

# The Native Scholar Educational Outreach Project

The Wabanaki Center  
The University of Maine

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## *The Wabanaki Center*

- Serves as a bridge between the tribal communities of Maine the University of Maine since 1995.
- Connections and insights to coordinate programs and outreach.

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## *NSEOP Purpose*

- Engages Native students in STEM.
- Benefits Native students and tribal communities.
- Provides information about STEM opportunities.
- Brings Native mentors back to work directly with students.

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### *Population Served*

- NSEOP will serve approximately 146 Native undergraduates and 15 graduates.
- Will reach out statewide to more than 642 Natives students K-12.

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### *Importance of STEM*

- An educated body of native students in STEM is crucial for future stewardship of tribal land.
- Native students have a part in the overall environmental sustainability of the state.

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### *Preliminary NSEOP*

- Developed baseline for:
  - Off-campus outreach & promotion
  - Development of mentor program resources
  - An intertribal overnight high school student visit to UMaine

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### *NSEOP Vision*

- STEM Skill-building and Research Activities.
- Create a comprehensive Native mentorship infrastructure to support Native student success in STEM fields.
- Create a supportive STEM environment for Native students.
- Network statewide to increase & track Native student participation in STEM

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### *STEM Skill-building and Research Activities*

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### *Anticipated Activities*

- Student Orientation
- Wabanaki Scholars Program
- Native STEM Ambassadors Program
- Assessment

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*Anticipated Activities*

- Mentor Advisory Group
- Wabanaki Elder in Residence Program
- Native STEM Film Evening with Panel

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*Create a Supportive STEM  
Environment for Native  
Students*

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*Anticipated Activities*

- Native STEM Center
- Native STEM Library

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