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UMPI receives three top *U.S. News* rankings

University officials are pleased to announce that the institution earned not one, but three top rankings on *U.S. News and World Report*'s 2014 Best Colleges list. In this year's annual rankings, UMPI was named among the 50 Best Regional Colleges in the North, among the 15 Top Public Schools in the North, and among the top 5 Regional Colleges in the North for graduates with the least debt.



U.S. News and World Report ranked UMPI in the top 5 for regional colleges in the North for graduates with the lightest debt load.

"We are delighted to have *U.S. News and World Report* recognize us in this year's Best Colleges List, not only for the quality education we provide to our students, but also for the ways we work—through financial aid and low tuition and fees—to ensure our students leave here with the least amount of debt possible," UMPI President Linda Schott said. "And while appearing on just one list is an honor, earning high marks in three categories is a major distinction that we are proud and humbled to receive."

In its Best Regional Colleges in the North ranking, UMPI was listed as #41, earning it first tier status. The ranking defines regional colleges as schools that focus on undergraduate education but grant fewer than half their degrees in liberal arts disciplines. The north region includes Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland.

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Presidential inauguration celebrates teaching and learning

From the smallest preschoolers to the eldest lifelong learners, UMPI's Gentile Hall was filled on Sept. 13 with campus and community members, as well as dignitaries from throughout Maine and beyond, celebrating the Inauguration of Dr. Linda K. Schott as the University's Eleventh President. The theme for the special ceremony, which represented the central role the University has played in the lives of generations of learners, was *Linking Generations Through Teaching and Learning.*

This theme was reflected in two major ways—during the academic processional, UMPI faculty, staff, students, visiting dignitaries, alumni, and emeritus faculty were joined by students from more than a dozen elementary and secondary schools in Aroostook County as well as representatives from Northern Maine Community College and Seniors Achieving Greater Education.

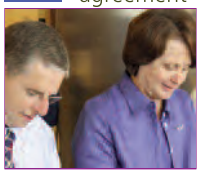
Participating schools and organizations included ACAP Head Start, Fort Fairfield Elementary School, Easton Elementary School, Washburn District Elementary School, Teague Park Elementary School in Caribou, Zippel Elementary School in Presque Isle, Mapleton Elementary School, Cornerstone

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President Linda Schott was inaugurated on Sept. 13 during a special ceremony that celebrated UMPI's efforts to link generations through teaching and learning.

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Living History lecture presented on Constitution Day

The University celebrated the 226th birthday of the signing of the U.S. Constitution with a unique "Living History" lecture delivered by Dr. Brent Andersen, an assistant professor of political science (adjunct) at the University.

On September 17, students, faculty, staff and community members gathered in the Campus Center for the special lecture, titled *How the States United: From the Declaration of Independence & Revolutionary War to the Constitution of the United States.*

Dr. Andersen portrayed Alexander Hamilton, an aide to General George Washington during the Revolutionary War and later one of the principal architects of the U.S. Constitution. Dressed as Hamilton, Dr. Andersen explained how colonial discontent with Great Britain led to the Declaration of Independence and the Revolutionary War. He detailed how hard lessons in self-governance learned during and after that war led directly to the 1787 convention in Philadelphia, where the U.S. Constitution was drafted. He also discussed his service with George Washington during the Revolutionary War, and how this informed his thinking about the Constitution. After the prepared lecture, the audience was invited to ask questions, which Dr. Andersen answered as Hamilton.



Dr. Brent Andersen portrays Alexander Hamilton during a Living History presentation on Constitution Day.

Congress designated September 17 as Constitution Day – a national celebration of our country's founding document – to commemorate the Sept. 17, 1787, signing of the Constitution. In 2004, Congress passed a spending bill that included a provision requiring every school and college that receives federal money to teach about the Constitution on Sept. 17, with a grace period should that day fall on a weekend or conflict with established schedules.

To provide education to the entire campus community, the University also installed a display on the first floor of the Library featuring information about the Constitution. ★

Top rankings

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UMPI was listed as #13 in the Top Public Schools ranking list for Regional Colleges in the North. The ranking defines public colleges and universities as those that are typically operated under the supervision of state governments and funded, in part, by tax dollars and subsidies from the state. Such universities often offer free or discounted tuition to students considered residents of the state.

In its third ranking, the University was short-listed among Regional Colleges in the North for graduates with the least debt. *U.S. News* compiled a list of schools whose Class of 2012 graduated with the lightest debt load. The data included loans taken out by students from their colleges, from private financial institutions, and from federal, state, and local governments. Coming in at #5 after Keystone College (PA), Cooper Union (NY), Paul Smith's College (NY), and Fisher College (MA), UMPI was the only Maine institution and the only public college among the 11 states in the North region that made the list.

U.S. News and World Report has published its Best Colleges rankings since 1983. According to its website, the rankings provide an excellent starting point for families searching for the best academic value for their money and allow them to compare, at a glance, the relative quality of institutions based on such widely accepted indicators of excellence as freshman retention and graduation rates and the strength of the faculty. ★

Community

Caribou Choral Society rehearsals

The Caribou Choral Society began rehearsals for the holiday season on Tuesday evening, Sept. 24, 7 p.m. at the Mormon Church recreation room, located at 67 Paris Snow Drive in Caribou. All County and Canadian singers ages 16 and up are encouraged to join at this time. The choral group sings advanced four-part music of all styles from classical and sacred, to traditional and popular Christmas songs. No auditions are required but to help defray the cost of new sheet music, dues are $12 per season. Concert dates are scheduled for Dec. 8 in Madawaska, Dec. 13 in Presque Isle and Dec. 14 in Caribou. FMI, please contact Dan Ladner



Area's first-ever color-filled 5K a success

With perfect weather, hundreds of participants, and thousands of dollars raised, the University and the Wintergreen Arts Center are calling their Color Presque Isle 5K event a resounding success. Their fun-filled 5K, which welcomed more than 400 participants and served as a benefit for the Northern Maine Center for the Cultural Arts, raised more than $11,000.

