

UMPI participates in 25th Annual Light Parade

The University was pleased to be a part of northern Maine's largest Holiday Light Parade on Saturday, Dec. 6, with an inventive new float, as well as its annual holiday reception at Gentile Hall ahead of the 25th annual parade. The Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Light Parade always draws thousands of spectators to the Downtown for what has become a traditional kick-off to the season in The County.

This year's UMPI float won the parade champion trophy. It featured a 10-foot-high inflated plastic snow globe complete with a holiday tree and two UMPI students inside enjoying a snowball fight. The completely homemade snow globe was created by UMPI Art professor Hyrum Benson and students in the UMPI Art Club-Studio 923. Accompanying the float were UMPI

President Linda Schott and family, as well as a crew of UMPI Owls carrying lighted snowflake poles, a few little owls (Mike and Leeanna Holmes' twin two-year-olds Bronwyn and Greyson), and, of course, the mascot Hootie!

This year's parade route started at UMPI with the annual Holiday Open House and refreshments at Gentile Hall and ended at North Street Healthcare facility with the parade awards ceremony as well as hot cocoa and cookies inside the main lobby/walk-in clinic area as the entries made their way to North Street.



A big UMPI Owls crew participated in the 25th annual Holiday Light Parade on Dec. 6. This year's UMPI float won the parade champion trophy.

"The route was changed this year as it was getting more difficult to control traffic flow on North Street and there was concern about the safety of the organizers and participants," said Theresa Fowler, executive director of the Central Aroostook *continued on page 2*

UMPI hosts 1st Northern Maine Regional Brain Bee

UMPI Biology professor Dr. Rachael Hannah and Aroostook County high school teachers worked together to hold the 1st Northern Maine Regional Brain Bee on Dec. 12 on the UMPI campus. The event was held in conjunction with faculty from the University of Maine at Machias and



the University of New England as they held the Eastern Maine Regional Brain Bee and the Southern Maine Regional Brain Bee, respectively, on their campuses on the same day.

These events are associated with the International Brain Bee, a not-for-profit neuroscience competition designed especially for high

school students that tests their understanding of brains and the nervous system, and how they work together.

About 75 Aroostook County students attended the event and the winner, Marta Herzog from Presque Isle, earned the opportunity to travel to Baltimore, Maryland, in March to

compete in the National Brain Bee.

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

Participants enjoyed lunch at UMPI and then test-

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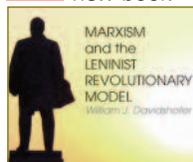
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UMPI teams up with SALT™ on student money management

The University has teamed up with SALT™, a program created by the non-profit organization American Student Assistance, to help UMPI students and alumni become more financially savvy and provide them with skills to better manage their money and student loans.

The SALT™ program rewards students and alumni for making smart money decisions, and, through UMPI, all services and membership are offered free of charge. To take advantage of members-only features, participants are asked to activate a SALT™ membership, which gives them access to:

- ✓ Interactive money management tools that show participants how to take control of their finances.
- ✓ A personal dashboard that tracks a participant's federal student loans from UMPI in one place.

- ✓ Loan advice from SALT's expert counselors.
- ✓ My Money 101—a self-paced, online resource that teaches practical money management strategies for budgeting, credit cards, banking and more.
- ✓ Access to thousands of jobs and internships to jumpstart a career.
- ✓ Exclusive benefits that help participants save and spend smart.

To activate a SALT™ membership, go to www.saltmoney.org to sign up and receive benefits that will help in the next step after college graduation and beyond. For more information or to get questions answered, call SALT's Member Support team at 1.855.469.2724 or email them at salt@saltmoney.org. For help with college loans, call SALT's Loan Counselling Support staff at 1.877.523.9473 or email them at loan-help@saltmoney.org. ★

Community

Women, Work and Community workshop

Women, Work and Community, located on the UMPI campus in South Hall, will be offering My Money Works on Wednesdays, Jan. 21 – Feb. 18, from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. in South Hall. Learn how to live on a budget, use credit wisely, set up a savings plan, and achieve your financial goals. Pre-registration is required. Contact Suzanne Senechal-Jandreau at 768.9635 or senechal@maine.edu for more information or to register. ★



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Chamber of Commerce.

During parade line-up, UMPI staffers Josh MacKinnon, Bethany Lord, Jonathan Ouellette, and Gayla Shaw and her husband Allen Shaw served as a “hosting crew,” delivering hot cocoa, cookies, and good cheer to people waiting in line for the parade to begin.

