

Warhol exhibit includes new screen prints

The University's Reed Fine Art Gallery is showcasing several never-before-seen photographs from its Andy Warhol collection, as well as several newly acquired original Warhol screen prints donated by the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, as part of its latest exhibit, *Warhol: Faces*, which will be on display through Feb. 21. The public is invited to view the exhibition throughout the show's run.

This exhibition will focus on Warhol's attention to the portrait. With access to pop culture icons, socialites and the Hollywood elite, Warhol photographed his subjects countless times to prepare for his finished art work. *Warhol: Faces* includes images of Wayne Gretzky and Carly Simon. These images are part of the collection of 153 silver gelatin prints



and Polaroid photographs — valued at more than \$100,000 — that UMPI was gifted from the Andy Warhol Photographic Legacy Program in 2008.

UMPI's Reed Art Gallery was among 183 college and university art museums and galleries across the U.S.

to receive such a gift from the program so that greater access could be provided to Warhol's artwork and process.

The University was one of three institutions in Maine, along with the University of Maine and Colby College, to receive a gift from the foundation.

The five Warhol original screen prints on display during the show comprise the second gift of its kind to UMPI from the Andy Warhol Foundation. These images, valued at about \$25,000, include screen prints of Queen Beatrix, Queen Margrethe and Sitting Bull, as well as pink camouflage and a fiesta pig, and range in size from approximately 20x30 inches to 38x38 inches. These prints were created between 1979 and 1987.

Some of these prints were completed close to Warhol's death in 1987 and are thought to [continued on page 2](#)

UMPI Foundation divests from fossil fuels

The Foundation of the University of Presque Isle recently announced the completion of its efforts to totally divest from all fossil fuels. The Foundation, created to promote educational endeavors in connection with UMPI, began this effort in Fall 2013 and completed its divestment in Nov. 2014.

"The members of our Foundation Board felt it was important to make this important move and reaffirm our commitment to environmental sustainability," Brian Flewelling, Foundation Board President, said. "This is an issue many institutions have been reviewing of late, and is especially top of mind here in our state because of the University of Maine System Board of Trustees' approval of a coal divesture policy.

We are very pleased to be leaders in this statewide movement."

The Foundation's decision to divest came as a result of UMPI's work on its new strategic plan and update of its statement of institutional values. With environmental sustainability as an important component within the plan and values, President Linda Schott approached the Foundation board about divestment to ensure consistency between the campus' efforts and its foundation's direct investments.

After consideration of the matter, the Foundation board directed its investment managers to divest from all fossil fuels in a way that did not significantly impact its rate of return. This process was completed in Nov. 2014.

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Coach, student organizing team for national girls baseball tournament

A national nonprofit called Baseball for All is organizing a national girls baseball tournament to be held this summer in Orlando, Florida, and members of the UMPI Athletic Department are working to put together a team from Maine.

The tournament—the first of its kind to be held in the U.S.—is scheduled to take place May 30 to June 4 and is expected to include 24 girls baseball teams. UMPI Owls Baseball Coach Mike Pankow and Captain Oz Sailors are working to organize a team from Maine, to be called the Maine Polar

Bears. Pankow will coach the team. Organizers are looking for approximately 12 to 14 girl baseball players between the ages of 11 and 13 to be a part of the team.

“This tournament is going to be an amazing opportunity and experience for all the girls’ teams around the country that are going to participate and we want to bring a team to represent Maine,” said Sailors, who serves on the Baseball for All board of directors. “I’ve been passionate my whole life about creating opportunities for girls to play baseball, so I’m doing everything I can to help make this



team a reality for girl baseball players in Maine.”

Pankow and Sailors will be working with area schools and recreation programs in the next few months to help identify potential players, but would appreciate any suggestions from the community on potential team members.

Baseball for All is a 501 (c)(3) organization that is dedicated to giving young girls of all socioeconomic backgrounds an equal

opportunity to play the game of baseball at competitive levels. The organization believes that very few girls play baseball in this country because they are simply not given the opportunities to do so. For more information on how to #jointhmovement, please visit www.baseballforall.com.

To learn more about participating in this national tournament, please contact Sailors at ghazaleh.sailors@maine.edu or call or text 805.722.0365. ★

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not have left his studio until the Foundation cataloged the work. This means these prints have not been exhibited before, although there are other editions of these images that are on display. For example, Indiana State University has a print similar to UMPI’s Sitting Bull piece.

“The University and the Reed Gallery are delighted to be showcas-

ing our Warhol collection and to debut our newly acquired screen prints. This exhibition is another clue into the artistic process of Warhol. We get to see the people he had access to, the subtlety of his postures, and the completed work full of color, using the screen printing process. It’s such a fascinating insight and we’re so pleased to be able to share that with the public!” Reed Gallery Director

Heather Sincavage said.

