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Early College Awareness Event Focuses on North Country Students

Concord, NH – On April 16, over 225 students from the North Country will have the opportunity to learn first-hand the importance of pursuing higher education and get a first glimpse at college life by spending the day at White Mountains Community College as part of the NHHEAF Network Organizations' *Discover U* program.

Launched in 2002, *Discover U*, was created to educate 8th graders about the opportunities that result from the pursuit of higher education. The program encourages students to explore their interests, achieve their personal best and take challenging courses during high school. "Discover U engages students in conversations about their future," stated Brian Walker, North Country College Outreach Specialist for the NHHEAF Network Organizations. "We know that with support and guidance, education beyond high school is possible for every motivated student."

The students from Profile Middle School, Gorham Middle School, Berlin Junior High, Stewartstown Community School and Pittsburg School will have the chance to participate in a student panel to ask current college students about their college experiences. They will also attend college classes and enjoy a day filled with career planning advice, lunch, scholarship raffles and more.

To learn more about *Discover U* and other college planning programs offered by the NHHEAF Network Organizations' Center for College Planning, visit www.nhheaf.org or call 888.7.GRADUATE x119.

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