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

For the second consecutive year, the Holiday Light Parade included the lighting of a 25-foot-tall tree in front of Clukey's Auto Supply on Main Street. The Lights of Life Tree has hundreds of lights representing survivors, family and friends of survivors, caregivers, and others who have been touched by cancer in some way. The tree was lit by Janet McGillan of Fort Fairfield, wife of the late Fred “JR” McGillan, who owned and operated McGillan, Inc. until he lost his battle with cancer earlier this year. Joining her were the couple's three children 22-year-old son Shane, 19-year-old daughter Kellyn, and 11-year-old son Jared. This year's Lights of Life program is

dedicated in memory of JR McGillan.

During the parade, there were several special charitable collections underway.

Volunteers with Catholic Charities

Maine collected non-perishable food and monetary donations to help Feed The County. For the eleventh year, Northern Maine Community College distributed thousands of new and gently-used books to children. Members of the Presque Isle High School Key Club collected gently worn clothing items along the parade route to donate to those in need. Members of UMPI's Student Education Association of Maine (SEAM) assisted with this effort. ★



UMPI students Eric Edgecomb and Kelsie Kalka volunteered to be inside a snow globe, this year's UMPI light parade float.



UMPI groups focused on sexual assault awareness efforts

Yes means yes”—this is one of the messages that University groups are working to promote as they focus on sexual assault awareness and prevention efforts across campus.

In November, the University of Maine System Board of Trustees adopted an updated systemwide sexual assault policy that changes the definition of consent and mandates training for members of the university community. According to the policy, which covers sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, relationship violence, stalking and retaliation, “consent must be informed, freely and actively given, and consist of a mutually agreeable and understandable exchange of words or actions” and can be withdrawn at any time.

As part of the policy, all students and new employees are required to participate in sexual assault prevention online training. At UMPI, officials are highly recommending that all employees complete the training. In addition, the policy makes all employees mandatory reporters when they receive information about incidents of sexual discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual assault.

“This is about educating people so they understand what

is appropriate behavior and what isn’t, and preventing students from engaging or performing some kind of act that might haunt them the rest of their lives either as a felony conviction or simply as a horrible incident that someone suffers from,” President Linda Schott said.

The University has established a committee composed of campus and community leaders to work on issues connected with the new sexual assault policy. For example, the committee is working with community organizations like AMHC and the Hope & Justice Project on protocols and trauma services.

In addition, the University’s Diversity and Inclusiveness Committee is working on sexual assault awareness as part of its mission. The group is taking on the “Yes Means Yes” message promotion, as well as the “It’s On Us” national campaign, a program of the Center for American Progress that works to let everyone know they have a role to play in preventing sexual assault. The committee is working to get campus members to make short videos connected with these messages so they can be showcased during University Day and on social media. As well, an area of the UMPI website is being carved out to share information about these efforts and initiatives. ★

UMPI SOSW to host grad school info sessions

UMPI’s Student Organization of Social Workers will host two graduate school informational sessions, featuring graduate school representatives from the University of New England and the University of Maine, from 12:30-1:30 P.M. on Thursdays, Jan. 22 and 29.

Wanda Anderson, LCSW, Coordinator of Online Field Education and Clinical Associate Professor at UNE, MSW program, will give the Jan. 22 presentation in Room 118 of the Campus Center. The following week, Susan Reisman (Kaye), MS, MBA, Split Cohort Coordinator at UMaine, will deliver her presentation, also in Room 118 of the Campus Center.

“SOSW is a dynamic student organization involved in giving back to the community while fostering professional development on campus,” Shirley Rush, UMPI BSW Program Director, said. “Networking

and sharing resources is part of our professional, collegial process.”

Social work is a profession concerned with promoting the well-being of people and includes assisting individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities to achieve life-enhancing goals. The profession is especially concerned with the advancement of economic and social justice. The BSW program at UMPI is nationally accredited with the Council of Social Work Education as are the MSW programs at UNE and UM. Although a completed Bachelor’s degree is required to apply for graduate school, the degree may be in a number of related fields.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2014-2015 Edition, employment of social workers is projected to grow 19 percent from

2012-2022, faster than the average for all occupations.

Commonly, UMPI students graduating with a BSW have relevant employment lined up before they leave campus. In the past three years, most UMPI BSW students have moved directly into their employment at the close of the school year.

Many BSW holders choose to continue their education at the Master’s level. Currently, one UMPI BSW alumna is enrolled in the Master’s degree program at UNE and seven UMPI BSW alumni are enrolled in the MSW program at UMaine. Another BSW/UMPI alumna is enrolled at Columbia University in the City of New York.

Both presentations are accessible, free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Rush at 768.9427. ★

McCartney publishes two science papers

UMPI Trustees Professor Kevin McCartney recently published two papers in international science journals. Both papers are about the silicoflagellate double skeletons. These are two paired skeletons that were connected prior to the division of the microorganism into two cells. One of the articles was published in the journal *Marine Micropaleontology* and the other in the *Journal of Nannoplankton Research*. McCartney is first author on both articles, which include 12 other authors from eight countries in Europe, Asia and Australia.

