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### **Upward Bound Students Plan Statewide Rally at UMaine**

ORONO, Maine -- More than 150 high school students from the state's five Upward Bound sites will gather at the University of Maine Saturday, Nov.13 to discover what they have in common and to share information about how their programs differ and are connected.

The first joint Upward Bound Programs Rally will feature presentations by students and staff from each site, a keynote address, campus tours and many opportunities to get acquainted and celebrate the individual achievement and supportive teamwork that characterize the program.

The federally funded educational opportunity program for high school students from low-income, first-generation college families is administered in Maine at Bowdoin College, UMaine and at University of Maine System campuses in Portland, Farmington and Presque Isle. In addition to the Classic Upward Bound program, UMaine also conducts the Math/Science Regional Science Center for Upward Bound students throughout the Northeast who have special interests in those two disciplines.

Upward Bound provides academic support services to students in their schools and a six-week summer residential program on the host college and university campuses.

Upward Bound staff from the various state sites have an annual planning summit and this year decided to extend a similar opportunity to the students, explains Linda Ives, director of UMaine's Upward Bound program. Meeting students from other parts of the state who have similar socio-economic challenges and high aspirations will help reduce the sense of geographic and social isolation many of the students experience, according to

Ives. "They will also get to see that they are part of a much larger, supportive network of people who care about their success," she says.

The staff plans to hold the rally at a different program site each year, which also will give students the chance to get familiar with other campuses. The vast majority of Upward Bound students are accepted to and successfully complete studies at four-year colleges in Maine and across the country.

Rally Day activities led by participants from the various sites range from a presentation on "Class," examining socio-economic issues and consequences such as labeling, to a Brain Bowl competition and an on-line College Fair. Keynote speaker will be Steve Coleman, project associate with the National Center for Student Aspirations at UMaine, who continues to achieve his aspirations despite his blindness.

During the rally, the computer-savvy students will pool their creativity to capture the program's strength and spirit in an electronic scrapbook, which they will share at the closing presentation.

More information about the Rally Day is available from UMaine Upward Bound, (207) 581-2522 or from the various campus sites.

## **Upward Bound State Rally Day**

**Saturday, Nov. 13**

**University of Maine**

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### **Nov. 13 Rally Day Schedule**

9:30-10 a.m. Registration D.P. Corbett atrium

10-10:45 Welcome, keynote D.P. Corbett auditorium

11 a.m.-12 p.m. Get Acquainted Games Field House

12-1 p.m. Lunch Wells Conference Center

1-1:30 College info session Wells

1:30-2:30 Campus tour

2:45-4:10 Break-out Sessions D.P. Corbett Rooms

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- A. Goals 2000 for Upward Bound
- B. "Class" (socio-economic issues discussion)
- C. Brain Bowl Competition
- D. Web Page of Day's Event Construction
- E. Ideas from UMPI

F. College Summit

- Closing Activities in D.P. Corbett Auditorium

4:15-4:45 Native American Drumming Activity

4:45-5 Summer Scrapbook/UB Spirit Celebration

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