



★ Alumni Spotlight: Tim Doak ★



UMPI alumnus Tim Doak considers himself a pretty lucky guy. The Superintendent of RSU 39 and MSAD 20 was able to get his education close to home, have a long and rewarding local career in education, and, as of January, be just the third superintendent from northern Maine recognized as the Maine State Superintendent of the Year.

Doak grew up in Fort Fairfield and graduated from UMPI in 1990 with his Bachelor's degree in Education. He's since earned his Master's degree in Secondary Education from UMaine, and his Educational Leadership Certificate with Advanced Studies at USM. His career in education includes teaching in the Madawaska School District and administrative positions in Madawaska, Grand Isle, Fort Kent, and Allagash.

Doak said that his UMPI professors and their passion for education instilled a passion in him and helped to shape his career as an educator. And now as a superin-

tendent, he counts himself lucky that the same is happening for future educators.

"The teaching world in the future is going to be a demanding one, and institutions like UMPI will be on the forefront helping beginning teachers be the best they can be," he said. "I'm fortunate because I was a graduate from here and have been able to stay right here in the County and I hope that happens for many more people."



Who is that?

In case you missed it, check out Hootie's transformation at www.umpi/hootie!

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UMPI launches fundraising campaign for new greenhouse



The Zillman Family Greenhouse will serve both students and working professionals

In its efforts to expand its Agricultural offerings and meet the needs of the region's agricultural industry, UMPI has launched a fundraising campaign for the construction of a \$495,000, state-of-the-art teaching and research greenhouse on campus. The primary focus of the greenhouse project right now is fundraising,

as \$240,000 is needed to complete the anticipated 2,400-square-foot, four-season greenhouse, which will include two research labs, a teaching classroom and a faculty office. UMPI is especially pleased to announce that Don and Linda Zillman, past UMPI President and First Lady, have donated the lead naming gift toward the greenhouse project. Additionally, a very generous gift of \$10,000 has been received from Farm Credit East during the silent phase of the fundraising campaign. Gifts of all sizes are encouraged to help begin the next phase in supporting economic development within the agricultural sector.

The Zillman Family Greenhouse will serve students and working professionals by educating them in current agricultural practices and support the development of research-based approaches to improve agricultural practices. To contribute to the greenhouse project, please contact Debbie Roark at (207) 768-9755 or via email at deborah.roark@maine.edu.

3 TOP RANKINGS 

by US News and World Report

★ Best Regional College North ★

★ Top Public School ★

★ Least Debt ★

UMPI welcomes Raymond J. Rice as its 12th President

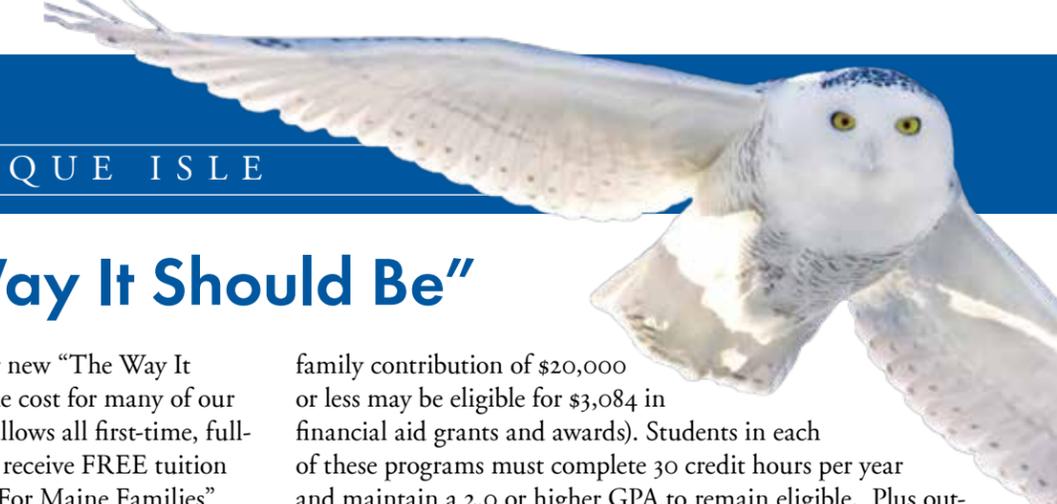


Dr. Raymond J. Rice officially took office as the University of Maine at Presque Isle's 12th president last year. He stepped into the position following the departure of Dr. Linda K. Schott, who transitioned to the President at Southern Oregon University, after four years of service at UMPI (2012-2016).