Both articles are interesting in terms of Dr. McCartney's scientific career, because they deal with modern organisms rather than the fossils that he usually studies. Five years ago, he found a very rare fossil double skeleton in sediments from northern Canada. This is still the oldest silicoflagellate double skeleton ever found, and first that he had ever personally observed. He found that there was very little scientific literature on the topic, with only a few photographs of the modern double skeletons available. So he brought together a group of scientists from around the world, who supplied specimens or photographs for his study.

Right now, McCartney is conducting his "Silicoflagellates Around the World" research trip—an adventure that includes stops



UMPI Geology Professor Kevin McCartney recently completed participation in the 3rd Short Course on Siliceous Microorganisms at the University of Szczecin, in Poland. The course fielded well known scientists from around the world and 25 graduate students from eight countries, on three continents.

in Japan, China and Poland—after being awarded a University of Maine System Trustees Professorship for the Fall Semester.

McCartney spent three weeks in Japan finishing work on three more papers. Two of these papers are also on modern silicoflagellates. He has described a new variety and made an interesting discovery that provides clues on the evolutionary history of one of the modern species. He is also submitting an article that describes a new genus.

McCartney is completing a two-month stay in Poland. While there, his work includes teaching a short course for international graduate students (see above) and work with colleagues on fossil silicoflagellates, from 50 million and 110 million years ago. ★



Local students participate in sheep brain dissection as part of the 1st Northern Maine Regional Brain Bee event on Dec. 12.

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ed their "brain facts knowledge" during the official Brain Bee competition.

Founded by Dr. Norbert Myslinski of the University of Maryland, this competition is

intended to increase high school students' interest in the brain and inspire them to pursue careers in brain research.

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



Area high school students investigated cockroach neurons as part of their visit to campus during the 1st Northern Maine Regional Brain Bee. The not-for-profit neuroscience competition, designed especially for high school students, tests their understanding of brains and the nervous system, and how they work together. Neuroscience activities were held in the morning and the Brain Bee competition was held in the afternoon.

Roe receives NSF research opportunity award

UMPI Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Judith Roe has been awarded a \$23,356 Research Opportunity Award from the National Science Foundation as part of a larger project being conducted at the University of California at Davis. Through her sub-award, Dr. Roe will work under the direction of Dr. Johanna Schmitt, UC Davis professor of Evolution and Ecology and the NSF award's principal investigator.

Dr. Roe will collaborate with Dr. Schmitt and several other researchers in California on a project focused on modeling the effects of variation on the evolution of natural populations of the plant *Arabidopsis thaliana*, a genetic model system and relative of broccoli and cabbage. Although found much further north in Europe, there is only one reported identification of *Arabidopsis* in Maine. Studies will be performed at UMPI to investigate the response of *Arabidopsis* to the present

and future climates of northern Maine and to identify genetic factors that might contribute to its adaptation to climate. Part of the funding will be used to involve UMPI Biology students in the research.

Researchers on the project believe that the UMPI campus provides a unique opportunity for studying the behavior of *Arabidopsis* on the edge of its range in North America.

Funds will support Dr. Roe's travels to the Schmitt laboratories, the conducting of field and chamber experiments



Under the same light and temperature conditions, different strains of *Arabidopsis* flower at different times. UMPI Biology faculty member Dr. Judy Roe is helping to explore the genetic basis of this differential response.

with *Arabidopsis* in northern Maine, and a stipend for a summer student researcher.

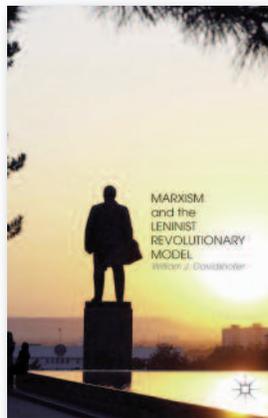
"The results we obtain should help scientists better understand the genetic basis of how plants respond to the environment, allowing them to better predict future plant behavior in a changing climate," Dr. Roe said. ★

Davidshofer published by Palgrave Macmillan

A professor who taught at the UMPI for more than 40 years has had a 200-page book published by one of the top global academic publishers. Dr. William Davidshofer, UMPI Professor Emeritus of Political Science, had a major work entitled *Marxism and the Leninist Revolutionary Model* published by Palgrave MacMillan this past September.

