

Kate Storey
Early Childhood Occupations

Hello everyone, my name is Kate Storey. I am a senior at Greely High School and a second year student in the Early Childhood Occupations program here at PATHS. The way that PATHS made a difference in my life was by helping me to choose my career path. I originally came into PATHS wanting to be a nurse, so I was in the Health Science Program and I knew something wasn't right. I then realized that I had not chosen the right class. I began to think about what I really love to do and what I came up with was being around children. I have always loved working with kids because I come from such a large family. I also enjoy working at my Mom's preschool during school vacations and in the summer. So about two weeks into the school year I made the switch to Early Childhood Occupations where I found my true calling. I love being able to make a difference in a child's life while at the same time being able to use my creativity to my advantage. I love being able to run a classroom, generate projects, create a circle time and over all being able to observe the different ways that kids learn and interact. In the beginning of my senior year I was going into my second year here at PATHS. I knew that it was almost time to start sending out applications for college. I looked into Lesley College and the University of Maine Farmington and I knew that the both have very good Education Programs, but what really swayed my decision was that Lesley College does not have a Field Hockey team, which is very important to me because it is my favorite sport. So I applied early decision to U-Maine Farmington. I went up to Farmington in October for an open house and had an interview with Jim Collins, the Director of Admissions. He knew that I had already applied, but I wasn't sure if that was a good thing or not! He came to my school the next week to talk to students that were interested in UMF, and at the meeting he told me that he had moved my application to the top of the pile, and that I had been accepted. I was so relieved that I would not have to fill out any more college applications!

PATHS and the Early Childhood program helped me to really focus on my career goals. I am excited to say that I will be studying Elementary Education at the University of Maine Farmington starting this fall.

Thank you.