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 event, please contact Sincavage at 768.9442 or heather.sincavage@umpi.edu. Please follow gallery happenings on the Reed Gallery Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ReedArtGallery. ★



New WWC Center in South Hall

Women, Work, and Community, now located in South Hall, held an open house in December to celebrate its new space and to thank legislators, community leaders, sponsors, and other supporters of the Center. More than 25 people attended, enjoying light refreshments and getting an opportunity to see the new space.



pictured: WWC’s Erica Quin-Easter, and Rep. Bob Saucier.

Shakespeare LIVE! performs Macbeth Feb. 10

The University will host Shakespeare LIVE!, a theater troupe that has performed for more than half a million students since its inception in 1997, for a performance of one of the Bard's great tragedies, Macbeth, on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 7 P.M., in the auditorium at Wieden Hall. Macbeth is one of Shakespeare's most dark and powerful works and best experienced as the playwright intended—live on stage. The public is invited to attend this special event; \$10 donations will be accepted at the door to go toward future cultural programming.

As the educational touring wing of The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, Shakespeare LIVE! productions are hailed as innovative, visually stunning, and accessible to students. While the texts are abridged, the troupe prides itself on keeping Shakespeare's language intact and delivering performances that are dynamic and appealing, exciting and engaging, and witty and imaginative.

Audience members who would like to learn more about the play, its characters and their motivations, and its historical background, are invited to come early and enjoy a pre-show talk with members of the troupe at 6:30 P.M. The performance will be followed by a short question and answer session.

Through special arrangement, the troupe also will be offering two theater workshops at UMPI during the day of

their performance to provide high school students from across the region with a unique and engaging opportunity to learn about Shakespeare's work.

Shakespeare LIVE! is supported by Shakespeare in American Communities: Shakespeare for a New Generation, a national program of The National Endowment for the Arts in cooperation with Arts Midwest. The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey is one of 42 professional theater companies selected to participate in Shakespeare for a New Generation. This is the eleventh year of Shakespeare in American Communities, the largest tour of Shakespeare in American history. For more information about Shakespeare for a New Generation please visit <http://www.ShakespeareInAmericanCommunities.org/>.

The troupe has asked that audience members please be seated five minutes before the program begins. No recording during the play is allowed. For more information, please call 768.9452 or email info@umpi.edu. ★



Members of the the theatre troupe Shakespeare LIVE! worked with students from 8 area high schools during the day on Feb. 10 in workshops that explored the language of Shakespeare's plays.

Officials gear up for Young Professionals Institute 8

Momentum Aroostook, MMG Insurance, and the University are gearing up for the eighth annual Young Professionals Institute, running this year on Tuesdays from March 3 to April 14.

The Institute provides the area's young professionals with a one-of-a-kind professional development opportunity—a 7-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.

"Momentum Aroostook is very much looking forward to providing some professional development opportunities to this year's group of YPI par-



ticipants," Amy Bouchard, Momentum Aroostook steering committee chair, said. "Our people are our most valuable resource and being a part of YPI encourages young professionals in our area to live, work and flourish in Aroostook County, which fits in with the mission of Momentum Aroostook."

The theme of this year's Institute is *Workplace Success in the Age of Information Overload*, which will focus on the skills employers are looking for in prospective employees and candidates for advancement—including innovation, organization, communication, teamwork, problem analysis, and prioritization. Participants will work together to tackle new assignments each week focused on these skills areas.

"It is so exciting to be a part of the eighth year of YPI," said Carolyn Dorsey,

UMPI coordinator for the Institute. "The evolving nature of YPI allows us to incorporate timely topics into the curriculum. The program is designed to be nimble so we can adjust according to the needs of the organizations and employees that participate. This allows for immediate impact in the workplace and enhances the participant experience. The YPI model is a tremendous example of how educators, representatives from the public and private sector, and area residents are collaborating to provide affordable, local professional development opportunities."

During the short course, participants will take part in role-playing scenarios that refine their abilities to pitch proposals and deliver presentations, conduct mock interviews that give them experience in working with the media, and network with local officials and statewide leaders. A popular component incorporated again this year is an exchange event that will take participants to Cary Medical Center and TAMC for an extended session.

For more information, visit www.umpi.edu/yipi. ★

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and our Foundation taking this important stance," President Schott said. "As a proud member of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, we are working hard to reduce our carbon footprint and increase our campus use of renewable energy sources—through our solar panel array, our wind turbine, and our heat pump technology—and our divestment from all fossil fuels is a vital part of that commitment."

