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Congratulations to all winners!

Thank you for what you have given to the UNH community!

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***Monday, May 5, 2003
4:00 p.m.
1925 Room
Elliott Alumni Center***

Refreshments

***Introduction
Dr. Ann Weaver Hart***

***Presentation of Awards
Dr. Kevin Charles***

Closing Remarks

***A special thanks to the
Student Awards Committee***

Mary Ellen Boelhower
Suzanne Booska
Lisa Carver
Pam Dinapoli
Matt Donovan
Susan Dumais
Gavin Henning
Bob Henry
Regina McCarthy
Gail Stepina



Parents Association Award

“To recognize sophomore and/or junior level students ‘who have shown an understanding and appreciation of the value of a university education, and who have accepted the responsibility to share their education to better the community in which they live.’”

Isobel Madigan

Although only a sophomore, Isobel holds five major leadership positions in student organizations; she works part-time during the school year and full-time during the summers and on all breaks to help pay for her education; and she is an outstanding student, an honors student whose 3.8 GPA barely hints at the depths of her commitment to her education.

Her current volunteer activities include Co-Chairing the Program Advisory Board, being an Executive Member of the Student Activity Fee Council, an ex-officio member of the Student Senate, and a regular member of the Memorial Union Building Board of Governors, and the Organizational Oversight Committee. Last year, her freshman year at UNH, she was business manager for SCAN TV 24, a member of the Student Activity Fee council, and a member of Hall Council, an elected Senator, a member of the Residential Life Committee, and an member of the Election Committee. She also volunteers frequently with projects and committees within the Anthropology Department. She has also applied for UNH’s International Research Opportunities Program.

Nominator: Deborah Winslow

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Joanne Irving

A “first-generation” undergraduate, Jodie exhibits an intense appreciation for each opportunity that UNH has offered her. Jodie participates in the Honors Program and is co-induction coordinator of the Golden Key National Honor Society. With a GPA of 3.76 in a dual major of Communications and Psychology (Spanish minor), it is clear that she puts her academics first. Whether she’s at work as an office assistant in the Communications Department, climbing the trail with the Outing Club, or guiding a tour group through the Dimond Library, Jodie puts her best in everything she does.

Jodie emerged early on as an exceptional member of the Student Admissions Representatives. Jodie was one of very few students selected to be a solo presenter at a number of our informational sessions. This is a role previously assumed by admissions directors. She is having a very direct effect on shaping the future student community.

Nominator: Carola Organschi

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Hood Achievement Prize

“To that senior man who shows the greatest promise through character, scholarship, leadership, and usefulness to humanity.”

Joel Daniels

Joel currently maintains a 4.0 as a Computer Science major and an overall 3.96 cumulative grade point average, while completing honors general education and major coursework plus a senior honors thesis. He has won numerous awards for his academic achievement including the highly prestigious Governor's Success Scholarship, the College of Engineering and Physical Science's Alumni Scholarship, and the UNH Lavigne Scholarship of Technology.

This talented young man has participated in many extracurricular activities on campus like the UNH Ski and Baseball Clubs, broom hockey, flag football, and the UNH Road Cycling Club. Joel has also been highly involved in Sigma Beta Fraternity and is currently the secretary for the Upsilon Pi Epsilon Computer Science Honors Society. He also works 17-20 hours a week for the interoperability lab on campus.

Joel has found time to travel. In the fall of his junior year, Joel was selected to be an exchange student at the Technical University of Budapest. In the summer of his junior year, Joel was chosen to participate in IROP (The International Research Opportunities Program) at IRISA, a national computer science research laboratory in Rennes, France.

Nominators: Georgeann Murphy and Christine Sohl

University Women's Award

“To that senior woman who shows the greatest promise through character, scholarship, leadership, and usefulness to humanity.”

Stacie Sullivan

Stacie truly exemplifies a student with the greatest promise. She is enrolled in the Honors Program and has received awards including the Roger Ritvo Award in collaboration with Dr. Marc Hiller in the department of Health Management and Policy. This award is given for faculty/student joint research projects. She has also received the Christopher Weinheimer Award from the New Hampshire/Vermont Chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

In order to broaden her experience in health care management she selected to do her internship in a hospital. While at Lawrence General in Lowell, Massachusetts she truly performed at an exceptional level.