Davidshofer's book provides a unique comparative analysis of Marxist and Leninist philosophical, economic, and political theory—an analysis that is understandable to the typical undergraduate reader. Davidshofer explores Hegel's dialectic, historical materialism, and Lenin's interpretations of Marxist texts that led to his theory of socialist revolution. Davidshofer also details Marx's theory of the overaccumulation of capital and its impact on Lenin's wartime political strategy for national self-determination, as an instrument of socialist revolution.

Davidshofer's book was published in a hardbound edition. After 18 months, his publishing house will decide whether to also bring the work out in paperback.



Davidshofer currently serves as an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute [OLLI] instructor at Duke University, and his class preparations, along with the research and writing of his work, have kept him quite busy since his time at UMPI. Davidshofer said he was particularly fortunate to have the resources of the Duke University Library at his disposal, which included the library staff as well as the research materials, as he worked on his book.

Davidshofer and his wife Claire Davidshofer, who still teaches French classes online for UMPI, reside in Durham, North Carolina, and they wish the best to all of their friends in Presque Isle.

For details about Davidshofer's new book, please visit www.palgrave.com/page/detail/?k=9781137460295 or search for his book on Amazon.com. His book will also become part of the UMPI Library holdings. ★

UMPI faculty and staff help with adaptive recreation effort

A determined group of community members is working hard to bring adaptive recreation opportunities to Aroostook County, and UMPI is pleased to have several of its faculty and staff members serving as part of the driving force behind the effort.

Starting on Jan. 16, people with physical disabilities will be able to experience winter recreation activities like snowshoeing and Nordic skiing at the Nordic Heritage Center in Presque Isle thanks to a group called Beyond Limits: Awaken Your Potential. The group has partnered with the Nordic Heritage

Sports Club and Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation in order to offer these adaptive recreation activities. Maine Adaptive, based at Sunday River, has more than 30 years of experience offering adaptive winter recreation activities to people with physical disabilities.

Work on this effort started two years ago as part of a project in a UMPI class—Dr. Jacqui Lowman’s *PCJ 316: Advanced Professional Communication* course. One of the students in the class developed proposals to get the NHSC and Maine Adaptive to partner in bringing adaptive recreation to northern Maine.



Since then, Dr. Lowman said, it’s become a passion and she and a small group of volunteers have been working to make it a reality.

Maine Adaptive agreed to help but asked the group to raise funds needed for trainings and equipment, and to line up volunteers and participants. With the help of businesses and organizations like TAMC, MMG Insurance and Katahdin Trust Company, the group has raised more than \$15,000. In addition, several UMPI faculty and staff members have been among those to step up and help, including Amanda Baker, Bryan Thompson, Kim-Anne Perkins, Greg Doak, Chris Rolon, Vanessa Patenaude, Bonnie Wood, Paul Stone, and UMPI’s Nordic ski team.

Lowman and Baker completed volunteer orientation in November at Sunday River and will travel to Pineland Farms for more training in early January. Maine Adaptive’s Nordic skiing coordinator will visit Presque Isle Jan. 6-7 to conduct volunteer training.

Anyone age 4 and up with any kind of physical disability is invited to join Beyond Limits from Noon to 4 p.m. for their Friday activities. Central Aroostook ARC is providing busses so that transportation can be provided for those who do not have it. In addition, gear will be available and TAMC will be providing a hot meal for attendees. For more information, contact Lowman at 768.9745. ★

Alison Kieffer discusses thru-hike of Appalachian Trail

The UMPI Outing Club was pleased to present a powerful presentation by Appalachian Trail thru-hiker and UMPI alum Alison Kieffer on Dec. 9. Kieffer, who graduated in 2010, successfully hiked the 2,185.3-mile Appalachian Trail in 5 months and 11 days—from April to September—and she did it solo.

The club invited Kieffer to deliver an evening presentation on her trip and provide campus and community members with the opportunity to hear about her adventures.

Kieffer averaged about 13 miles per day during her trip, though as she got closer to home and the temperatures got colder, she moved more quickly, traveling upwards of 20 miles per day. While on the trail, she totes a backpack with about 30 pounds of food and camping equipment in it.

Kieffer shared beautiful pictures

taken during her thru-hike and told some of the amazing stories connected with her long walk home.

This particular trip is one that Kieffer had always wanted to do. And while the hike definitely tested her endurance, she persevered and showed where her wings could take her.

The UMPI Outing Club is the premier club for getting people outside and moving. The club hosts a wide range of events throughout the academic year, from rock climbing to hiking to overnight adventures around Maine and New England. Its activities are open to students, faculty, staff and members of the community. For more information about the club, please visit www.umpi.edu/gentle-hall/outingclub. ★



Reed Gallery presents exhibit on Presque Isle's past

The Reed Fine Art Gallery presents *Pictures, Postcards, and Plates: Souvenirs of Presque Isle's Past*, presented by the Presque Isle Historical Society, through Jan. 10, 2015. The public is invited to view the exhibition throughout the show's run. An Opening Reception for the show was held on Dec. 5 during the First Friday Art Walk.