Established in 1972 through the direct efforts of a dedicated committee of the University-Presque Isle Community Council, the FOUNDATION OF THE UNIVERSITY AT PRESQUE ISLE is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation with a Board of Directors representing the region. The Foundation



receives and administers funds for scientific, educational and research purposes, all for the public welfare. Opportunities exist for memorial gifts, unrestricted gifts, scholarships, and other forms of giving. ★

UMPI opens new ice skating rink for campus

Students, faculty and staff will be able to enjoy ice skating in the open air right on campus now that the University has established a small ice skating rink behind Gentile Hall. The 30- by 60-foot rink officially opened on Feb. 5 following a short ribbon-cutting ceremony with President Linda Schott and other campus officials.

The new rink will be used for recreational skating and new lights installed behind Gentile Hall will allow for nighttime ice skating. Due to liability reasons, the rink is only open to students, faculty, staff, and those who have a Gentile Hall membership.

"The excitement in so many people's faces here on campus when they found out that the rink was here was amazing! We are very excited to provide this fun and active recreational activity for our campus,"

Dennis Koch, Director of Housing and Residence Life, said.

The idea for the rink started with a conversation in September when a student stopped by Koch's office wondering what there was to do on the weekends.

The discussion turned to outdoor activities. Koch said he recalled his days working at a college in Vermont and how much ice skating was enjoyed as a pastime, so he asked around to see if any outdoor skating was done on campus during the winter.

"The idea had been batted around several times before but no one had really taken the idea and run with it," Koch said. "So, I did some research on what it would take to build one on campus."



UMPI President Linda Schott cuts the ribbon during a short ceremony for the new ice skating rink behind Gentile Hall. Taking part were, from left, UMPI student Eric Depner and Dean of Students Jim Stepp.

After consulting with Gregg Bouchard, UMPI's Director of Facilities Management, they found a company that sold rink kits and purchased a 30- by 60-foot kit. Then facilities installed the rink and lights behind Gentile Hall. UMPI students from the Hockey Club and the Outing Club have provided support and feedback for the project. Koch said if the rink gets a high level of usage this winter, officials will look into getting a bigger rink next year. ★

UMPI hosts comedy on absurdity of prejudice

As part of its programming for Black History Month in February, the University hosted the Black-Jew Dialogues—a two-actor comedy that deals with prejudice and multiculturalism in an innovative way—on Feb. 4 in the auditorium at Wieden Hall.

The Black-Jew Dialogues is an entertaining, thought-provoking performance that explores the absurdity of prejudice and racism and the power of diversity. The program combines fast-paced sketches and improvisation with multi-media, puppets, and a game show, and includes a post-show discussion. This mixture of media,

theater, and dialogue creates a show that has gained praise from universities, high schools, synagogues, and theatres across the U.S., Canada, and the U.K.

The goal of the show is to promote open, honest and respectful conversations about our differences and move audiences into action. Produced by Emmy-award winner Ron Jones and veteran performer Larry Jay Tish, the BJD is an exhilarating and insightful look at the state of race and cultural relations in America.

Jones and Tish chose the name "Black-Jew Dialogues" to show how two seemingly opposite ethnicities (a black

man and a Jewish man) have many similarities. Playing two students working on a class project about cross-cultural dialogue, the duo takes the audience on a hysterical and poignant ride. The characters themselves, a traditional student and adult student, represent a sample of the types of diversity present today. The resulting discussion challenges both baby boomers and millennials to critically examine the world around them in order to understand the true nature of diversity and how it has evolved in the 21st century.

"We decided to bring this group to campus because they address diversity in a



funny, comedic, but very poignant and thought-provoking way," Vanessa Pearson, Coordinator of Student Activities and Leadership Development, said.

To learn more about the Black-Jew Dialogues, please visit <http://dialoguesondiversity.com/thebjd>. ★

Rutgers professor gives talk on Mongolia's "river wolf"

The University hosted Dr. Olaf Jensen, a scientist who has worked since 2007 to study and conserve Mongolia's unique lake and river ecosystems, for a presentation on Jan. 29 in the Campus Center. Dr. Jensen's talk, titled *The River Wolf and the Blue Pearl: Conservation of Endangered Salmonids in Mongolia*, focused on several of Mongolia's fish currently at risk, including the *Hucho taimen*, the largest trout in the world.

This talk was presented by the Environmental Studies and Sustainability Program, College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Jensen is an Assistant Professor at the Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences at Rutgers University and a faculty member with the Mongolian-American Aquatic Ecology Research Initiative [MAAERI], a group of scientists dedicated to understanding and

conserving Mongolia's lake and river ecosystems.

During his talk, Dr. Jensen discussed the threats to the lakes and rivers of Northern Mongolia, which are among the most pristine freshwater ecosystems in the world. Climate change, overfishing, and mining have placed several of Mongolia's salmonid fishes at risk. The *Hucho taimen* have become the target of growing recreational fisheries despite the fact that taimen are classified as endangered on Mongolia's red list. Dr. Jensen shared details on a five-year mark-recapture and telemetry tag study in the Eg-Uur river system that is helping to find answers on how best to conserve the fish and optimize habitat.