Stacie is also quite active. She is a student member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, American College of Medical Practice Executives, a member of the School of Health & Human Services Deans Advisory council, The Pan-Hellenic Council, and the Student Health Advisory Council. She is president of her sorority, Alpha Phi, is Vice –President of the Student Health Management Organization, and belongs to both Golden Key and the Order of Omega. While enrolled in the University Honors Program she finds time to volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

Nominators: Lee Calderone, Marc Hiller, Richard Lewis, Steve Pappajohn, Christine Sohl, and Neil Vroman

UNH Award of Excellence

“To recognize excellence in leadership, scholarship, and citizenship.”

Lori LeBoeuf

Lori is a member of the American Association of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), Pi Mu Epsilon, the Mathematics Honor Society, Tau Beta Pi (TBP), NH-Alpha Chapter, Engineering Honor Society and Society of Women Engineers (SWE). Lori is Vice President of SWE and is heavily involved in organizing meetings, fundraising events and other events such as the “Reach for the Stars” annual event for young women who come to UNH for an afternoon and are exposed to different types of engineering. She was also involved in the Lego League competition night held at UNH for which Lori was an advisor for the Oyster River Middle School team as well as a judge at the state competition, and she is helping with the planning of the FIRST Robotics Challenge this March.

Lori has been a Big Sister to incoming freshman students, helping them to get adjusted to college life. She donates her time in tutoring UNH students in freshman and sophomore level math, science, and engineering courses.

Lori is part of the UNH Synchronized Figure Skating Team and has represented UNH in several national competitions. This team has been very active during the past four years and they have won four silver medals and three gold medals and are competing in the US Synchronized Figure Skating Championships.

Nominator: Barbaros Celikko

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Stacey Lehrer

Stacy's exceptional academic achievements have been acknowledged through numerous scholarship awards and induction into Golden Key National Honor Society, Alpha Epsilon Delta, and Pi Theta Epsilon.

Stacey, however, is more than a student who completes outstanding academic work in all of her courses. Stacey believes deeply in the rights of diverse groups and individuals to participate fully in society and their communities. She has actively participated in Hillel, Diversity Support Coalition, Seacoast Reads, and Best Buddies. Stacey is committed to enabling children with disabilities to participate in as many varied activities and groups as available to anyone living in a community. She uses her occupational therapy knowledge and skills to adapt activities and environments in order that a child can participate in a group. Due to Stacey's initiative and leadership, there is a chapter of WOW (Winners on Wheels), a national recreational organization for children who use wheelchairs, on the UNH campus. Stacey has engaged the assistance of other UNH students to help with sleepovers, field trips, and an annual overnight trip for the kids who range in age from 5 - 16 years. Because of outstanding organizational and leadership skills, WOW has grown in membership of children from the Dover-Durham area, and in popularity as a volunteer experience for UNH students. All of this was accomplished through Stacey's persistence and many, many hours to get the program started and become an integral part of UNH service to the children in the area.

Nominators: Alice Seidel

Dean Williamson Award

“To that senior who has been outstanding and well rounded in extracurricular activities“

Gregory Blaisdell

It is clear that Greg is an incredibly bright, inquisitive, sincere, mature and friendly young man, with a good sense of humor. Greg received a competitive 2002 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF).

Greg has also maintained an excellent commitment to public service. He was a volunteer during the summer, 2002 at the Orthopedics Biomechanics Lab in Boston, and he is currently a volunteer at Wentworth Douglass Hospital in the emergency department weekly during the summer outside the 40 hours a week spent in the lab.