"Everything about this event has been just amazing, from the huge number of people who turned out to participate, to the many sponsors and volunteers who helped us to pull it all off, to the incredible amount of money we were able to raise for The Arts right here in Aroostook County," Wendy Gilman-Zubrick, Wintergreen Arts Center Executive Director, said.

Proceeds from the Color Presque Isle 5K—the first of its kind in The County—are being used to further the development of the Northern Maine Center for the Cultural Arts (see story page 6). For more details about this project, please visit www.umpi.edu/nmcca.

"The University couldn't be more delighted with how the community embraced the Color Presque Isle 5K and showed major support for UMPI and Wintergreen's efforts to further develop the visual and cultural arts in our region," UMPI Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Sonntag said.

Event sponsors included MMG Insurance, McCain Foods, Huber Engineered Woods, Cary Medical Center, Katahdin Trust Company, JoyFit, After the Bell, TAMC, Social Envy Image and Event Consulting, ReMax, Transformations Ministries, Presque Isle Downtown Revitalization Committee, BalanceBPO and The Maine Jump. ★

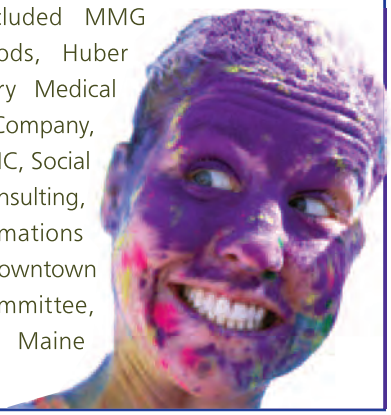


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UMPI and NMCC increase transferability for students

Officials with the University and Northern Maine Community College held a signing ceremony on Aug. 22, in NMCC's Edmunds Library, finalizing two articulation agreements that ensure UMPI and NMCC students experience a smooth transition when they opt to transfer between institutions.

NMCC President Timothy Crowley and UMPI President Linda Schott led the official signing of the documents.

"Both of these articulation agreements provide students with clear pathways to achieving their higher education goals," President Schott said. "We are delighted to make the process easier for them and to be a leader in the state in terms of increasing transferability."



UMPI and NMCC officials signed two agreements on Aug. 22. Taking part in the signing are NMCC Academic Dean Dr. Dottie Martin, NMCC President Tim Crowley, UMPI President Linda Schott, and UMPI Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Sonntag.

The first articulation agreement officials signed ensures that students at either institution are able to transfer their General Education courses easily between schools. This allows students to more quickly complete their degree and save money.

The second agreement allows for a seamless transition between NMCC's Early Childhood Education Associate in Applied Science degree program and UMPI's Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education degree program, which has an Early Childhood Education concentration option.

In addition, a new UMPI faculty member has been hired to provide greater support for students participating in this program. Wendy Ross serves as the new Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education and the Director of UMPI's Early Childhood Education Program. ★



Youth Triathlon a major success

With an increase in participants over the first year event in 2012, and momentum growing for triathlon, organizers of the 2013 REDY . . . Set . . . Let's Go! Youth Triathlon are calling the event a huge success.

Held on the UMPI campus on Sept. 8, advance registration grew by 50 percent over the first youth triathlon held in Aroostook County a year ago. The Youth Triathlon is a partnership of Healthy Aroostook, a program of the Aroostook County Action Program; TAMC and UMPI.

The triathletes began with the swim portion in the Gentile Hall pool, navigated a bicycle course through the heart of the campus, and finished with the run portion on the south and west sides of the Gentile Hall complex. Triathletes between the ages of 7 and 10 swam 50 yards, biked 2 miles, and ran one-half mile. Participants between the ages of 11 and 14 swam 100 yards, biked 2.5 miles, and ran 1 mile.

"We couldn't be happier with how the youth triathlon turned out, at how much fun local youth had participating in it, and how well the volunteer team came together for the event. Despite less than ideal weather conditions, everyone enjoyed themselves," said UMPI President Linda Schott.

Sponsors for the event included ACAP, Amato's, The County Federal Credit Union, Houlton Farms Dairy, Huber Engineered Wood Products, Irish Setter Pub, Maine Winter Sports Center, MMG Insurance, Mojo, Presque Isle Kiwanis Club, Presque Isle Rotary Club, S.W. Collins, Triathlete Sports, TriSwim, and United Insurance. ★

Inauguration

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Christian Academy in Presque Isle, New Sweden Consolidated School, Presque Isle Middle School, Van Buren Middle School, Houlton High School, Central Aroostook High School in Mars Hill, Carleton Project, Maine School of Science and Mathematics in Limestone, and Presque Isle High School. Music during the academic procession and recession was performed by members of the UMPI Community Band, led by Director Jon Simonoff.

After the procession, Dr. Michael Sonntag, UMPI's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, reinforced the Inaugural theme by recognizing three generations of the Jerry and Mabel Desmond family, who are all UMPI alumni. They include Mabel J. (Lenentine) Desmond (1949, 1964), her late husband Jerry Desmond (1954), son Russ Desmond (1974) and daughters Ronnee Desmond Johnston (1976) and Jennifer Desmond York (1985), and grandson Micah Desmond (2005). Ronnee Desmond Johnston's husband Danny Johnston also graduated from UMPI in 1976. Son Jed Desmond, also attended UMPI and later taught for the institution part-time.

Campus greetings were delivered by Barbara Blackstone, Faculty Assembly chair; Leah Rodriguez, Student Senate President; Nancy Fletcher, Head of Access/Technical Services, representing staff; and Sharon Roix, Alumni Association President. Members of the Presque Isle High School Chorus, led by Director Jay Nelson, then provided a musical selection, *We Are The World*. Community greetings were delivered by James Bennett, Presque Isle City Manager; Stephen D. Richard, Chair of UMPI's Board of Visitors; and Robert Dorsey, President and CEO of Aroostook Partnership for Progress.

University of Maine System Board of Trustees Chair Samuel W. Collins then delivered remarks, administered the Oath of Office to President Schott, and presented her with the presidential medallion as her family surrounded her.