Dr. Jensen's visit to UMPI was made possible through a connection with David Putnam, archaeologist/climate scientist and UMPI faculty member. Putnam and Dr. Jensen participated in a research trip



Ganzong "Ganzo" Bat, a Mongolian fishing guide, hefts a taimen, also known as Mongolia's "river wolf."

to Mongolia this past summer and their joint research resulted in some fascinating hypotheses linking past climate to the speciation of fish in the Great Lakes Basin of Mongolia. Both are expected to continue this research with another trip to Mongolia this coming summer.

Dr. Jensen has been a member of MAAERI since 2007, when he joined the Mongolia Taimen Project's research team at the Eg-Uur River. He is now the principal investigator on several MAAERI research projects and leads teams of U.S. and Mongolian scientists and students on field expeditions to the Eg-Uur River and Lake Khovsgol. His research focus is fish ecology and fish population dynamics. ★

Pratt serves as second DLS student speaker

UMPI's very own Brigitte Pratt will serve as the next speaker in the 2014-2015 Distinguished Lecturer Series on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m., in the Campus Center. Pratt, who is the second UMPI student ever to serve as a student Distinguished Lecturer, will deliver her talk *Tanzania: My Learning Safari*. Her talk is free and the public is encouraged to attend the event.

Pratt, now a senior at UMPI, traveled to Africa in June 2014, to be the first participant in the Athletic Training Program's newly developed clinical opportunity at Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre in Moshi, Tanzania. While there, she observed in a number of hospital departments and worked with a community-based organization that serves children with special medical needs.

Before going to Africa, Pratt had never

been on a plane and hadn't traveled outside of the United States. When she traveled to Moshi, Tanzania, she was joined by advisor and coordinator, Shirley Rush, for her three-week internship.

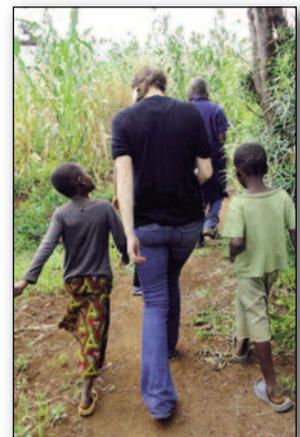
During her trip, Pratt observed intensive family education, physiotherapy exercises for the children, and participated in home visits, located in remote areas. On the final day of her stay, Pratt gave a presentation to the physiotherapy students and preceptors about Athletic Training and the UMPI program.

Pratt will share photos and stories from her trip and discuss the unexpected ways that the educational opportunity personally impacted her, from a sobering detour to a burn victims' unit in one of the hospitals to the realization, through working with children in Moshi, that she wants to focus her future career on a

younger age group.

Pratt grew up in Southwest Harbor. She also is a member of the UMPI Women's Basketball team.

All are invited to attend Pratt's distinguished student lecture. For more information about this event, contact the Community and Media Relations Office at 768.9452 or info@umpi.edu. ★



Brigitte Pratt walks with local children during her visit to Tanzania.

Planet Head Day to raise funds for C-A-N-C-E-R



What do space science education and cancer awareness have in common? A lot when you're talking about one of the region's most unique fundraisers, Planet Head Day, where participants raise money for a local cancer organization by agreeing to have their heads shaved and painted as planets, dwarf planets, moons, comets and asteroids. Aroostook County's 9th annual Planet Head Day takes place on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. in UMPI's Wieden Gymnasium. This not-to-be-missed event is free and the

public is invited to attend.

Planet Head Day is the major fundraising event for C-A-N-C-E-R [Caring Area Neighbors for Cancer Education and Recovery], an Aroostook County-based grassroots organization that assists cancer patients and their families. This year, organizers hope to raise \$25,000.

Planet Head Day was originally established as a NASA-funded celebration of the University's involvement in the New Horizons space mission to Pluto. The University's Northern Maine Museum of Science has always sought imag-

inative ways to teach science and developed the program to combine science and cancer education into a single package. This will be an especially significant Planet Head Day as the New Horizons space craft flies past Pluto this July.

The staff of the Parsons Street Barber Shop and Great Beginnings Hair Boutique will be available again this year to provide free haircuts for those willing to shave their heads for the occasion, while "bald" caps will offer a less permanent option for participants.

Live emceeing during the event will again be presented by

WAGM's

Ted Shapiro, and Pizza Hut will once again provide free pizza.