Greg has maintained his high academic standards while earning All-American status as a skier. Greg is a vital member of the UNH alpine team and has been named to both the All-East Team and the All-American Team the past three seasons. In large part this is due to his approach to athletics. Greg is very disciplined and always maintains a positive outlook. He takes tremendous pride in his physical conditioning and strives to be his best. As a strong competitor with talent and an impressive work ethic, he is a natural team leader and served as Captain (elected by his peers) for the past two years. For the fourth consecutive year, Greg lead the team to the NCAA Championships in early March as he pursued an impressive fourth All-American award.

Nominators: Thomas Laue, Kurt Simard, and Stacia Sower

Alumni Meritorious Service Award Association Prize

“To recognize that junior student who excels in academics and in extra-curricular activities on the campus.”

Erick Towle

While carrying a full academic load in a difficult engineering curriculum with a 3.65 GPA, Erick has found time to share his talents and skills while participating in several extracurricular activities, including Tau Beta Pi, national engineering honor society where he is the vice president of the UNH chapter; Pi Mu Epsilon, national mathematics honor society; Alpha Sigma Lambda, national non-traditional student honor society where he is an officer and founding member at UNH; Golden Key International Honor Society; and American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

In addition to tutoring, Erick has shown a clear interest in supporting campus and community activities that benefit others. This sense of service is demonstrated by his active participation in Habitat for Humanity, supporting activities to benefit the residents of local nursing homes and participating in preparing for FIRST Lego competitions for middle school students.

Finally, Erick’s record of contributing toward the benefit of others has not been restricted to his efforts at UNH. As an active duty member of the U.S. Army, Mr. Towle spent nine months as a peace keeper in Bosnia, for which he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal.

Nominator: Gerald Sedor

Jere Chase Service Award

“To honor the graduating senior who has displayed outstanding student service to the University.”

Justin Bruce

During his time at UNH Justin has not only displayed outstanding service to the university, but he has also assisted in expanding existing service projects.

Justin has served as a WildCat Mentor for UNH first-year students, tutor for Portsmouth Middle School, Habitat for Humanity, Walk for Hunger, Email buddy with an elementary school student, Durham Ambulance Corp., Outward Bound, Oyster River Cleanup, Seacoast Reads, hosted an inner-city youth for a UNH overnight program, and in the Rochester Adult Day Out Program.

Justin’s most notable work has been with Alternative Break Challenge (ABC) and UNH PROVES. As one of the leaders of ABC Justin has worked very hard to increase student participation. Justin helped start UNH PROVES and led incoming UNH students in a service project during their first weekend on campus.

While participating in numerous service projects, Justin has also maintained a 3.55 GPA as a student in the Whittemore School of Business and Economics. He has worked exceptionally hard to balance his schoolwork, volunteerism, and his relationships. Justin also spent one semester studying abroad at the Regent’s College in London.

Nominators: Shannon Brown Marthouse, Marianne Fortescue, Elisa Hankenson, Cari Moorhead, and Judy Spiller

Governor Wesley Powell Scholarship

“To that undergraduate student who has an expressed interest in public service as demonstrated through his/her course of study and extra-curricular activities, both on and off campus.”

Anne Marie Olsen

Anne Marie is a non-traditional student at UNH who has worked at the honors level while raising three children as a lone parent and while participating in a number of campus and community activities.

Anne Marie demonstrates a clear commitment to public service and leadership through her chosen field of study as well as her extracurricular activities. She is President of the Non-Traditional Student Organization and as such has represented UNH to the National Association of Non-Traditional students in Higher Education. Her work has improved the student support system for students with multiple roles returning to school. Her other on campus activities include serving as Chairperson of the Commuter Affairs Council of the Student Senate and serving as the Ad hoc Child Care Committee member from the President Commission on the Status of Women. Anne Marie has worked tirelessly and effectively on campus for the unique needs of students who are low income, and who must juggle the multiple roles of family, work and school.

Off campus, she serves as board member of the Divorce Support Group of the Seacoast, for which she facilitates group sessions and maintains their web site. She also serves as a Tiger Leader for the local boy scout troop.

Nominator: Martha Byam

Class of 1899 Award

“To that senior who has developed the highest ideals of good citizenship during his or her course of study.”