President Schott then delivered her Inaugural Address. Going forward, she explained, the University will continue to be affordable, work to better serve adult students, and reach out especially to students who prefer active, experiential learning. The institution will also use technology to its fullest, develop a comprehensive approach to preparing graduates for professional careers, and work with the local community to involve students in internships before they graduate.

To view the Presidential Inauguration in its archive, please visit www.umpi.edu/inauguration. ★

Community

Paige Lento Benefit Dinner & Fundraiser

On Saturday, Oct. 5 at Central Aroostook High School in Mars Hill, there will be a benefit dinner & fundraiser for Paige Lento, who is the daughter of UMPI alums Kristina and Peter Lento. Dinner is from 4:30-6:30 p.m., followed by a live and silent auction. There will also be a raffle drawing for one ton of pellets from Northern Dispatch Energy. Paige has Jeune's Syndrome, liver disease and has recently transitioned into kidney failure. She is 8 years old and is on the waiting list for a new liver and kidneys. FMI, contact Tiffany Faulkner at 227.7195.



UMPI celebrates Homecoming 2013

The University hosted another jam-packed Homecoming celebration from Sept. 12-15, offering everything from socials and athletic events to alumni games and the annual Hall of Fame dinner.

Festivities began on Sept. 12 with the annual Women's Soccer Spaghetti Supper. The next day, activities got underway with the Homecoming Kickoff and BBQ lunch and a "Healthy You" make-your-own-smoothie bar hosted by Cary Medical Center's Healthy You team. That afternoon, the Presidential Inauguration took place (see story, page 1). Evening activities included an Alumni Basketball Game, a performance by Peter Boie, a "magician for non-believers," and the annual Alumni and Friends Social.

UMPI Homecoming 2013

The fun continued on Saturday, Sept. 14, with the exhibit *Wise Women* by world renowned photographer Joyce Tenneson in the Reed Fine Art Gallery and the Homecoming Alumni and Friends Brunch in the President's House. During the brunch, the classes of 2003 (10 years), 1988 (25 years), and 1963 (50 years) were honored. In addition, Michael Thibodeau, Class of 1966, received the Distinguished Educator of the Year Award and Christine Smith, Class of 2005, was presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award (see story below).

The day included many more events, such as: Greek Games; soccer and volleyball games; the Alumni and Families "Swim and Gym;" Kappa Delta Phi NAS's 40th anniversary dinner; the annual Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner (see story, page 10); and the band Too Far North performing in "The Connection." The classic rock and roll band took the stage for its third annual reunion concert. Several members of the band, which performed between 1994 and 2008 throughout Maine, are UMPI alums.

The last day of Homecoming, Sept. 15, served as an Alumni Sport Day. Alumni had the opportunity to compete against students in soccer and cross country events during the morning and early afternoon. ★



Members of Kappa Delta Phi NAS gather for their 40th anniversary.

Educator, Distinguished Alumni awardees honored

The University and the Alumni Association honored two alumni with awards of distinction during the Homecoming 2013 activities.



Michael Thibodeau



Christine Smith

Alumnus Michael Thibodeau was honored with the Distinguished Educator Award, which is presented to an alumnus/alumna who has received ongoing recognition as an outstanding educator.

Alumna Christine Smith received the Distinguished Alumni Award, which is presented to an alumnus/alumna who has made long-term contributions to the Alumni Association or the University, or who has received professional recognition that has reflected positively on the University.

MICHAEL THIBODEAU graduated from the University in 1966 with a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education. He went on to earn his Master's degree in Natural Science in 1970 from the University of Oklahoma. He currently teaches earth science at Lesley College. For the past two years, he has served as the Program Director of Lesley University's Science in Education Online Program in the School of Education.

For nearly two decades, Thibodeau has spent his summers in the Bay Area of California. In 1991, he was selected to participate in the Teacher Research Associates Program at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, where he worked with a team of geologists on the Hayward Fault Trench Project. Most recently, he has served as coordinator of the Academies Creating Teacher Scientists Program, a research program for in-service teachers supported by the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science.

Also recognized was CHRISTINE SMITH, who graduated from the University in 2005 with a Bachelor's degree in International Studies with a concentration in History. She went on to earn her Juris Doctor from the University of Maine School of Law in 2008. Upon receiving her law degree, Smith returned home to practice law and serve the people of Aroostook County. She was hired as the attorney for the Hope and Justice Project and, for the past five years, has traveled all over northern Maine to meet with clients affected by domestic violence and advocate for them in area district courts.

This summer, she took on a new challenge, opening up her own law office in Fort Fairfield, where she serves as the only attorney located in the town and provides legal services to residents across Aroostook County. ★



UMPI, Wintergreen announce new center



Heather Sincavage, left, UMPI Art Professor, and Wendy Gilman-Zubrick, Wintergreen Arts Center Executive Director, unveil the name of the new project that will establish the region's very first facility dedicated to the visual arts.

The University will soon have a physical presence in downtown Presque Isle as part of a major project to establish the region's very first facility dedicated to the visual arts. UMPI officials are partnering with the Wintergreen Arts Center on this project that supports the region's growing arts community, efforts to spur economic development, and encourages innovation in academic and community education.

During a press conference held on June 26, officials from the University and Wintergreen announced the details of the project. The two entities are working with building owners, the City of Presque Isle, and several other partners to transform 149 State Street (known locally as the old Wight Furniture Building) into the Northern Maine Center for the Cultural Arts. The building already houses Wintergreen on its first floor, but will soon feature UMPI's Downtown Art Gallery on the second floor and UMPI's Art Studio Space on the third floor.

The project also includes hiring a dedicated cultural outreach liaison to coordinate community cultural endeavors at the new center, engaging partners in the development of a five-year cultural plan for Presque Isle, and creating a green space in the parking area behind 149 State St.

"We are very pleased to be establishing a downtown art gallery and art studio spaces, and partnering with Wintergreen to present a whole building filled with arts-focused activities and opportunities for the region," UMPI President Linda Schott said. "We hope to see many positive impacts created through this project."

