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RE: UVM Continuing & Distance Education and VPA Partner to Increase Awareness of the Summer Academy and Pre-College Programs

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MONTPELIER, VT (March 17, 2021)— The Vermont Principals' Association (VPA) is pleased to announce that The University of Vermont (UVM) Continuing & Distance Education will work with the association throughout the Spring of 2021 to drive awareness and increase student enrollment opportunities in its Summer Academy and Pre-College programs. Initiatives will focus on generating broader awareness of the Vermont Dual Enrollment Vouchers. Vermont Dual Enrollment is a statewide program for high school students, juniors and seniors, to access up to two college courses with tuition fully reimbursed through a voucher system approved by their high schools.**

UVM's 2021 Summer Academy is an immersive, academically challenging 4-week virtual program designed for high school students who have completed 10th, 11th, or 12th grade and are interested in earning college credits while exploring academic and career interests. Summer Academy courses are designed specifically for and enroll only high school students.

UVM's Pre-College programs allow high school students to earn credits, explore a subject that is not offered at their school, or demonstrate their ability to college recruiters. High school students can take online, hybrid or on-campus courses for credit throughout the year with current college students at UVM. Entry-level courses—ranging from Art History to Wildlife Biology—are appropriate for high school students, and UVM's small class sizes are perfect for interacting with faculty.

Through Pre-College Program and Summer Academy students gain a first-hand experience of college life and often share their experiences on college application and essays.

"These opportunities are important for administrators, educators, students and families to realize," said Jay Nichols, Executive Director of the VPA. "The Flexible Pathways Initiative allows Vermont's eligible high school students additional opportunities without adding financial stress, too."

High school students and their families can learn more by visiting <https://learn.uvm.edu/pre-college/>. Visitors can utilize the "LiveChat" website feature to communicate with Enrollment Coaches in real time, or email learn@uvm.edu.

About UVM Continuing and Distance Education

Every year, UVM Continuing and Distance Education helps thousands of students—from high school to working professionals—continue their education. Through collaborations with UVM's various colleges and schools, hundreds of courses, programs, professional certificates, and graduate programs are offered that allow students to explore their options, advance in their careers and continue to be a lifelong learner.

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