For more information, contact McCartney at 768.9482 or Jeanie McGowan at 768.9747, or see videos of the event created by Frank Grant on youtube.com. Donations can also be sent directly to C-A-N-C-E-R, P.O. Box 811, Presque Isle, ME 04769, or call Louise Cardone-Calabrese at 764.0766. ★

UMPI welcomes new employees to campus



The University is welcoming four new employees at the start of the Spring 2015 semester.

PAM EASLER continues her service to the University in a new capacity, as the administrative specialist for the College of Arts and Sciences. She previously served in the TRiO Upward Bound office. She came to the University with experience in customer service, business management, and as a health center administrative assistant at Northern Maine Community College. Easler earned her Associate in Applied Science degree from NMCC in 2013.

RICHARD HOWLETT joins the University's Physical Plant as a Facilities maintenance worker. He most recently worked as a service manager for a local auto sales firm. He also has owned his own transmission and auto business and worked for MPG Truck & Tractor.

JOHN GREENIER also joins the

University's Physical Plant as a Facilities maintenance worker. He most recently served as a crew leader for Caron's Property Maintenance. He also has served in general construction and as a water plant operator, and is the owner of Greenier's Property Maintenance. He earned his Commercial Driver's License from Northern Maine Technical College.

SARA SHAW joins the University as the new head Softball Coach. A 2008 graduate of the University of Maine at Farmington, Shaw possesses a wealth of softball coaching and strength and conditioning experience, including a stint as the assistant softball and basketball coach at UMPI in 2010. Shaw is the owner of FitLife Personal Fitness Training, where she develops fitness programs for a wide

range of clients, and the co-owner of Northern Athletic Supply in Presque Isle. She was most recently the Director of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Limestone from 2012 to 2014. Previously, she was employed at Central Maine Community College in Auburn, where she wore a number of hats including: Assistant Athletic Director, Resident Director, Sports Information Director, Assistant Women's Basketball Coach, and the Head Strength and Conditioning Coach for the Women's Basketball Team. She has also been employed as a Health and Science Teacher with MSAD #58, where she was the Head Varsity Softball Coach for Mt. Abram High School. ★

pictured above, from left: Pam Easler, Richard Howlett, John Greenier, Sara Shaw

Alum helps to ‘train heroes’ with American Red Cross

When Larry French graduated from UMPI with his degree in Criminal Justice, he never would have guessed that he'd have a future career in responding to disasters or develop a volunteer training program that would receive national attention.

But that's exactly what French has been able to do in his first year on the job as a Disaster Program Manager for the American Red Cross in the the Maine coastal territory. In this role, he's responsible for the entire "disaster services cycle," which includes recruitment, retention, planning, preparedness, response and recovery, for six counties in Maine, including Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox, Waldo, Hancock, and Washington.

French was only about a week into his job the first time he had to coordinate a disaster response. An ice storm hit the Maine coast in December 2013 and he was responsible for opening three emergency shelters and providing mass care services to nearly 100 displaced Mainers. He's since opened one other shelter, in November 2014, and has used the experiences to analyze and improve response.

Recruiting and working with volunteers is another important part of French's work.

"Maine is a huge state and a disaster anywhere often requires volunteers to drive great distances to assist, so I started looking at how to fill in the gaps," he said. "I created a program called 'Zero2Hero,'



UMPI alum Larry French has served as a Disaster Program Manager for the American Red Cross in Maine for the last year.

which is a training program to get individuals from zero Red Cross experience to trained volunteer in two days."

The program compresses six classes into two days. Zero2Hero has since been offered five times, with three more scheduled in early 2015 throughout the state. It has also received national attention and is being implemented in American Red Cross chapters in Vermont, Mississippi, and Washington state.

French said he's pleased with what he's been able to

accomplish on the job so far and is working hard on a list of items to complete during the next year. He credits his experiences at UMPI—including working for the student newspaper, radio station and campus security—with helping him to be prepared for the work he does now.

"More than that, UMPI helped to define who I am and helped me to find my passions," he said. "I went to school for criminal justice and that was the springboard for knowing where I wanted to go with my life." ★

UMPI's TRiO to participate in Hall of Flags event

More than 100 students and staff members of TRiO Programs from Aroostook to York counties will visit the Maine State House on Wednesday, March 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. They will celebrate the educational opportunities they have been able to utilize and will urge lawmakers to continue their support of the federally funded outreach and student services programs known as TRiO.

Five members of UMPI's TRiO College Access Services will be joining their peers at this event. They have been elected by their fellow Upward Bound students at UMPI to represent them on the statewide Upward Bound Student Leadership Council. Students representing UMPI/UMFK Upward Bound include: Emma Huffman, Fort Fairfield High School; Kate Leavitt, Presque Isle High School; Travis Hewitt, Presque Isle High School; Austin Daniels, Hodgdon High School; and Mariah Farrington,

Katahdin High School.