The project is being led by grant administrator Wendy Gilman-Zubrick, WGAC Executive Director, and project director Heather Sincavage, UMPI Art Professor and Director of UMPI's Reed Fine Art Gallery. ★

Expansion proposed for Maine Solar System Model

The University's Maine Solar System Model celebrated its 10th anniversary on June 14 with a short press conference and the announcement of a proposed expansion into Canada, which would make it the very first international model on record. The Maine Solar System Model was formally dedicated on June 14, 2003, after four years of construction.

The installation, which is one of the exhibits maintained by UMPI's Northern Maine Museum of Science, remains the largest solar system model in this hemisphere, with a scale of 1:93,000,000. At this scale, one mile is equal to the distance from Earth to Sun, known as an astronomical unit. The Sun is located inside Folsom-Pullen Hall, with the planets and dwarf planets located south along Route 1. The model is a major summertime destination, bringing tourists from all over the country, and even around the world, to the region.



Dr. Kevin McCartney (far right), Director of the Northern Maine Museum of Science and coordinator of the Maine Solar System Model, and Don Levesque (second from right), Vice President of the Maine Regional Coordinating Committee of the Congrès Mondial Acadien 2014, unveil a prototype of the wall-mounted displays that would be installed at five locations in Canada. Looking on are, from left, UMPI President Linda Schott and Lynn McNeal, who was one of the hundreds of community members involved in the creation of the solar system model.

"We are delighted to be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Maine Solar System Model and to announce its proposed expansion," UMPI President Linda Schott said. We are very excited about the prospect of expanding this model into Canada and creating the world's first International Solar System Model."

Plans are developing to expand the solar system model north into New Brunswick and Québec, as well as East and West of Route 1. The expansion is being done in recognition of, and to coincide with, the 2014 Congrès Mondial Acadien (World Acadian Congress), with two dwarf planets or Kuiper Belt Objects each in the Acadian areas of Maine, New Brunswick and Québec. A Kuiper Belt Object is also planned both east and west of Houlton, Maine, for eight additions altogether. Once complete, the newly expanded installation would officially be named the "International Solar System Model." ★



Renowned photographer serves as DLS speaker

The University kicked off its 2013-2014 University Distinguished Lecturer Series with a talk by world renowned photographer Joyce Tenneson. Presented by Canon USA's Explorer of Light program, Tenneson delivered her talk *An Intimate Look at the Intimate Portrait* on Sept. 11.



Joyce Tenneson

During her visit, Tenneson served a unique dual role as UMPI's DLS speaker and the artist exhibited at the Reed Fine Art Gallery. Her exhibit *Wise Women: A Celebration of Their Insights, Courage, and Beauty* will be on display in the gallery through Oct. 12.

Internationally lauded as one of the leading photographers of her generation, Tenneson has been described critically as "one of America's most interesting portrayers of the human character." Her images have been displayed in more than 150 exhibitions worldwide and are part of numerous private and museum collections. Her portraits appear frequently on covers for magazines such as *Time, Life, Newsweek, Premiere, Esquire* and *The New York Times Magazine.*

Tenneson is the author of fifteen books including the best seller, *Wise Women,* which was featured in a six-part *Today Show* series. She is also the recipient of many awards, including the International Center of Photography's Infinity Award and the 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Professional Photographers of America. The Lucie Awards named Joyce Tenneson as Fine Art Photographer of the Year in 2005 and she has been named Photographer of the Year by the international organization Women in Photography.

In a recent poll conducted by *American Photo Magazine,* readers voted Tenneson among the 10 most influential women in the history of photography. To learn more about Tenneson, visit www.tenneson.com. ★

UMPI, Community Players present Dinner Theater

The University is pleased to be partnering with the Presque Isle Community Players to host a very special Fall Dinner Theater Presentation that will serve as a fundraiser for UMPI's Auditorium Renovation Project. The Players will perform "Country in the County" on Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 11 and 12 and Oct. 18 and 19 in UMPI's Campus Center.

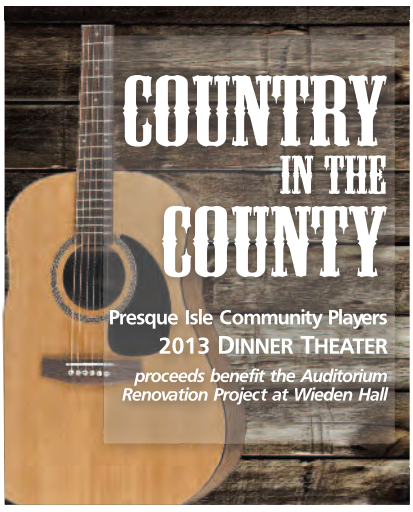
This evening of live music, featuring some of the area's most talented singers and musicians, will include many Country favorites, from Johnny Cash and Patsy Cline to Big and Rich and the Dixie Chicks. Tamia Glidden serves as this year's Production Director and Melbourne Smith is the Musical Director.

For the Oct. 12, 18 and 19 performances, there will be a Social Hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., and the performance at 8 p.m. Tickets are $25 each. During the Opening Night Gala on Oct. 11, theater-goers will be treated to a reception and social at the President's House at 5:30 p.m., dinner and the performance starting at 7 p.m. in the Campus Center, and, immediately following the show, an "Afterglow Reception" featuring decadent desserts and a champagne toast with the cast in the Alumni Room. Proper ID required. Tickets for this special evening are $50 each.

"We are very pleased to have the Players bring their talent and enthusiasm to UMPI for what is sure to be another wonderful dinner theater and to have the event serve as the fundraiser kick-off for our Auditorium Renovation Project," Keith Madore, UMPI's Director of Development, said. "Our Auditorium, located in Wieden Hall, is in serious need of renovations and we hope this event helps to restore the auditorium back to its former glory in the near future."

Tickets are available now at the Aroostook Centre Mall, Goin' Postal, and UMPI's Campus Store in the Campus Center, which will accept credit cards.

