon to 5 p.m. in the Campus Center's Multi-Purpose Room. The blood drive is sponsored by the University's Residence Life Office, the Brothers of Kappa Delta Phi, the Sisters of Kappa Delta Phi NAS, and Phi Eta Sigma – National Honor Society. Walk-ins are welcome, both campus and community members, and door prizes will be given away during the drive. If donors wish to reserve a time in advance, they should call 1-800-RED-CROSS or sign up at the online appointment scheduler at www.redcrossblood.org. Just click on "Search by Zip code" and enter 04769. Each year, the UMPI Residence Life Office helps the Red Cross coordinate three blood drives on campus, one in the sum-



mer, one in the fall and one in the spring. Since 1987, over 4,700 pints of blood have been collected at UMPI. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the blood drive. Anyone interested in volunteering or in need of more information should call 768.9601 or email james.stepp@umpi.edu.

Baseball team holds fundraiser

UMPI's Baseball team is holding a fundraiser: an UMPI gear sale. Thanks to Greg Doak in the Campus Store they are able to offer some great gear at good prices. Everything they are selling is Under Armor, and orders will be made on Feb. 7. You can put an order in by contacting any one of the baseball players or Coach Michael Pankow in his office in Wieden or michael.pankow@umpi.edu. The team is offering a Tech Tee in white for \$25, a Team Zone long sleeve shirt in charcoal/white for \$30, a fleece hoodie in camo for \$50,

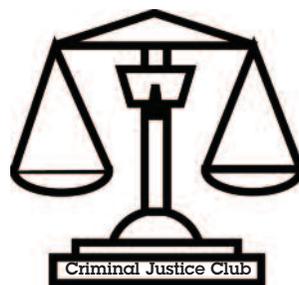


micro shorts in royal for \$25, fleece pants in carbon heather for \$40, Blustery Beanie hats in royal for \$20, and a flatbill snapback hat in royal for \$25. Please pay for your gear when you place your order.

CJ Club holding prize-a-day raffle

The UMPI CJ Club will be holding their prize-a-day raffle again for the month of February 2014. This year it is an even better deal: for just \$5 you have 28 chances to win, and you can win more than once as the daily winning tickets are reentered. For each day in February 2014, the CJ Club will be drawing winners for daily prizes valued from \$20 - \$200. Some of the prizes are gift cards of various amounts at the following places – Star City Coffee,

Country Collectibles, House of Pizza, Dunkin Donuts, the Braden Theater and Wilders Jewelry. The fundraiser is approved by Student Activities and is in support of the CJ Club and Alpha Phi Sigma (CJ Honor Society) upcoming trip to Philadelphia to attend the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meetings. Tickets will be sold until Jan. 31 and may be purchased from Lisa Leduc, Rich Landry, Idella Thompson, Riley Hutchinson, Mitch Bartlett,



Skylah Gendreau, Ben Hamilton, Cory Rideout, Craig Pullen, Tonya Godin and Morgan Svitila.

Visual Memoirs at SAGE

They came to class with giant tote bags and wheeled carts, massive plastic bins, bulging plastic bags and overflowing storage boxes. They carried glue guns, scissors, rocks, fabric, paper, cabinet cards,

Girl Scout badges, baby shoes, tintypes, World War II medals, games pieces, canning equipment, and just about anything else they could load up for the four week SAGE class that recently finished at UMPI.



Adema O'Bar of Caswell created a box assemblage about canning, which she does all summer long and into the fall each year, for her Visual Memoir project.

Called VISUAL MEMOIRS, this class was a rather unique offering at SAGE, as Marilee Morgan said, "not much lecture but lots of hands on." The course was created by Pam Crawford, a new SAGE member who had taken a written memoirs class at SAGE last spring. A self-taught artist and recently retired teacher, she realized then that many people who do not wish to write memoirs might well enjoy creating a 3-D memoir instead, using

collected memorabilia to do so. Students were encouraged to determine how they might best depict the memories they wanted to share via art and to develop a piece over the duration of the class. Course participants were given several exercises to generate memoir project ideas, among them creating a life line and then a mind map of ideas for designing a particular project. Since each student would be creating something unique and very personal, a general supply list was provided but each student then rummaged through lifelong collections, stored boxes of family heirlooms, school yearbooks, dusty photo albums, and even a sister's house to find the items most useful for their personal memoirs. The class was enjoyed by everyone! ★



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Tobacco Free Workshop held at Houlton Center

On Sept. 25, the Houlton Center joined with Healthy Aroostook to present information for students, staff, and the visiting public about the dangers of cigarette smoke and the benefits of healthy snacks. All were invited to stop by their two display tables for healthy snacks, sign up for one of two \$25 gift cards, and to help themselves to nutrition,

physical activity, and tobacco information and resources. Apples from MSAD District 1, Agri-science and Natural Resources Farm School in Presque Isle were provided as a healthy snack alternative. ★



UMPI Owl Relay for Life Team FUNDRAISER

UMPI's Owl Relay for Life Team is selling tickets for an ongoing fundraiser. An UMPI Camp Chair has been donated and they are selling tickets, 1 for \$1 or 7 for \$5. The chair is on display in the Financial Aid Office. If you would like to buy tickets, please stop by the Financial Aid Office or one of the people listed below. Thanks for your support!



