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ORONO, Maine – Outstanding Maine high school students considering a career in teaching have the opportunity to get some solid experience at the University of Maine this summer. The UMaine College of Education and Human Development’s Future Teachers Academy, offered at no cost to participants, takes place June 22-25.

Approximately 30 highly motivated in-coming high school juniors and seniors will be selected from throughout Maine, based on their academic record and desire to teach, especially in the teacher shortage areas of secondary or middle school mathematics, physical science and foreign languages. Some qualified in-coming sophomores will also be considered on a space-available basis.

The four-day campus experience includes workshops, seminars and other carefully designed, technology-rich programs with UMaine faculty, outstanding high school teachers and students already in the UMaine teacher preparation program. The goal is to provide aspiring teachers a realistic overview of the profession, including opportunities, challenges, issues and the accountability standards expected of today's teachers, as well as the latest research in the complex processes of teaching and learning.

Students interested in the Academy should contact the College of Education and Human Development or their high school guidance counselor for more information and an application. Application deadline is April 10. The UMaine contact is Owen J. Logue, assistant dean, (207) 581-2485; e-mail, oj.logue@umit.maine.edu.

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