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Local at UMF Dean's List Dinner

FARMINGTON — University of Maine at Farmington recently celebrated the fourth annual UMF Dean's List Dinner for students who have achieved Dean's List status with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during their first semester at UMF.

Speakers included Theodora J. Kalikow, UMF president; guest speaker Mellisa Clawson, UMF associate professor of early childhood education; and Arielle Pasquale, UMF early childhood education student and president of the UMF chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta.

"We are so proud of these students and all the hard work that brought them such a distinction in their first semester at UMF," said Kalikow.

Allison Hepler, UMF professor of History, welcomed over 80 guests to the event. Katherine Yardley, dean of the UMF College of Education, Health and Rehabilitation; and Rob Lively, dean of the UMF College of Arts and Sciences, presented awards to approximately 60 students.

The event was hosted by UMF's First Year Experience Council and the UMF chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta—the national honor society whose mission is to encourage superior academic achievement, promote intelligent living and a high standard of learning, and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals in society.



Rob Lively, dean of UMF College of Arts and Sciences (left to right); Kathleen Miazga, UMF sophomore from Strong; Kate Thompson, UMF sophomore from Hollis Center; Michaela Blow, UMF first-year from Littleton; Kiley Gendron, first-year from New Durham, N.H.; Katherine Yardley, dean of UMF College of Education, Health and Rehabilitation.



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Walkin' Jim Stoltz visits RLRS

RANGELEY — The Rangeley Lakes Regional School will have a visit from hiker Walkin' Jim Stoltz, who has walked 27,000 miles. He will bring his multimedia show with a mix of photographs, songs and stories and share it with RLRS students on Friday, April 17.

His first performance will be at 8:30 to 9:20 a.m. for K-5 grades, the second performance will be at 9:45 to 10:35 a.m. for MS and HS in the MPR.

The public is invited to hear these stories of this hiker who began his hiking career in 1974 thru-hiking the Appalachian Trail. And who has helped hundreds of local organizations to gain support for wildlife and clean water. Stoltz has received the Environmental Protection Agency's Outstanding Achievement Award for promoting nature.

Public to vote on Earth Day art

RANGELEY — In celebration of Earth Day, April 22, Rangeley Lakes Builders Supply sponsored a Rangeley Lakes Region School art contest for grades K-5. On April 15 all of the completed artworks will be on display at Rangeley Lakes Builders Supply for People's Choice voting. Visit RLBS and cast your vote before Earth Day on April 22.

The idea behind the contest was to help raise awareness in area youth about what we can all do to save our planet.

Art teacher, Lilly Gacki, asked the children to interpret "What being 'Green' means" to them. They were further inspired by "earth day" quotes.

The students used recycled materials as their canvas and created their own expressions of the concept.

Two prizes will be awarded in two groups, grades K-2 and grades 3-5. Winners will receive a \$50 US Savings Bond as well as a basket of "green" supplies to help "Green" their home.

The winners will be announced at the school assembly on April 30.

Gillian Laidlaw honored at UMF

FARMINGTON — Eighteen undergraduate research student scholars at University of Maine at Farmington, Gillian Laidlaw of Eustis among them, have recently been honored as Spring and Summer 2009 Michael D. Wilson Scholars for their outstanding original scholarship and innovation by the UMF Undergraduate Research Council. This selective academic award has become increasingly sought after by students at UMF as it underwrites research project expenses and helps promote expanded opportunities for pre-professional academic investigation.

Gillian Laidlaw, of Eustis, is a junior with an individualized major in anthropology with an emphasis on socio-cultural and archaeological studies, Laidlaw is conducting an ethnographic study of the New England lumberyard culture. Her faculty sponsor is Julianna Acheson, UMF associate professor of anthropology.

The 18 student scholars are Emily Baer of Brunswick, Amy Blankenship of Naples, Michael Camacho of Chelmsford, Mass., Adam Case of New Vineyard, Danielle Cerone of Winslow, Derek Gilbert of Augusta, Anthony Greenlaw of Thorndike, Sara Groves of Brooksville, Adeline Harris of Falmouth, Gillian Laidlaw of Eustis, Kenneth Masloski of Monroe, Conn., Oveva Olakpe of Idheze-Delta State, Nigeria, Carla Powers of Buckfield, Ian Putnam of Presque Isle, Christopher Stevens of Bedford, Mass., Andrew Thompson of Plymouth, Mass., Ty Thurlow of Lee and Christian Tuttle of Cape Cod, Mass.