STEW NIGHT

Don't want to cook supper on Friday, Jan. 24? Then come and eat with us – and we will also do the dishes! The UMPI Owl Relay for Life Team will be hosting its 3rd Annual Stew Night at the Presque Isle Snowmobile Club (Echo Lake Drive) on Friday, Jan. 24, from 5 – 7 p.m. There will be stew, chili, and chowder, as well as hot dogs, chili dogs, desserts and much more. The cost will run from \$1 to \$6 on single items/combos. All proceeds will go towards the American Cancer Society.

- FMI - Lisa Leduc: lisa.leduc@umpi.edu
- Laurie Boucher: laurie.boucher@umpi.edu
- Nancy Nichols: nancy.g.nichols@umpi.edu

We want to hear about your news & events!

If you would like to submit an item for the February 2014 issue, the deadline for submissions is 4:30p.m. Monday, Jan. 27. Submissions received after that date may not be included.

Email news or event information to: gshaw@umpi.edu.

Sports! Sports! Sports!

Legassie

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Kayla. I told her that she was going to be passed for seventh but to settle in, recover on the flat after the two-mile mark and to then go to work," Smith said.

After emerging from a wooded area at the 2.6 mile point, Legassie had regained the sixth position and had her sights on two runners 40 meters ahead. After maintaining that gap for the next kilometer, Coach Smith reported next seeing Legassie with 600 meters to go.

Legassie gained on the runners ahead before out-kicking one to gain the fifth position in the field of 148 runners. Her time of 24:39 over the six kilometer distance was 53 seconds better than her 2012

performance in Lake Placid. Her top finish this year garnered her a USCAA All-American First Team honor.

Legassie, who has only been competing in the sport since last year, was a soccer standout in high school and began competing in cross country running for the first time during her junior year. She is also an excellent scholar-athlete. A senior Pre-Med Biology major, she plans on going to Physician Assistant school after graduation. Coach Smith said that in the 27 years he's been coaching, he would rank Legassie in his top 7 list of all-time best women runners. ★

... more from the USCAA Nationals

Also during the USCAA Cross Country National Championships, Senior **Philip Boody** (New Sweden) finished 42nd with a time of 30:39.2 in the 8K Men's National Championship, Sophomore **Corey Hebert** (West Baldwin) finished 56th at 31:09.5, and Sophomore **Jesse Sandstrom** (Caribou) took 123rd place (in the 183 participant race) at 34:27.6. Go Owls!!! ★



activities 12.16.2013–2.11.2014

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Dec 16

Final Examinations begin

Dec 17

Bio-Med Club mtg, 12:30pm, CC118

Dec 19

Games Club mtg, 6pm, Owl's Nest

Dec 20

Final Examinations end ■ Games Club Warmachine mtg, 6:30pm, Pullen 111

Dec 28

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

Jan 2

Games Club mtg, 6:30pm, Owl's Nest

Jan 3

Games Club Warmachine mtg, 6:30pm, Pullen 111

Jan 4

Elks Club Hoop Shoot 9am, Wieden Gym

Jan 5

Bridal Runway Show 4pm, MPR

Jan 9

Games Club mtg, 6:30pm, Owl's Nest

Jan 10

Live Action Role Playing 6:30pm, Pullen 112, 113 & F105 ■ Games Club

Warmachine mtg, 6:30pm, Pullen 111

Jan 16

Games Club mtg, 6:30pm, Owl's Nest

Jan 17

Games Club Warmachine mtg, 6:30pm, Pullen 111

Jan 20

M.L.King Jr. birthday offices closed

Jan 21

Classes begin ■ Bio-Med Club mtg, 12:30pm, CC118

Jan 23

Games Club mtg, 6:30pm, Owl's Nest ■ Welcome Back Dance 10pm, St. John & Aroostook Rooms

Jan 24

Games Club Warmachine mtg, 6:30pm, F105

Jan 25

Games Club mtg, 6:30pm, Pullen 112, 113, & F105

Jan 26

Kappa Delta Phi mtg, 6:30pm, Alumni Room

Jan 27

Last day to add a class ■ UMPI/Community Band practice, 6:30pm, Wieden Auditorium

Jan 28

Blood Drive Noon, MPR ■ Bio-Med Club mtg, 12:30pm, CC118

Jan 29

Last day to drop from a class/University

Jan 30

Games Club mtg, 6:30pm, Owl's Nest

Jan 31

Last day to request pass/fail option ■

Congratulations

Bryan Jennings
November Student of the Month

Bryan, from Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia, Canada, will graduate this December with a major in Biology/Pre-medical and a minor in Chemistry and



Physical Science. Bryan is an outstanding role model, an inspirational leader, and has consistently been on the Dean's List. He has many achievements in class, as a resident assistant, and as an assistant basketball coach. Bryan is extremely active on campus as a student, role model, and community member. His fellow RA staff members refer to him as a natural leader.

Again, congratulations, Bryan! ★

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