Maine TRiO students and staff members plan to set up displays and speak on behalf of their programs. All programs have been encouraged to contact their local elected officials to invite them to visit with students and learn more about the recent achievements of their constituents. According to Leavitt, not much could be more exciting than visiting Maine's seat of legislative power. She completed an internship with U.S. Congressional Representative Michael Michaud as part of her work experience with Upward Bound last summer.

"I especially enjoyed answering calls from constituents. Making the connections with how our laws help or hurt people was really eye-opening. I am looking forward to meeting our Aroostook County legislators and learning even more about the legislative process, as well as letting our delegates know what a life-changing

opportunity TRiO Upward Bound is for students who participate."

Maine's TRiO programs work with students across the State to prepare them for higher education in order to help them fulfill their educational and career goals. Youth pre-college programs include "Educational Talent Search" (grades 6-12), and "Upward Bound" (grades 9-12). Adult programs include the Educational Opportunity Center (adults aged 19 and over) and Student Support Services (college students at sponsoring postsecondary institutions). These federally-funded college opportunity programs motivate and support 790,000 qualified students in over 2,800 programs nationally.

In collaboration with UMFK, UMPI hosts two Upward Bound programs and an Educational Talent Search Program, serving 629 students annually who are in grades 6-12 and from all Aroostook County school systems. ★

Sports! Sports! Sports!

Owls handle pressure and knock off Mustangs

The UMPI Men's basketball team knows that when it faces Central Maine, it must take care of pressure; the Owls were successful in this mission Feb. 7, converting in transition enough times to defeat the Mustangs, 73-61.

The Owls grabbed a six-point advantage early in the first stanza behind finishes from freshman Kevin Collins and sophomore Brandon McGill. Sophomore guard Nick Lenhard and junior Derek Healy handled the ball and distributed with few errors in the first half, helping the Owls to a 37-27 halftime advantage.

The Mustangs continued to fight, using the inside presences of Kazre Cummings and Xavier Colbert to trim the lead to four at the halfway mark of the second half. UMPI continued to get some key layups against pressure, and converted free throws to build the lead back to nine with just under five minutes to play.

Freshman Maurice Harris grabbed some key rebounds to start transitions near the end of the game, and the Owls were able to convert enough plays to finish with the double-digit victory. ★

Toth continues to collect accolades

UMPI junior guard Darby Toth (North Port, Fla.) has been selected the Association of Division III Independents (AD3I) women's basketball Player of the Week and also the Great South Athletic Conference (GSAC) Player of the Week. It is her second time being named GSAC Player of the Week this season.

Toth scored 56 points in three games on 19-of-30 shooting, while grabbing 17 rebounds and dishing out 17 assists on the week.

Against Central Maine (ranked #6 in the USCAA), Toth scored 30 points and handed out five assists and, in a win against University of Maine at Machias, the 5-2 guard had game highs of eight defensive rebounds and seven assists with only one turnover in 38 minutes of play. Versus UMFK, she scored 22 points and added 5 rebounds and 5 assists.

For the week, Toth averaged 18.7 points, 5.7 rebounds and 5.7 assists per game and connected on 63.3 percent of her shots

LadyOwls celebrate Senior Day with 74-60 victory

Rebecca Campbell had a career-high 24 points to lead UMPI over visiting Fisher College 74-60 on Feb. 8.

The Owl faithful celebrated the hard work and dedication of Campbell, Brigitte Pratt and Krista Coffin and watched the three seniors play their last home basketball game on UMPI's Senior Day. The victory was a strong effort from the entire Owl squad, as they shot 46% from the field, had 17 assists and committed only 11 turnovers.

After a slow start, the Owls built a 39-23 lead with seconds left on the clock in the first half. That Owl advantage took a hit when Christine Briggs launched a 35-footer at the buzzer that swished through the net as time expired. The Owl lead dropped to 13 and Fisher had momentum going into the locker room.

from the field, including 4-of-6 from beyond the arc.

Toth leads both the GSAC and the Association of Division III Independents in assists (6.6 apg), assist to turnover ratio

Fisher cut the Owl lead to single digits several times in the second half, the last with 12:44 left in the game. That stretch included a 6-0 Falcon run to make the score 49-42, with all of the scoring coming from twin sisters Murphy and Madison Carroll.

The Owls were not to be denied on their senior day, however, as they hit 4 three pointers in the last 6 minutes and added several other quality shots on their way to the Owls' 8th win on the season.