Dr. Rice, a professor of English, has been a member of the UMPI faculty for 20 years. His leadership roles on campus have included serving as Chair of the College of Arts and Sciences, and, since 2014, as Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.

During his tenure, Dr. Rice has overseen the expansion of early college offerings at area high schools and led UMPI in becoming the first public university in New England to offer a fully accredited, online CBE Business degree program.

Dr. Rice graduated from Dickinson College in 1989 with a B.A. in English and Latin with a secondary school certification. He went on to earn his M.A. in English in 1992 and his Ph.D. in English in 1998, both from the University of Connecticut.



UMPI highlights from Alumni Association President

We've had a busy few years since I began serving as the President of your Alumni Association. If you haven't been able to keep up with the exciting news from our alma mater, let me offer just a few highlights from the last year:

► We kicked off our first year of the University's Community Connections program, matching UMPI students from afar with local hosts, who helped students become acclimated to "The County" and to college life

► The North Atlantic Conference (NAC) accepted UMPI as a full member of the conference, effective in July

► This year's Homecoming was another great success, featuring an Alumni Coffee Hour for students, the Second Annual UMPI Alumni Hour, Sports, Fireworks, and more

► Krista Lamont '09 was honored as the Graduate of the Last Decade (GOLD) for her work



► Judith Atcheson '79 was honored with the Alumni Association's Distinguished Educator Award to recognize her 38-year career as a Presque Isle teacher.

teaching around the world and serving at-risk youth in high poverty neighborhoods

► The Distinguished Alumni Award was posthumously awarded to Jeannie McGowan to recognize her work as Outreach Coordinator for the Northern Maine Museum of Science, Co-founder of Planet Head Day, and her outstanding contributions to our community

In the decade since I graduated from UMPI, I've been continually impressed by the achievements of UMPI alumni. I'd like to personally say "thank you" for making this alumni community what it is. If you are interested in volunteering for board or committee service, please let me know. We'd love to have your join us.

We'd also love to hear from you! Tell us where "your wings" have taken you (yourwings.umpi.edu), join our alumni group on Facebook, and keep connecting at alumni events!

Best wishes,

T. Thomas

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In Memory

We mourn the loss of these colleagues and friends from our UMPI faculty.



Josephine
MATTHEWS
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
OF EDUCATION
Taught from 1967-1988



William
LOTHROP
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
OF MATHEMATICS
Taught from 1967-2008

Alumni recognition awards: Call for nominations

UMPI has thousands of amazing alumni—please help us recognize them! We need your nominations to honor alumni who possess the highest standards of integrity and character; who have distinguished themselves through professional accomplishment or by their service or philanthropy; and who positively reflect and enhance the prestige of the University.

Three awards will be presented this fall: Distinguished Alumni Award, Distinguished Educator Award, and the Graduate of the Last Decade (GOLD) Award. Nominations due August 17, 2018. Those previously honored cannot be nominated for the same award a second time.

To nominate an alum, please complete the online form at www.umpi.edu/alumni/alumni-recognition-awards.



