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### **Honor Society Inducts UMaine Education Students**

ORONO, Maine – Future teachers heard some first-hand, high-level advice about succeeding in their chosen profession during their initiation into the University of Maine's scholastic honor society for education majors. Public expectations, accountability measures and a host of social and political issues are changing and challenging K-12 education, SAD 46 (Dexter) Superintendent Raymond Poulin, former state deputy commissioner of education, told students being inducted into the Gamma Omicron Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi.

Good things are happening in Maine schools, which are nationally recognized for their student achievement, research-based instruction and innovative use of technology, Poulin said.

Maine is also confronting many of the educational challenges that are common throughout the nation, such as shortages of teachers and administrators, funding and implementing state and national standards and assessments, increasing numbers of special needs students, and the constantly changing possibilities of technology and distance education.

The administrator also told the students what qualities most schools look for when hiring new teachers. For example: a solid academic background; broad communications skills; understanding of the learning process and of the value and use of technology in teaching and learning; a team player; willingness to put in the time and to further enhance their education; flexibility; understanding and compassion.

To be eligible for membership in Kappa Delta Pi, students must have reached their junior year with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 and, in addition to scholarship, demonstrate leadership and commitment to education.

Maine students initiated into Kappa Delta Pi this spring include:

Bangor – Vi Thai

Bath – Lisa Stailing

Blue Hill – Stephen McInnis

Brewer – Kevin Debeck

Brunswick – Amanda Giblin, Michelle Lemont

Carmel – Susan Blier

Hampden – James Arsenault, Jill Mayhew, Christy Redman

Milo – Andrea Page

Old Town – Amy Hamlin, Laura Howe,

Sanford – Sadie Faulkner

Wellington – Phyllis Lawrence  
Woodland – Jessica Bouchard

Students from other states inducted were Heidi Dombrock, Apple Valley, Minn., and Jennifer Niemi, Sagamore Beach, Mass.

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