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GEAR UP Maine Welcomes New Data Manager

READFIELD, ME – GEAR UP Maine has appointed Rebecca Young to the position of Data Manager. Young joins GEAR UP Maine with a broad background in data management, education and grant writing. Most recently, Young was an adjunct instructor in the graduate studies program for UMF. She taught in a one-room school for ten years, was a technology coordinator, a literacy specialist, a curriculum coordinator, and conducted numerous professional development activities. She was involved with the management of several grants including a Gates Foundation grant, a Comprehensive School Reform grant, and a district Title I grant.

“We are very excited to welcome Becky to our team! She brings excellent experience that matches well with the goals of GEAR UP Maine,” said Mary Callan, program director. Becky enjoys reading, skiing, traveling, and Scrabble competitions with her husband, Chris. As the data manager, she will be working closely with schools as well as GEM Software Inc. who created and maintains the GEAR UP Maine online data system.

Maine’s GEAR UP program is helping to create a sustainable college-going culture in schools. The focus of GEAR UP Maine is to assist students in grades 7 through 12 and their families who are economically disadvantaged to aspire to, prepare for, enroll in, and successfully complete postsecondary programs. GEAR UP Maine works in collaboration with 63 schools in 26 districts and a wide range of college access partners to serve more than 9,000 students from Northern, Central, Western, and Downeast Maine. GEAR UP Maine is funded by the US Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education until 2021. The grant was awarded to The University of Maine at Farmington (UMF) in September 2014. UMF serves as the award’s fiscal agent, while Syntiro, a non-profit based in Readfield, provides the administration.

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