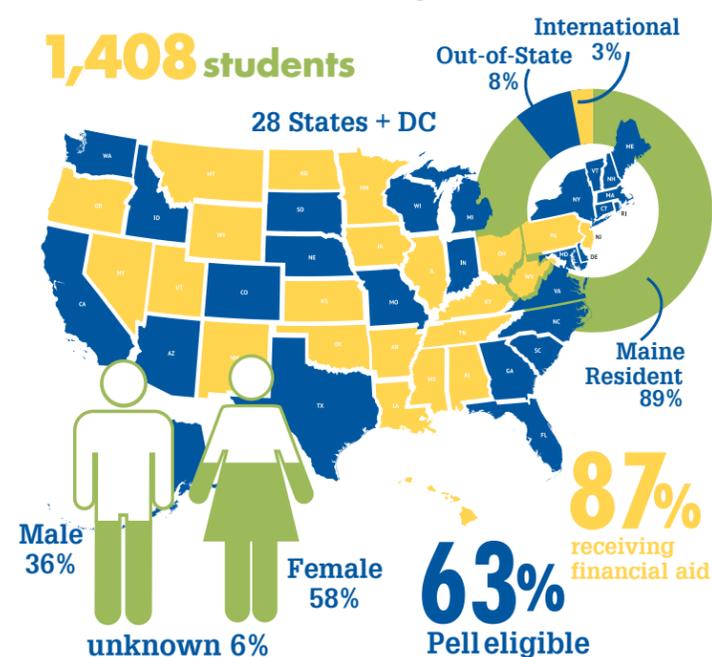
College "The Way It Should Be"

College can be expensive, but with our new "The Way It Should Be" campaign, we have reduced the cost for many of our students. UMPI's "Free For Four" award allows all first-time, full-time Pell-grant eligible Maine residents to receive FREE tuition and fees, saving nearly \$8,000/year. The "For Maine Families" award provides other eligible Maine residents the ability to receive a significant reduction of tuition and fees (those with an expected

family contribution of \$20,000 or less may be eligible for \$3,084 in financial aid grants and awards). Students in each of these programs must complete 30 credit hours per year and maintain a 2.0 or higher GPA to remain eligible. Plus out-of-state and international students pay just \$11,995 in tuition and fees this year.

Please pass this information on to the college-bound students in your life. UMPI may be the perfect fit for their future, at an affordable price. If you would like to schedule a campus visit for a potential student or tell us about a student we should contact, please email Tricia Armstrong at patricia.armstrong@maine.edu.

Total Enrollment Fall 2017



Three ways to make a planned gift

Over the past few years, we have received very generous planned gifts from the estates of Richard Ayre and Frank & Margaret McGrath. We invite you to join fellow alumni and friends of the university who are including UMPI in their planned giving.

1) Will Bequest: By adding just a couple of sentences to your will, you can bequeath a certain amount or specific percentage of your estate to UMPI. This is perhaps the most common type of

- planned gift we receive.
- 2) Charitable IRA Rollover: Donors 70 1/2-years-old and up can rollover funds tax-free to UMPI. Please see your tax accountant for specifics.
 - 3) Life Insurance: Naming UMPI as a beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy is an easy way to create a planned gift.

For more information, please contact Debbie Roark at (207) 768-9755.

Greetings Alumni & Friends,

It's my pleasure to present the return of our Blue & Gold publication! Social media has enabled new communication channels, but we know the good ol' Blue & Gold has been sorely missed.

As we reflect on the past year, I want to first thank all of you for your continued involvement and support of your alma mater. Our alumni are supporting students in so many ways—from serving as mentors to providing resources for scholarships.

Two quick reminders:

1. I hope you have marked your calendars and are making plans to join us for Homecoming 2018, to be held September 27-30th. The Homecoming Committee is enhancing festivities so you will enjoy a fabulous weekend.

2. Be sure to keep former classmates up-to-date about what's happening in your life—share your news about changing jobs, earning advanced degrees, moving, getting married or welcoming a new addition to your family for our ClassNotes. Please include your name,

degree, graduation year, occupation and where you live. Please email your alumni news and photographs (at least 300 ppi) to umpi-alumni@maine.edu or mail to me at UMPI.

Thank you again for all that you do for UMPI, and best wishes for a beautiful spring and 2018!

Sincerely,

Deborah Roark
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& Enrollment Management