To learn more about the Dinner Theatre and Auditorium Renovation Project or to make a donation, please visit www.umpi.edu/theater. For more information, please call 768.9452. ★





Reed Gallery presents Joyce Tenneson

The Reed Fine Art Gallery is exhibiting *Wise Women: A Celebration of Their Insights, Courage, and Beauty* by world renowned photographer Joyce Tenneson through Oct. 12. The public is invited to view the exhibition throughout the show's run.

Tenneson's *Wise Women* exhibition, presented through Canon USA's Explorer of Light program, features selected photographs on metal from her series and book of the same name. There are 80 portraits of women aged 65 to 100 in the series, including such distinguished women as Angela Lansbury, Dame Judi Dench and Coretta Scott King.

Internationally lauded as one of the leading photographers of her generation, Tenneson ranks among the most respected photographers of our time. Her images have been displayed in exhibitions worldwide and are part of numerous private and museum collections.

Tenneson's portraits go beyond a surface recording of her subject's likeness. Her signature-style attempts to show the inner person who hovers behind the facade. Says Tenneson: "I want to allow others to reveal and celebrate aspects of themselves that are usually hidden. My camera is a witness. It holds a light up for my subjects to help them feel their own essence, and gives them the courage to collaborate in the recording of these revelations."

The exhibit will also be included in Presque Isle's First Friday Art Walk on October 4 from 5-7 p.m. 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. ★



Crowe's second book of poetry published

After signing a contract with Finishing Line Press, Dr. Melissa Crowe, UMPI Assistant Professor of English, will see her second chapbook of poetry, *Girl, Giant,* released to the public at the end of November.



"These poems will surprise you in a dozen ways," Christian Barter, author of *In Someone Else's House,* said. "The poems in *Girl, Giant* probe with a voice that is at once plainspoken and capable of saying nearly anything."

Dr. Crowe has worked at the University for the past two years from her home in North Carolina, focused exclusively on online course delivery and development. She previously served as Assistant Professor of English and Honors Director on the UMPI campus from 2004-2008. It was during that time that she began writing her poetry in a non-traditional sort of way—on a blog she started in September 2006. That writing led to the publication of her first book, *Cirque du Creve-Coeur.*

Dr. Crowe is a published poet who received the inaugural Betsy Sholl Award for Excellence in Poetry by the University of Southern Maine's *Words & Images* magazine. Her work has appeared in many literary magazines, including the *Atlanta Review,* the *Crab Orchard Review* and the *Seneca Review.* She sits on the editorial board of *The Beloit Poetry Journal.*

Dr. Crowe was born and raised in Presque Isle and graduated from Presque Isle High School in 1992. She received her Bachelor's degree in English from the University of Maine, her MFA in poetry from Sarah Lawrence College, and her Ph.D. in English from the University of Georgia. She resides with her husband, Mark, and their daughter, Annabelle, in Asheville, North Carolina.

Rachel Contreni Flynn, author of *Tongue* and winner of the 2010 Benjamin Saltman Award, said, "Melissa Crowe has given us the gift of poems that are at once gentle and unflinchingly genuine, that manage to soothe us even as they unsettle. *Girl, Giant* offers in sensual, unexpected language insights into the intimate struggles and triumphs, the back-sliding and maybe-gaining-a-toehold that we know to be true of self and family."

Preorders for *Girl, Giant* can be made at www.finishinglinepress.com through Sept 27. To order, click the "Bookstore" button at the top of the page and select "Crowe, Melissa" from the dropdown menu. Orders made during this period will ship out Nov. 27. ★



Employees honored during annual breakfast

The University honored several employees for their years of service during the annual

Welcome Back & Employee Appreciation Breakfast

held on Aug. 30.

Twenty employees were recognized for their combined 355 years of service to the University. Employees were honored with various tokens of appreciation, from pewter mugs and clocks to lamps and rocking chairs.

Recognized for
35 years of service
Malcolm A. Coulter

30 years of service
Connie M. Levesque
Dr. Robert J. Pinette
Gretchen M. Brissette

25 years of service
Ricky Wasson
Dr. Zhu-Qi Lu
Dr. Kevin McCartney

20 years of service
Laura J. Bouchard
Jean A. Henderson
Erin V. Benson

15 years of service
Kathy K. Davis
Shirley J. Rush
Dr. John J. Zaborney

10 years of service
Danette N. Madore
Kathryn H. Higgins
Denise Hamel

5 years of service
Donna M. White
Gregory P. Doak
Carolyn Dorsey-Durepo
Dr. Jacquelyn A. Lowman





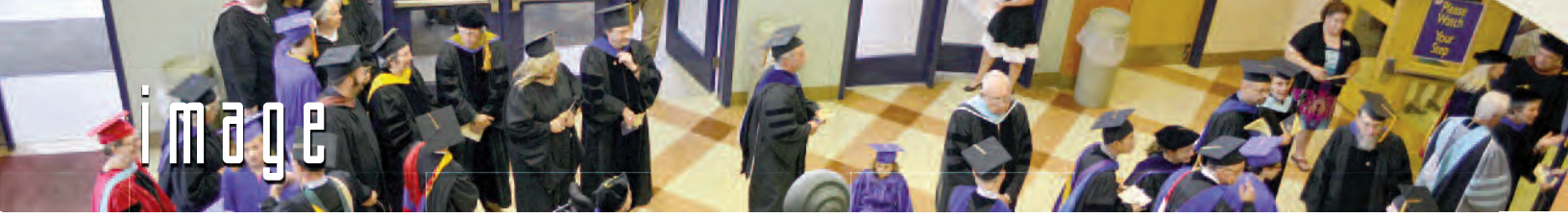








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30 - *from left:* Connie Levesque, Gretchen Brissette
25 - Ricky Wasson
20 - *from left:* Laura Bouchard, Erin Benson
15 - *from left:* Dr. John Zaborney, Kathy Davis
10 - *from left:* Danette Madore, Denise Hamel, Kathryn Higgins
5 - *from left:* Donna White, Greg Doak, Saint, Dr. Jacqui Lowman



Sports! Sports! Sports!

