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College of Dental Medicine

*Planning & Progress Update*

**New England Rural Health Roundtable**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Oral Health Conference**

**September 11, 2009**





# About UNE ~ A Snapshot

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- Over 5,000 students
- College of Arts and Sciences (*1831*)
- College of Osteopathic Medicine (*1978*)
- College of Health Professions (*1997*)
- College of Pharmacy (*2009*)
- College of Graduate Studies (*2009*)

# University of New England ~ Biddeford Campus



# The University of New England Portland Campus



# Historic Goddard Hall in Portland





# Vision for the Future

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- “to be nationally recognized with programs of excellence and innovation in health professions.....the university will seek to solve the major health, environmental, and cultural challenges faced by society.”



# Clinical Teaching Experience

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- Leading educator of healthcare professionals in Maine
- Dental Hygiene Clinic sees 5,000 patients annually
- Educational and faculty partnerships with numerous hospitals and clinics in Maine, New England, and the U.S.



# UNE Research Strength

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- College of Pharmacy awarded a \$4 million highly competitive grant to initiate the pharmacy research agenda
- Four Centers of Excellence in Research and Scholarship and VP of Research in place
- Funded programs in neuroscience, marine science, gerontology, and public health
- Research funding has increased over 22% annually in five years

# Pickus Biomedical Research Center



# UNE College of Pharmacy





COLLEGE of PHARMACY

INCLUSIVE DESIGN



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**A College of Dental Medicine**

*for*

**Northern  
New England**





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- Feasibility study completed Fall 2008
- Strong funding effort in place
- Lead gift pledged
- Doctor of Dental Medicine degree approved
- Associate Dean of Dental Planning hired



# Vision for Recruitment

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- Qualified students from Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont ~ UNE's priority
- Collaboration with workforce development leaders in tri-state region
- Emphasis on developing northern New England pool of students for long-term pipeline of students into dental profession



# Clinical Education

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- Emphasis on northern New England clinical site placements
- Distributive and collaborative
- Utilizes strong partnerships with regional dental education leaders and advocates
- Long-term placements for skilled fourth year students

# Clinical Site Development Process

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- New England focus
- Establish relationships with existing dental workforce development groups
- Develop clinical site business plan
  - Philosophy of teaching
  - Expectations of site participants
  - Operational criteria – patient mix, equipment, supervision, evaluation



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- Create comprehensive clinical site list, engage interested site directors
- Inventory sites and determine site readiness
- Develop action plan to bring sites to readiness
- Develop and implement clinical site faculty and staff education program
- Residency program will be part of UNE effort



# How You Can Help

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- Spread the word!
- Best practices advisory teams – help shape UNE’s new dental school
- Faculty needs ~ fulltime, course modules, guest speakers, or clinical opportunities
- Funding support



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