Presque Isle Historical Society is responsible for numerous initiatives to educate the Presque Isle community about its past. The PIHS has one operating museum under its care, the 1875 Vera

Estey House Museum.

While Estey House focuses on the Estey legacy, the PIHS has a much wider array of artifacts to share with the community.

Pictures, Postcards, and Plates is an exhibition that has traveled a number of locations and will end its tour in the Reed Gallery. This particular venue will feature pieces not seen at other locations.

The exhibit will present



selections from the historical society's collection, featuring maps from 1870, 1887, and 1894.

Postcards show scenes from around town, including the University (formerly the Aroostook State Normal School). Souvenir dishes feature the St. John's School, Presque Isle High School, and more.

Kimberly R. Smith,

Secretary and Treasurer of the Presque Isle Historical Society, curated the exhibition. During the Dec. 5 reception, Smith, a recent New England Museum Association Community Role Model Awardee, conducted a gallery talk focused on how Presque Isle was a travel destination during the mid to late 1800s.

For more information about the Historical Society's collection, museum, and programming, please visit www.pihistory.org.

The Maine Humanities Council graciously sponsors this exhibit. ★

UMPI BFA students present Mini-Show

The UMPI Fine Art Program faculty members are pleased to announce the BFA Student Mini-Show, an event developed through the 2014 Fine Art Senior Thesis Exhibition course. The Mini-Show exhibition will be hosted in the Pullen Art Gallery through Jan. 20, 2015. An opening reception was held during the First Friday Art Walk on Dec. 5 with each artist conducting a short gallery talk.

The Fine Art Senior Thesis Exhibition, a six credit, academic-year-long course, is a capstone to UMPI's BFA program. The Senior Show allows enrolled students to have an experience similar to a graduate school environment. Students are required to prepare a body of work for the solo exhibition and defend it, orally and in writing, in order to graduate. The Mini-Show is meant to provide a sneak peek for the public as to what they will see during the Spring Exhibition season, as well as provide students with exhibition experience that will help them prepare for their Senior Shows.

The students featured this year include:

Jessalyn Levesque, a mixed media artist who works in multiple mediums, but is currently studying the relationship between plaster gauze and silk. The main focus of her work

is development, loss, and reconstruction of identity through the investigation of loss and attachment in the familial unit.

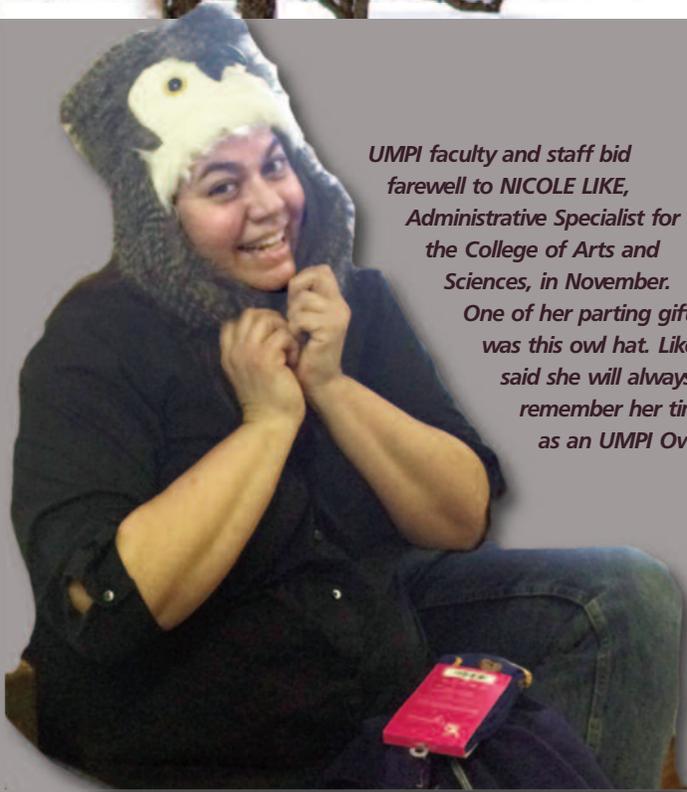
Dylan Markie, a Christian artist who prefers working with scrap materials that he finds. He considers himself to be a combination of both a fine and folk artist. In this body of work, he is focusing on the spiritual peace that God can provide using his struggles with stress and his journey to find peace as a personal testimony.

Renee Moore, a painter whose chosen medium is acrylic paint. Her highly colorful body of work explores the hopefulness that daydreams and memories can bring to an individual.