Three inducted into Owls Hall of Fame

At the annual Hall of Fame dinner held during Homecoming 2013 activities, three UMPI Owls were honored. ***Jocelyn "Jo" Dill,*** *Class of 1973,* ***Paul Bouchard,*** *Class of 1975, and* ***Stephanie (Thurlow) Dubay,*** *Class of 2002, were inducted into the Owls' Athletic Hall of Fame.*

Jocelyn "Jo" Dill was the executive director of Maine Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance for many years. The Lyman resident is now the coordinator for Maine Senior Games, overseeing competition in 17 sports.

Paul Bouchard is a 1,000-point scorer who played on the 1974 Northeast College Conference Championship team. Bouchard is a 1975 graduate who lives in Old Town. He scored 1,106 points for the Owls and graduated UMPI as the school's No. 2 career scorer. He and his teammates won the NCCC title and finished as runners-up in the NAIA District 32 Championship in 1974.

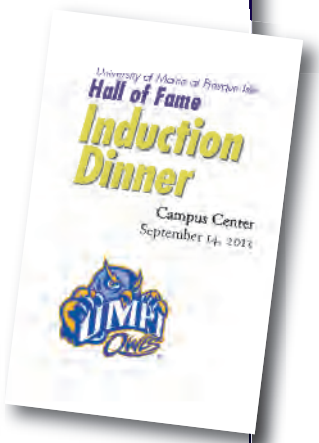
Dubay was a four-year basketball and soccer standout and also played one season of softball for the Owls. Dubay, who teaches and coaches at Mattanawcook Academy in Lincoln, coached Lee Academy to a Class D girls' soccer state championship in 2006.

Also during the awards banquet, UMPI's 1973-74 men's basketball team was recognized. ★









pictured, from top:
Paul Bouchard
Jocelyn "Jo" Dill
Stephanie Dubay

UMPI Owl Patrick Manifold goes pro, publishes book

UMPI Alum and basketball standout Patrick Manifold recently announced that his dream of becoming a professional basketball player had become a reality. Manifold signed with the Glasgow Rocks in Scotland, with plans to participate in the British Basketball League during the 2013-2014 season.

As if that weren't enough, Manifold also has written a book that is now available for sale on amazon.com. *Change Your Life: Learn the Secrets of Self-Discipline* shows readers how to harness the power of self-discipline to achieve success. Those who remember Manifold can attest that he surely knows a thing or two about both self-discipline and success. Congratulations, Patrick! ★





Patrick Manifold



Volleyball Camp

Local youth in grades 6 to 12 participated in Volleyball Camp, hosted over the summer in Wieden Gym by UMPI Coach Mark Kornachuk and members of the UMPI Volleyball Team. The camp included instruction in setting, serving, blocking, hitting and training in team play. Officials are looking forward to hosting another Volleyball Camp next summer. ★



Sports! Sports! Sports!

UMPI hosts Special Olympics Soccer event

Local Special Olympians gathered at UMPI on Sept. 17 for the Northern Maine Special Olympics Soccer Tournament. The event, annually held on the UMPI Park Family Soccer Field and supported by volunteers from MMG Insurance, was attended by more than 100 Special Olympics athletes, family members, fans and supporters from Aroostook County and beyond.

UMPI Head Men's Soccer Coach Alan Gordon and his team host the event each year and student-athletes from UMPI's Soccer Programs coach and sometimes even play with the Special Olympians.



"Each year, the UMPI student-athletes really enjoy the opportunity to coach the Special Olympic athletes on our campus. It gives our players the opportunity to give back to the community and share the love they have for the game of soccer," noted Gordon.

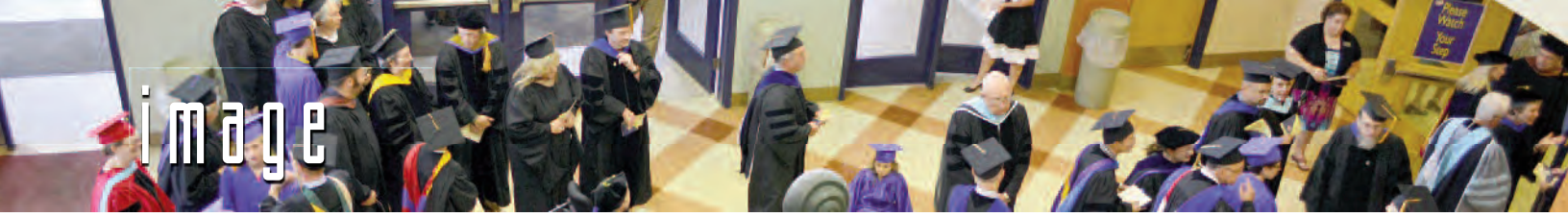
"We really enjoy this—I know the Special Olympic athletes look forward to playing, but for myself and all of my teammates, it is a thrill as well," said UMPI senior midfielder Ryan Jones (Vinalhaven, ME). "It is really gratifying to know we have made a group of people so happy." ★



Several volunteers from UMPI participated in the effort on Sept. 11-12 in Caribou to help Jonathan Trappe begin his Trans-Atlantic cluster balloon flight. Trappe attempted a 2,500-mile journey in a special unit rigged with 370 helium-filled balloons. Pausing in their volunteer efforts are, from left to right: Jared Dickinson, Henry Meyer, Elizabeth Dionne, Kayla Ames, Kevin McCartney, Idella Thompson and John DeFelice.



On behalf of UMPI's Relay for Life team, the Campus Store has set up a display featuring the plaque the group received as the Top Non Profit Team for 2013. This is the second year in a row the UMPI Owls team has received the honor. Pictured with the display are some of the team members, including, from left, Erin Hoffses, Danielle Pelkey, Nancy Nichols, Candace Roy, Laurie Boucher and Sharon Roix.