Sydney Churchill had 18 points and 4 assists, on 4 of 5 shooting from beyond the arc. Freshman Brianna Losee played her most sound game of the year, scoring 15 points, and point guard Darby Toth had 13 points and 7 assists. Campbell grabbed 11 rebounds, securing her 17th double-double on the season. ★

(3.4 to 1), 3-point shooting percentage (44.2%) and steals (3.9 spg). She also leads the GSAC in scoring at 17.7 ppg and is second in that statistical category in the AD3I. ★



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Relay Teams host Think Pink event

The UMPI Relay for Life Team and the Student Activities Office hosted their 5th Annual Think Pink Basketball games at UMPI on Saturday, Feb. 7, in Wieden Gym. Both the women's and men's teams played Central Maine Community College. Fans got their pink on by wearing pink t-shirts, sweatshirts, pants, hats, and wigs. There were also t-shirts for sale, a 50/50 drawing, raffle tickets and free giveaways. The men's baseball team was on hand with popcorn, soda, candy bars, and other goodies to purchase. The UMPI Owl Team also sold cupcakes, chili and chili dogs. Proceeds went toward the American Cancer Society..



SAGE announces upcoming events

March 13 – SAGE Kick Off at 9:30 a.m. in the Campus Center

March 30 – TAMC's Healthy Living Luncheon, co-hosted by SAGE, 10:30 a.m., Campus

Center. Anthony Briscoe, speech pathologist, is the featured speaker.

April & May – A variety of courses and field excursions offered by SAGE. FMI, contact Nancy Roe at 768.7271.

Camp Invention coming to UMPI

Camp Invention will be holding a summer program at UMPI August 3 – 7 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Camp Invention provides quality programming in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. It is for kids entering grades one through six. Sign up by March 20 to save \$25 and guarantee your spot! Go to campionvention.org/2015-program/ to register. FMI, contact Mary Lawrence at 768.9502.



Camp Invention



UMPI Owl Team hosts Stew Night

On Friday, Jan. 30, the UMPI Owl Relay for Life Team held their 4th annual Stew Night at the Presque Isle Snowmobile Club.

There were lots of goodies on hand to eat and over 80 people attended despite the snow storm that was happening. Everyone enjoyed the food and the team got many compliments on how good the food was, how professionally



they ran the Stew Night, and that it was one of the favorite Stew

Nights that people have attended. The UMPI Owl Relay for Life Team would like to thank everyone who came out, donated, and enjoyed the night – thank you for your donation to the American Cancer Society. ★



Students from UMPI and UMFK recently visited the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory for the opportunity to work in a laboratory setting and learn about different research techniques. Their visit was made possible through funding from the Maine IDeA Network for Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE).



Houlton Higher Education Center participates in Houlton Light Parade

The HHEC, along with University College, Adult Education, NMCC and the Carleton Project, participated in the Houlton Light Parade with a float. The theme of this year's light parade was Home for the Holidays. The float had a fireplace with Christmas stockings hanging from it and Marilyn Roper reading *The Night Before Christmas* to children that rode on the float. Over 500 children's books that were donated by Aid for Kids, which Mrs. Roper is a representative of, were handed out to children along the parade route by students from each of the HHEC partner programs.

notes



Aroostook Relay for Life Kick Off Event

The Aroostook Relay for Life Kick Off Event was held at the UMPI Campus Center the end of January. Despite the bad weather, many team captains and their members showed up. The night started off with a "mini" relay with a Survivor Lap, Caregiver Lap, Luminaria Ceremony, and Fight Back. As the night progressed, individuals were able to meet with the committee members who were "manning" tables with information about signing up for relay, fundraising, and where the money goes; the theme for this year's Relay is "Disney" and many of the committee members dressed up in Disney attire. Also this year, Relay for Life will be celebrating 20 years in Aroostook County – it is scheduled to happen at the Caribou Track on June 19 and 20. If you are interested in joining the UMPI Owl Relay For Life Team, feel free to stop by and see either team captains Laurie Boucher (she is located in Student Financial Services) and Lisa Leduc (a Professor for Criminal Justice and her office is in Normal Hall). Any student, staff, faculty, or friends and family can join our team. *Pictured above, from left: Laurie Boucher, Lisa Leduc, Danielle Pelkey.*



IN MEMORIAM

Jean Goheen passed away on December 31, 2014. She worked at UMPI from 1984 – 1994. Jean joined the Student Activities staff here at UMPI to organize arts and cultural programs while representing UMPI on the Board of the Maine Arts Sponsors Association. She established, with an associate, the Aroostook Partners in the Arts to bring art programs for children to Central Aroostook Schools. Some will remember Jean's husband, Royal, who worked at UMPI as well.

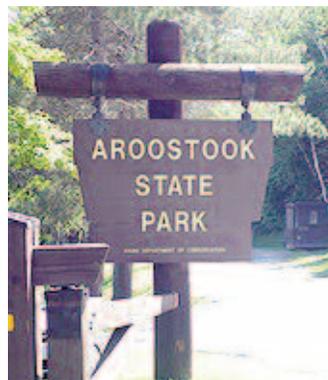
UMPI featured in Public Purpose magazine

UMPI was featured in the American Association of State Colleges and Universities magazine *Public Purpose* for a feature article on innovators in competency-based education. The article can be read here:
<http://www.aascu.org/MAP/PublicPurpose/2014/Fall/>.