Chelsea Searles, an artist who enjoys working with mixed media. Her show encompasses the beauty between life and death through the juxtaposition of skull and flower imagery. She also utilizes pattern to illustrate the cycle of life in her work. ★



painting by Renee Moore



UMPI faculty and staff bid farewell to **NICOLE LIKE**, Administrative Specialist for the College of Arts and Sciences, in November. One of her parting gifts was this owl hat. Like said she will always remember her time as an UMPI Owl.



At the employee holiday luncheon on Dec. 12, **BOB MICHAUD** received the 2014 Nan Amodeo Staff Award. Established by Emerita Professor Nan Amodeo, the award recognizes an UMPI staff member for his or her outstanding service to the University. Here, President Schott presents Michaud with his award.



UMPI students **JENNA SOUCY** and **SAMANTHA HAYES** helped to bring the holiday spirit to the second floor of Preble Hall with a display that showcases holidays held around the world at this time of year. Featured were Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, as well as items that represented countries around the world such as China and Germany. Soucy, a workstudy student for Student Financial Services, and Hayes, a workstudy for the Registrar's office, said they really enjoyed the experience of putting together the display. Hayes said she liked learning about the different holidays and representing the ways students are celebrating at this time of year, and Soucy said she's loved seeing how the display brings smiles to people's faces when they see it.

Pictured with the display are, from left, Soucy and Hayes.



Photo courtesy Leah Rodriguez
UMPI SEAM President **DEREK BOUDREAU** delivered 150 books to Leslie Jackson at NMCC. The education club held a short collection drive to help gather books for the efforts Northern Maine Community College undertakes each year to hand out books to thousands of kids during the Holiday Light Parade.

Sports! Sports! Sports!

UMPI alum Bob Tarpey awarded top honor

UMPI alum Bob Tarpey received a major honor this month for his work as an Athletic Trainer for the Toronto Blue Jays organization. Tarpey was named the 2014 Minor League Athletic Trainer of the Year by the Professional Baseball Athletic Trainers Society (PBATS). He was presented with his national award in early December by PBATS at the annual Baseball Winter Meetings in San Diego.

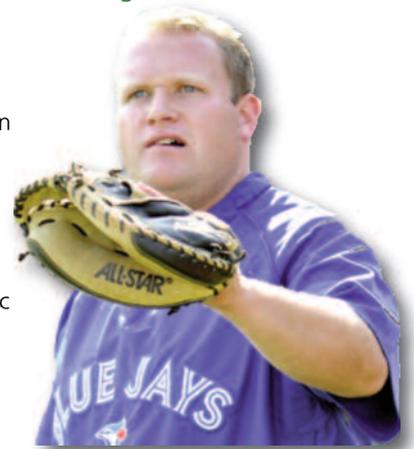
Voted on by his athletic training peers in PBATS, this award is given annually to an athletic trainer that exemplifies the best in athletic training for their players and demonstrates a deep concern for the community and fellow athletic trainers.

"Robert has been a true professional during his time spent in the Blue Jays organization," President of PBATS Mark O'Neal said in a PBATS press release. "We are so proud of Robert and the excellence he provides as an athletic trainer. He is very deserving of this prestigious award as he exemplifies everything that is right with in our profession."

A native of York, Maine, Tarpey graduated from UMPI in 2003 with a Bachelor's degree in Athletic Training. He has returned to campus several times to guest lecture for the Athletic Training Program, and he visits with UMPI alumni and students each year during the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association District conference.

Tarpey received his Master's degree in Athletic Training from California University of Pennsylvania in 2005, before beginning his career in baseball with the Toronto Blue Jays in 2006. For the past five seasons, he has served as an Athletic Trainer for the New Hampshire Fisher Cats. In August, he was honored with the PBATS Eastern League Athletic Trainer of the Year Award.

"We are thrilled to see Tarpey awarded this incredible honor," said Rick Brenner, Fisher Cats President, in a statement from the organization. "It is clear that his fellow trainers think as highly of 'Tarp' as we do. He's incredibly hard working, is superb at his craft, and is



one of the classiest people you'll meet. He is an outstanding ambassador for the Fisher Cats and the Toronto Blue Jays, and his selection as Trainer of the Year is well-deserved."

The honor comes as part of a busy off-season for Tarpey. In addition to the two honors, he was married in early November. ★

Owls come back to defeat Falcons 64-56

Despite being down 8 points at half, the UMPI women's basketball team came away with a road victory over Fisher College 64-56 on Dec. 7.

The Owls showed exceptional fortitude, not only outscoring the home standing Falcons 41-25 in the second half, but doing it despite being outrebounded 61-46 for the game and also only making 3 of 9 foul shots in the last two minutes of the game.