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Publication by former UMPI student and Dr. Bonnie Wood

A case study entitled *The Buzz about Colony Collapse Disorder: Causes, Effects, and Cures* by Robyn R. Oster and Dr. Bonnie S. Wood has been published by the National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science (NCCSTS) at the State University of New York at Buffalo. Biology major Oster was at UMPI for the 2011-2012 academic year with the National Student Exchange. She enrolled in Dr. Wood's Biology/Environmental Studies 489 (Science Seminar) entitled *Start with a Story: Case Studies in Science*. During this three-credit writing-intensive course, weekly readings, writing assignments, and in-class activities gradually prepared students to use the case study method to produce an original case study in a form appropriate for publication. During the following summer, Dr. Wood and Oster worked to prepare the paper for submission. After peer review and various revisions and additions, it was published in May 2013. Oster attended UMPI during her sophomore year and is finishing her degree at Minnesota State University Moorhead.

UMPI hosts management courses

The University is offering two courses this fall as part of its American Management Association's certificate programs. The two courses are "Communication Skills for Managers" and "First-Level Leadership." These courses are part of a multi-course curriculum leading to Certificates in Management and Human Resources Management and are specifically created to meet the unique needs of working professionals who want to be more effective in their current positions and better prepared for future advancement. FMI contact Keith Madore at 768.9568.

SAGE kicks off fall class offerings at UMPI

An UMPI program that serves local residents over 50 and believes in "learning for life" hosted its fall kick-off event Sept. 20 in the Campus Center. Participants had the opportunity to socialize with SAGE members and learn all about upcoming SAGE classes. This fall, SAGE officials are offering 16 courses and learning excursions – on topics ranging from wine-making and "oldies but goodies" films to yoga and the Supreme Court. Learning excursions include trips to the Salmon Brook Historical Society Museum, Francis Malcolm Science Center, and Took a Leap Farm. There are additional fees for field trips and some hands-on courses. Membership in Seniors Achieving Greater Education [SAGE] is $15 per semester or $30 for the year. FMI, contact Mary Lawrence at 768.9502.

UMPI hosts 18th annual Community and Campus Clubs Fair

The University hosted its 18th annual Club and Community Fair on Sept. 19 in the Campus Center. Members of the campus and community were invited to attend this event to learn more about the numerous student groups on campus as well as many local businesses and organizations. The Fair was open to all and there were door prizes, product samples, coupons, and giveaways. This event was co-sponsored by Student Activities and Career Services.

UMPI offers Week of Wellness

As part of Gentile Hall's Week of Wellness celebration Sept. 25-27, there will be various free sessions, all in Gentile Hall, that are open to all. On Wednesday, Sept. 25, there will be a free nutrition session with Lisa Fishman, a nutrition education professional at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension from Noon – 2 p.m. On Thursday, Sept. 26, Keli Marston, UMPI's Fitness and Wellness Coordinator will do Step N Tone, Fit Camp, and Stability Ball exercises from Noon – 2 p.m. to let everyone experience some of the fitness programs offered. And on Friday, Sept. 27, everyone can participate in a free Fitness Assessment from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. FMI, contact Keli Marston at 768.9776.

UMPI hosts Maine author Tim Caverly



The University hosted Tim Caverly, (pictured) a Maine author and former Allagash supervisor, on Sept.12. for his narrated, multi-media presentation titled *Allagash Tails and Tales.* The program included music, scenic and historic photographs, as well as stories detailing Caverly's experiences while living along the Allagash River. The presentation allowed the audience to experience the Allagash in a whole new way.

New look, new name for Campus Store

UMPI's old bookstore has a new look and new name! It is now the Campus Store and has recently gone through a number of changes including a major facelift. It has a new layout, with the window for the Mailroom now inside the

We want to hear about your news & events!

If you would like to submit an item for the **October** issue, the deadline for submissions is **4:30pm. Monday, Sept. 30.** Submissions received after that date may not be included.

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



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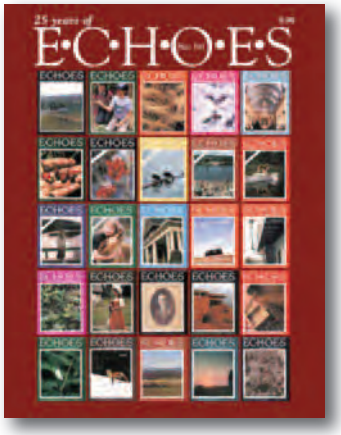
UMPI CAMPUS STORE Campus Store. Please make sure you stop by to check out their new digs and do some shopping! Also, there is a new online store for UMPI gear and merchandise. Go to umpigear.com and check it out!

Rachael Hannah appears in *Portland Phoenix* article on brain research

Dr. Rachael Hannah was featured in the July 12 issue of *The Portland Phoenix.* The article, titled *The Most Mysterious Organ, Mapping the Pathways in the Brain,* featured Hannah's study of how people can recover from traumatic brain injuries. With the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory, a nonprofit research institution, Hannah is trying to develop a traumatic brain injury model in zebrafish (which are widely used for such research due to some genetic similarities to humans, as well as regenerative abilities). "We don't really know how the brain works enough to know how to help [TBI sufferers] recover," she said in the article. "Hopefully zebrafish can help us." Hannah is one of only a few people doing brain-related research in Maine.

Echoes magazine marks 25 years

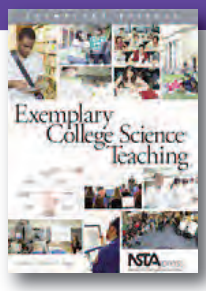
Caribou-based *Echoes* magazine celebrated 25 years of continuous quarterly publication in July with a gathering at UMPI's Campus Center. Writers, artists and photographers who contributed to *Echoes* had their work on display, had items for sale, and also donated items to be awarded as door prizes during the afternoon. A complete selection of back issues and



free posters were available. There were also readings by popular columnist Glenna Johnson Smith, *Echoes* co-founder Gordon Hammond, and Roger Akeley, who read from his book about Aroostook County potato houses titled *Embedded Memories.* Advertisers who have helped keep *Echoes* in business for 25 years also received special recognition.

Exemplary College Science Teaching: Dr. Bonnie Wood publishes book chapter

Chapter 2 of a recently-published book entitled *Exemplary College Science Teaching* was authored by Dr. Bonnie Wood, Professor Emerita of Biology at UMPI. Her chapter, entitled *Lecture-Free College Science Teaching: A Learning Partnership* begins by describing the University of Maine at Presque Isle. She then discusses her motivation for developing lecture-free teaching during more than two decades of teaching at UMPI as well as her steps for course design and an explanation of what this pedagogy can do for science. This newest Society for College Science Teachers monograph is available for purchase from National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Press.



