

University of New Hampshire Announces Expanded Pre-college Programs Initiative

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire will develop more courses and special programs for middle and high school youth, according to David Hiley, UNH provost and vice president for academic affairs. Learning projects in the biological and physical sciences and the humanities will be among those first developed, with the new pre-college program expected to be launched next summer.

The new initiative will be developed for students from the local area, New Hampshire and neighboring states, Hiley explains. Courses and programs will be offered on the Durham campus primarily during the summer, but some will also be offered during the school year, after school and on Saturdays.

"UNH has the faculty and resources to enhance the learning of pre-college-age students and their teachers," Hiley notes. "This endeavor will enable us to better connect UNH to the community, the schools, and youth."

For many years, UNH has offered other successful pre-college programs for youth such as Project SMART, for talented students in math and the sciences, and the Summer Youth Music School.

"The current array of summer programs available to pre-college students at UNH already attracts outstanding young scholars to the campus who are looking for constructive ways to enhance their educational backgrounds," explains Mark Rubinstein, vice provost for enrollment planning. "It is the success of these offerings and the positive feedback that we have received from these students that prompt us to expand the range of opportunities that we can provide."

The expanded effort will be coordinated by UNH Continuing Education and Summer Session, which already offers a number of workshops and institutes for teachers and has the ability to develop innovative programs.

Susan Greenberg has been appointed to the newly created position of pre-college and special programs coordinator within UNH Continuing Education and Summer Session to oversee the effort. According to Hiley, Greenberg brings years of experience in youth projects, most recently from the University of North Carolina/Charlotte, where she coordinated the North Carolina Junior Science and Humanities Symposium and the Pre-college Research Experiences in Science, Mathematics and Technology Program.

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