"It was something very special to watch our team come together, after

Darby (Toth) took over the game when we most needed an offensive spark," noted Owl head coach Doug Carter. "I'm just so impressed with the heart and fight of this group...it's not normal to go up against such bigger and stronger athletes, be outrebounded, yet work so hard to take a win away from a very well coached team on the road."

Toth spearheaded the comeback, scoring 18 of her game-high 28 in the second half. Rebecca Campbell registered her third double-double for the Owls, scoring 15 and securing a game-

high 13 rebounds. Sophomore Sydney Churchill had 6 points, none bigger than a "nails in the coffin" three ball with just under 30 seconds left in the game to cement the victory. Toth also had 7 steals and 4 assists, Campbell had 4 assists, and Churchill added 6 boards as well. ★



notes

CJ Club Prize-a-Day raffle is BACK!

The Criminal Justice Club and Alpha Phi Sigma are happy to present their 3rd annual Prize-a-Day raffle for February



CJ Club

2015! For just \$5, you get 28 chances to win; each days' prize is worth a minimum of \$20 and the grand final prize is \$200 cash! You can win more than once as winning tickets are reentered. The fundraiser will support the CJ Club's trip to Dallas in April. Some of the prizes are \$20 at Wilders, \$30 at Studio Looks, \$50 at Amazon, \$30 at Jade Palace, and \$30 at Dunkin' Donuts. You can purchase tickets from any CJ Club member or contact Lisa Leduc at lisa.leduc@umpi.edu or 768.9436.

Relay for Life holds silent auction

UMPI's Relay for Life team held a very successful silent auction for a week in



November and raised almost \$1,300. There were

many great items that had been donated that drew a lot of attention. Some of the items that had a lot of bidding were a handmade jewelry bowl, a handmade bird feeder, an Aroostook County picture of potato picking, an L.L.Bean fun basket, a spa basket, and homemade peanut brittle that went for \$40! A big thank you

to everyone that made this a huge success!

Fundraisers underway for BSW students' trip

UMPI BSW students will for the third time, "let their wings take them" to Guatemala for a service learning opportunity during the February winter break. Participants this year include: Gaila Allan, Melanie Maynard, Kaitlyn Martin, Amber Michaud and Jessica Cheney. This out-of-classroom



learning experience allows students to develop relationships with their co-learners, interact with people from other cultures and to volunteer side by side with locals to provide much needed assistance at a local school. In order to pay for their volunteer service learning trip, students are conducting a number of fundraisers between now and February. Please contact Shirley Rush, SOSW advisor, if you would like to support the student fundraising activities. They already completed a SCENTSY and an Apple iPad raffle and have several more planned including Fast Cash raffle \$10 tickets (draw dates Feb. 2-6); Ruby Tuesday community give back (dates to be determined); Bake Sale, Feb. 3 and Guatemala Quilt Raffle, \$1 for one ticket and \$5 for six tickets. Fundraising efforts coupled with the support of student activities funding makes these opportunities "affordable" and inclusive for all stu-

dents who wish to participate. FMI, contact Shirley Rush at 768.9427 or shirley.rush@umpi.edu.

Lifeguard course offered

A Lifeguard Training Course will be held this Spring 2015 at the Gentile Pool. The class will meet T & TH from 2-3:15 p.m. and Amanda Baker will be the instructor. Students should be able to swim the front crawl and breast stroke comfortably. Students who pass the final course exam



and in water skills will receive their American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification. The course is PHE 186 – 0001 Special Topics in Physical Education. FMI, contact Amanda Baker at amanda.g.baker@umpi.edu or 768.9401.

Members inducted into Alpha Phi Sigma

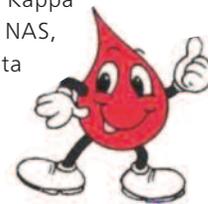
Four new members were inducted into Alpha Phi Sigma (Mu Nu chapter). This is the honors society for Criminal Justice from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. The four new members are Cassie Cyr, Stephen St. Peter, Craig Pullen, and Mitch



Bartlett. Membership requires 3 completed semesters within a CJ 4-year degree with a minimum of 3.2 GPA both overall and in their major. Membership gives students a minimum 2 pay level bump upon hiring in any Federal job and many State jobs. APS members attend the national ACJS conference in the spring where they have presented papers and participated in the APS 'college bowl' competitions.

