

# University of Maine's Follow a Researcher™ Program: Using Graduate Student Field Research as a Framework to Incorporate Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Practices in the K-12 Classroom

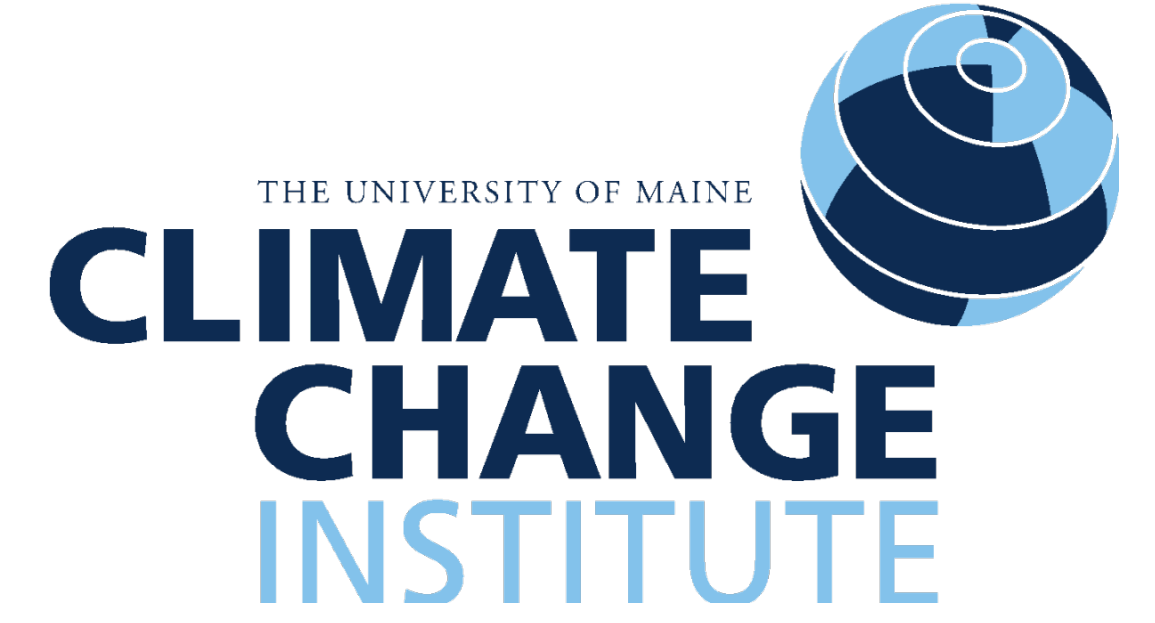
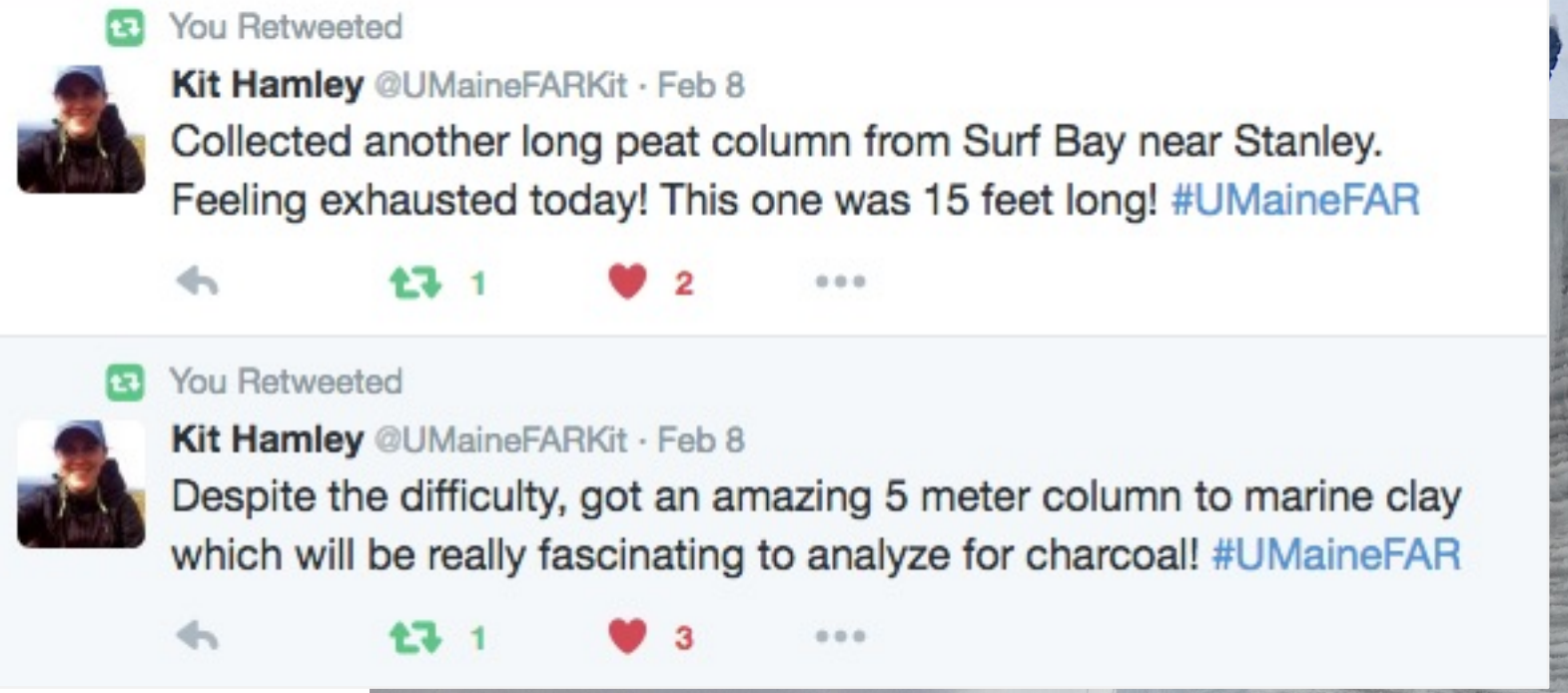
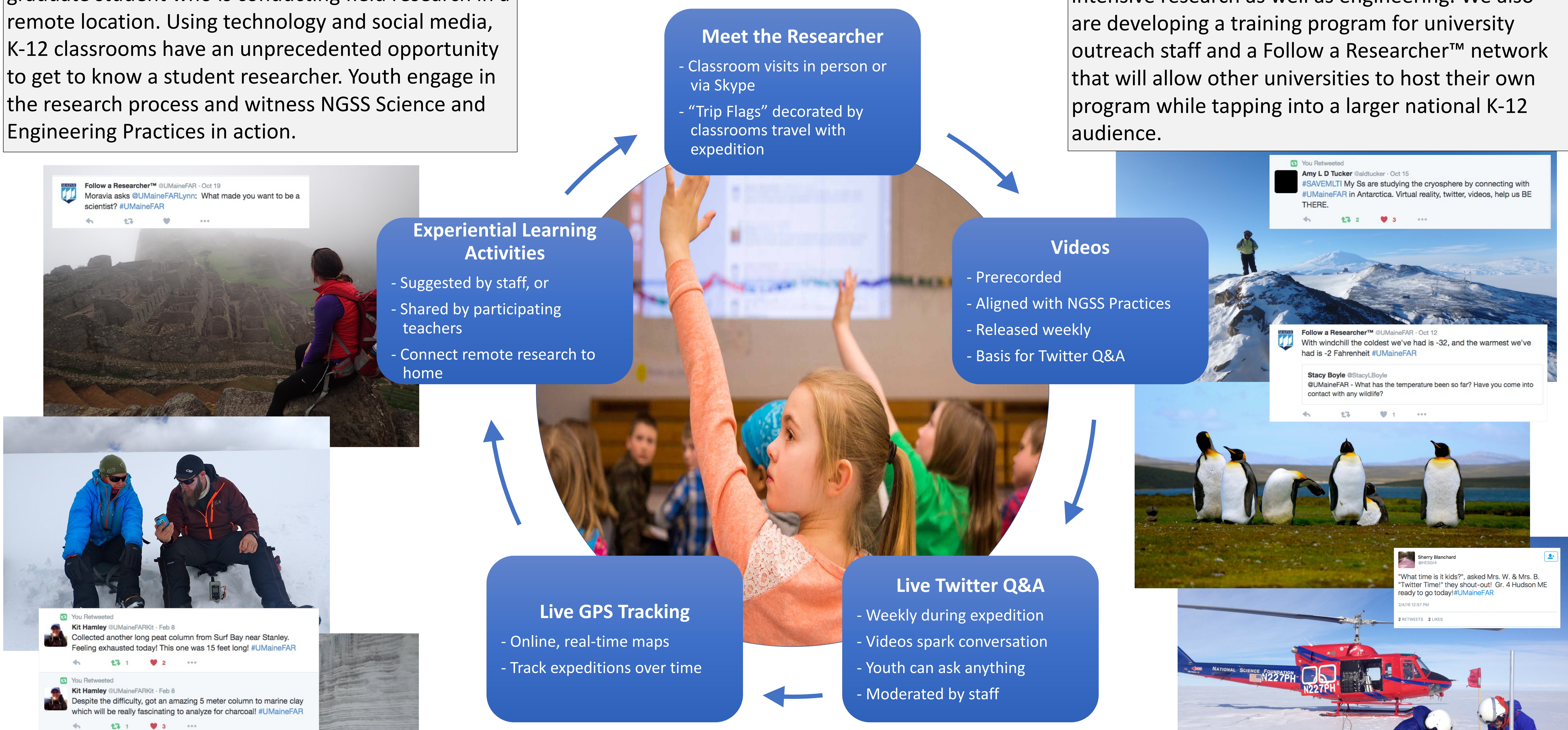


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Follow a Researcher™ is an innovative University of Maine 4-H program that connects youth with a graduate student who is conducting field research in a remote location. Using technology and social media, K-12 classrooms have an unprecedented opportunity to get to know a student researcher. Youth engage in the research process and witness NGSS Science and Engineering Practices in action.

Future program plans include connecting K-12 students with graduate students with a focus in lab-intensive research as well as engineering. We also are developing a training program for university outreach staff and a Follow a Researcher™ network that will allow other universities to host their own program while tapping into a larger national K-12 audience.



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