Dr. Judith Roe attends Plant Biology 2013 Conference

UMPI Assistant Biology Professor Dr. Judith Roe attended the Plant Biology 2013 conference of the American Society of Plant Biologists in Providence, Rhode Island and presented a poster on the work done by students in her Fall semester BIO 350 Genetics class entitled *Barcoding of the Wabanaki Garden.* (pictured below) Students sampled the DNA of medicinal plants and analyzed one gene in each to determine if it was unique enough to identify the species.



UMPI hosts Make-a-Wish Walk

The University hosted a Make-a-Wish Walk on Sept. 19, starting in the Campus Center's Multi-Purpose Room. Make-a-Wish grants the wishes of Maine children with life-threatening medical conditions. Since 1992, it has granted more than 1,100 wishes to Maine children. On average, each wish granted to a Maine child costs $6,000 and one occurs every five days. Adults raising at least $100 and youths under 18 raising at least $50 received a free "Walk For Wishes" T-shirt. To donate, please visit www.maine.wish.org or call 221.2306.

UMPI graduate Stan Willenbring publishes textbook

Dr. Stan Willenbring, a 1990 graduate of UMPI with a Bachelor's degree in biology and a doctorate in physiology from Dartmouth Medical School, has published a textbook for anatomy and physiology, *Physiology: An Interactive Text.* The book is totally digital, and may be read using a CD or by accessing a website. "It's readable on any device—computer, tablet, iPad, or even a smart phone," Willenbring said. Willenbring is now officially using it in his Anatomy and Physiology course, having used many of its components over the last several years. The book is specifically directed at the needs of students in allied health career programs, such as nursing and physical therapy. The book is starting to be adopted by other schools. ★



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activities 9.25.2013–10.16.2013

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Sept 25

High ropes course open house 3:30pm ■ **CRU mtg** 6:15pm, CC118

Sept 26

UMPI Games Club mtg 6pm, Owl's Nest

Sept 27

GSTA mtg 12:30pm, Alumni Room ■ **Warmachine play mtg** 6:30pm, Pullen 111

Sept 28

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

Sept 29

Kappa Delta Phi NAS mtg 6:30pm, CC 118

Oct 1

Student Senate mtg 12:40pm, Alumni Room

Oct 2

CRU mtg 6:15pm, CC118

Oct 3

SEAM mtg 12:15pm, Alumni Room ■ **SOSW mtg** 12:30pm, CC118 ■ **UMPI Games Club mtg** 6pm, Owl's Nest

Oct 4

GSTA mtg 12:30pm, Alumni Room ■ **First Friday Art Walk** 5pm, Reed Art Gallery ■ **Warmachine play mtg** 6:30pm, Pullen 111

Oct 5

UMPI Outing Club Outdoor Rock Climbing 5am, Gentile Hall

Oct 6

Kappa Delta Phi mtg 6:30pm, Alumni Room ■ **Kappa Delta Phi NAS** 6:30pm, CC118

Oct 7

Gay Days (day 1) **Keynote Speaker** Dr. Wayne Maines, father of a transgender girl, 7pm, F105

Oct 8

Student Senate mtg 12:40pm, Alumni Room ■ **Gay Days** (day 2) **Films** *Transamerica* at 6:30pm, *Prayers for Bobby* at 8:15pm, F105

Oct 9

Gay Days (day 3) **Blue Jeans Day** Show support for GLBT equality – wear blue jeans today ■ **CRU mtg** 6:15pm, CC118

Oct 10

SEAM mtg 12:15pm, Alumni Room ■ **SOSW mtg** 12:30pm, CC118 ■ **UMPI Games Club mtg** 6pm, Owl's Nest

Oct 11

GSTA mtg 12:30pm, Alumni Room ■ **Warmachine play mtg** 6:30pm, Pullen 111 ■ **Live Action Role Playing** 6:30pm, Pullen 112, 113 & F105 ■ **Debouillie weekend** Register by today for Oct 19-20 Outing Club event

Oct 13

Kappa Delta Phi mtg 6:30pm, Alumni Room ■ **Kappa Delta Phi NAS mtg** 6:30pm, CC118

Oct 14

Columbus Day U.S. / **Thanksgiving** Canada ■ **Fall Break begins**

Oct 16

Classes resume

Oct 19-20

UMPI Outing Club Debouillie weekend meet at Gentile Hall at 7am ★

Tobacco Free & Healthy Lifestyles at Houlton Higher Education Center

In conjunction with Healthy Aroostook, the Houlton Higher Education Center will offer healthy snacks and have information and resources for nutrition, physical activity, and tobacco on Wednesday, Sept. 25 from 2 – 6 p.m. in the lobby. *Stop by for a snack and sign up for one of two $25 gift cards that will be given out.* ★

Choose to Be TobaccoFree

Outing Club Fall 2013 Schedule

UMPI OUTING CLUB

Wed., Sept. 25 **High Ropes Course Open House,** 3:30–7 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 5 **Outdoor Rock Climbing at Acadia National Park,** depart Gentile Hall at 5 a.m., register by Tues., Oct. 1

Sat. & Sun. Oct. 19 & 20 **Debouillie Weekend - canoe, hike, camp,** departs Gentile Hall at 7 a.m., register by Fri., Oct. 11

FMI on any of these events, please call or email Amanda Baker at 768.9401, amanda.g.baker@umpi.edu.

Graduating?



Students planning to complete degree requirements in December 2013 should submit an Application for Degree to the Office of Student Records NOW. Students planning to complete degree requirements in May or August, 2014 need to submit an Application for Degree to the Office of Student Records by November 29, 2013. Applications can be obtained online at www.umpi.edu/offices-services/student-records/graduation or in the Office of Student Records, 235 Preble Hall. There is no fee associated with this application submission. ★

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