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## ***UMaine Farmington “Symposium Day,” April 16, Showcases Student Learning and Creativity***

**FARMINGTON, MAINE (April 10, 2003)** — Instead of attending class on Wednesday, April 16, University of Maine at Farmington students Alison Duncan, Crystal Hawley, and Marge Adams of Farmington, Christine Mangiapia of Vienna, and Shelli-Jo Pellitier of East Waterboro, will discuss what they found as they interviewed and listen to women who run nearby businesses.

Instead of taking an exam, Ryan Moore of Cape Elizabeth and Pratigya Uphadyaya of Kathmandu, Nepal will lead a tour of the new Web site, “Green Explorations,” where there is information about upcoming events, the Farmington campus, green buildings and green government.

Instead of studying financial analysis, Rebecca Picott of South Berwick, and Dennis Wood of Sedgewick will make a PowerPoint presentation about the vocabulary, techniques and stages of financial statement analysis.

These presentations and more will be part of The University of Maine at Farmington’s “Symposium Day, 2003,” an annual event in which the University cancels classes and replaces them with an entire day set aside to recognize the scholarly and creative works by UMF students and faculty. **This year’s Symposium Day will be held Wednesday, April 16, beginning at 9:00 A.M., at various locations across the Farmington campus. The public is invited to attend.**

### ***Seven Hours, 18 Venues, More Than 100 Different Presentations***

First held in 1999, UMF Symposium Day was proposed by the University’s Faculty Senate to offer the campus and area community the opportunity to showcase the diversity of scholarly and creative works achieved at

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the Farmington campus. The day-long event, consisting of student and faculty research findings, presentations, readings, performances, art displays, and more, has expanded to include more presentations, and more participants than ever.

Presentations run the academic and creative gamut in the many different venues. Senior art students will display their works in the UMF Art Gallery. There will be presentations varying from “Hydrogen: The energy source of the future,” to “Perspectives on War and Human Life in the Iliad” in the North Dining Hall. A photo exhibit and English readings will go on all day in Room C-123 in UMF’s Olsen Student Center. Other events and presentations will go on at UMF’s Alumni Theater, Nordica Auditorium, Ricker Hall, Ricker Addition, and the Roberts Learning Center.

The entire program and schedule of presentations is available online at <http://faculty.umf.maine.edu/~stanciof/> and printed programs -- with times and locations of events -- will be available by Friday, April 11 at the UMF mailroom, located near the front entrance of the Olsen Student Center.

For more information contact the Symposium Day coordinator, UMF Associate Professor of Physics Paul Stancioff, at [pauls@maine.edu](mailto:pauls@maine.edu) or 778-7371.