UMPI hosts annual spring blood drive

The University will host its annual spring blood drive on Tuesday, Jan. 27 from noon to 5 p.m. in the Campus Center's Multi-Purpose Room. The blood drive is sponsored by the University's Dean of Students 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-GIVE LIFE [1-800-448-3543] or log onto newenglandblood.org and type 04769 in the zip code field to make your appointment. Each year, the campus helps the Red Cross coordinate three blood drives on campus, one in the summer, one in the fall and one in the spring. Since

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1987, over 4,900 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.

UMPI photos featured in FAME Financial Aid Guide

Three University of Maine at Presque Isle photos were included in "Paying for College, A Guide to Financial Aid" that is put out by the



Finance Authority of Maine. The guide has all the information a student needs to apply for financial aid. You can find

a copy of the publication in the Student Financial Services office, Preble Hall, second floor.

Employee Holiday Luncheon held

UMPI's annual employee holiday luncheon was held on Dec. 15. As they have for many years, employees placed gifts for foster children under the Giving Tree. Following a buffet lunch donated by ARAMARK, a variety of donated items went up for auction, from homemade sweets to jewelry and artwork. Proceeds from this annual auction support the Wards of the State, and the Maine Department of Health and Human Services uses the funds raised to buy gifts for the children. This year's auction raised \$1,173. ★



The Physical Therapist Assistant 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 parachute activities in the gym.

Sports! Sports! Sports!



Owls use strong second half to down UMA Moose

The UMPI Owls (7-3) got strong play from their entire team to take an 80-67 road victory at UMaine-Augusta (3-9) Dec. 8.

Tied 27-27 at the end of the first half, the Owl attack started to hit on all cylinders in the second stanza, connecting on 60% of their shots. Brandon McGill (5 of 5) and Kevin Collins (3 of 3) were perfect from the field in the second half, each scoring 11 points to vault Presque Isle to its 7th win on the season.

Junior sharpshooter Chase Vicaire led the Owls, knocking down four of his 8 3-pointers to register 20 points for the game. Freshman Collins added 16 and

sophomore McGill added 15 and 7 rebounds. Maurice Harris grabbed 9 rebounds and Vicaire helped the cause with 8 boards. Sophomore point man Nick Lenhard scored 9, had 3 rebounds and handed out 5 assists on the night.

"We played well and beat a very good Fisher team Sunday; it would have been natural to expect a letdown on the road today," noted head coach Mike Holmes. "But for a very young team, I believe some ideas clicked in our heads and we now see how our deliberate style of play can help us play good basketball."

The Owl fans are starting to see the

results of the effective and "deliberate style of play" with several Owls ranking among the leaders in the Association of Division III Independents. McGill, Harris and Vicaire are all currently ranking in the AD3I top 10 in rebounding. Vicaire is leading the Association in 3-point field goal percentage at 50.8%, while he and teammate McGill are also in AD3I top 5 in total field goal percentage. Collins and Lenhard are ranked 7th and 8th respectively in the Association in assists per game. Freshman Sam Smith ranks third in AD3I in 3-point field goal percentage, hitting on 44% of his attempts. ★

activities 12.15.2014–02.9.2015

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
FEB 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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DEC 15

Final Examinations
begin 8 a.m. ■ **CRU**
Leadership 6pm,
Owl's Nest ■ **CRU**

Fellowship 6:45pm,
Alumni Room ■
Bible study 8:30pm,
Allagash Room

DEC 18

Final Examinations
end 5 p.m. ■
Games Club
6:30pm, Owl's Nest
■ **Bible study**
8:30pm, Alumni
Room

DEC 19

Warmachine
6:30pm, CC118

DEC 25

Christmas Day
offices closed

DEC 27

Live Action Role
Playing 6:30pm, Pull
112, 113, & Fols105

JAN 1

New Year's Day
offices closed

JAN 19

Martin Luther King
Jr. Day offices
closed

JAN 23

Dinner with the
Dean 5pm, Alumni
Room

JAN 26

100% Society 5pm,
Alumni Room

JAN 27

Blood Drive Noon,
MPR

JAN 30

International

Students Club 1pm,
Alumni Room
FEB 2

100% Society 5pm,
Alumni Room

FEB 4

Black Jew Dialogues
7pm, Wieden
Auditorium

FEB 9

100% Society 5pm,
Alumni Room

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Reminder to UMPI Alums

Don't forget to go to show your UMPI pride and celebrate your major accomplishments since graduation! Wear your snowy owl lapel pin you received when you graduated and answer the question, "Where have your wings taken you?" To answer that question, take a photo that shows you wearing the pin—either in your professional role or enjoying adventures all around the world—and then post the photo and your story to <http://yourwings.umpi.edu>. We hope to have everyone post a picture!



The "UMPI Hoot Squad" delivered cupcakes to UMPI faculty and staff members in November to thank everyone for all that they do for campus. It was a sweet treat and an even sweeter gesture. Go Owls!

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