8th Annual Winter Family Fun Day

Aroostook State Park will be hosting its 8th annual Winter Family Fun Day on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.



There will be cross country skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating (conditions permitting and must provide own skates), sliding hill, snowmobile "tote-rides", guided nature interpretive walks, bonfires, hot food, plus Smokey the Bear and the L.L. Bean Bootmobile will be there. There will be a ski and snowshoe trailer on site for free equipment loans and instruction. The cost is \$1.50 for adults and youth ages 12 – 64 and all others are free. Lunch will be provided. FMI, call 768.8341. ★

Presque Isle Boys and Girls Club looking for mentors

The Presque Isle Boys and Girls Club is looking for UMPI students and campus personnel who would be interested in serving as mentors. Their mission is to create sustained and supportive mentor relationships for children in need ages 5 – 18. The program matches youth enrolled at the Boys and Girls Club with inspirational adult mentors who can guide them in developing better self-esteem, creating healthy relationships, and making positive life choices. Model mentors and mentees meet in a supervised environment at a set time and location. All mentors are asked to commit to mentoring for one school year, for 4-6 hours per month; although many continue working with their mentee for two or more years. Mentors will be asked to attend a 1 day training. FMI, contact David Gardner at dgardner@micmac-nsn.gov. ★



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
of Presque Isle

activities 2.10.2015–2.28.2015

	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
FEB	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

FEB 10

SGA 1pm, CC118 ■ **100%**
Society 5pm, Alumni Room ■
Bible Study 7:30pm, Alumni Room

FEB 12

Games Club 5pm, Owl's Nest

FEB 13

International Students Club 1pm, Alumni Room ■ **Games Club Warmachine** 6:30pm, CC118

FEB 14

Valentine's Day ■ **9th Annual Planet Head Day** 11am, Wieden ■ **Games Club LARP** 6:30pm, Pull112 & 113, F105

FEB 16

President's Day offices closed

FEB 17

SGA 1pm, CC118

FEB 19

Games Club 5pm, Owl's Nest

FEB 20

Games Club Warmachine 6:30pm, CC118

FEB 22

Bible Study 7:30pm, CC118

FEB 24

SGA mtg 4pm, CC118 ■ **100% Society** 5pm, Alumni Room ■

FEB 26

Games Club 5pm, Owl's Nest

FEB 27

International Students Club 1pm, Alumni Room ■ **Games Club Warmachine** 6:30pm, CC118

FEB 28

Games Club LARP 6:30pm, Pull112 & 113, F105

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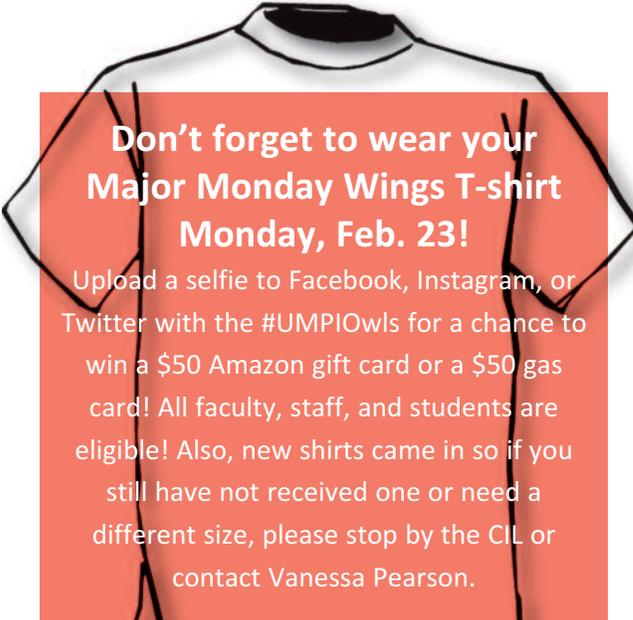
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Reminder to UMPI Alums

Don't forget 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!



Don't forget to wear your Major Monday Wings T-shirt Monday, Feb. 23!

Upload a selfie to Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter with the #UMPIOwls for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card or a \$50 gas card! All faculty, staff, and students are eligible! Also, new shirts came in so if you still have not received one or need a different size, please stop by the CIL or contact Vanessa Pearson.

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We want to hear about your news & events!

If you would like to submit an item for the March 2015 issue, the deadline for submissions is Tuesday, Feb. 17, 4:30 p.m. Submissions received after that date may not be included.

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