Angela Pelletier

Angela is currently completing her last semester in the Mechanical Engineering (M.E.) Program and will graduate with her B.S. degree this May. During the fall semester of her freshman year, one of the project assignments was to write a proposal to obtain funding for a project. Angela’s proposal was for a Human Powered Submarine. This proposal was very impressive, and as a result she was invited to present it at the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers Forum in the spring 2000 semester, along with M.E. senior students.

Angela has volunteered her time to the M.E. Department on numerous occasions, giving presentations of her internship experiences or class projects at the CEPS annual M.E. open house, the M.E. industrial advisory board meetings, the Association of Women in Science poster sessions, the undeclared students’ meeting and the Academic Inauguration of President Hart. She joined the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) in the fall of her first year and by the second year was Co-Vice President. She helped to plan SWE’s annual “Reach for the Stars” event where a group of young girls (Girls, Inc. or Girl Scouts) are invited to UNH for activities which expose them to the different types of engineering, and also acted as a Big Sister to incoming freshman female students.

Nominator: Barbaros Celikkol

Erskine Mason Award

“To that senior who is distinguished for most consistent progress and achievement.”

Jennifer Duffy

Jennifer is an excellent student who has the intellectual and emotional commitment to succeed in her chosen field. Her story is one that the university can be proud of - a student who showed little inclination toward an academic life while in high school, yet when given the opportunity and proper support, bloomed into an exemplary student who shows great promise to make significant contributions in her field of interest. Jennifer will graduate in May 2003 and is a dual admit to the M.Ed. for January 2003.

On the personal side, Jennifer is a delightful individual. She is soft-spoken and maintains a rather quiet presence in the classroom, which can be deceiving. Make no mistake about it, though - Jennifer pursues her education with great vigor.

During her tenure as an undergraduate at UNHM, Jennifer has been an outstanding student who cares deeply about her studies and is very serious about pursuing her career in education. Whenever appropriate, Jennifer has designed her class projects to include her commitment to teaching. Her projects illustrate her strong understanding of the connections between theory and practice.

Nominators: Gary Goldstein, Alison Paglia, John Sparrow, Carol Sweich, and Trish Underwood

Frederick Smyth Book Fund Award

“To the most meritorious student(s) for the purchase of books.”

Erin McKinnon

Erin is a senior who is majoring in Women’s Studies with a minor in Spanish. She expresses herself well in both written and oral form, and has collaborated very effectively on group projects. She is mature, self-motivated, and highly capable of independent research. In her independent projects, Erin applied a sophisticated framework on the mutual historical construction of gender and race to current breast cancer politics; she critically interrogated new scholarship on the topic and investigated breast cancer activist groups. She conveyed to fellow students not only the immediacy and political relevance of the issue -- but also the importance of larger feminist critiques of science.

This semester, Erin is serving as a teaching assistant for an Introduction to Women’s Studies class, a logical connection between her studies and her professional work. What makes Ms. McKinnon’s academic achievement most noteworthy is that she maintained this exemplary record while teaching full-time at Goffstown Area High School. Additionally, she facilitated a Saturday Detention Program, in which she supervised community service performed by students. She also served as a private tutor of Spanish to students within and outside of the school district.

Nominator: Linda Blum, Jean Elson, and Mara Witzling

Helen Duncan Jones Award

“To the sophomore woman showing the greatest promise of outstanding achievement in American citizenship, leadership, and scholarship.” (Student should be earning all or part of her way through school).

Angela Borges

Angela is majoring in Psychology and Women’s Studies with a minor in French, and there is no doubt that she is in a category by herself. While many of her peers are just beginning to experiment with independence, by force of circumstance, Angela has had to assume the responsibilities of an adult. The first generation of her family to go to college, she fought hard to get here, and she is fiercely dedicated to getting the most out of her college experience. Her high GPA attests to her academic seriousness; her perceptivity and wit is substantiated through conversation.

Angela has engaged in an impressive variety of extra-curricular activities -- all of which in some way show a desire to share her education with the broader community. She was a co-founder of Voices In Action, the student group for the well-being of women; she is a member of the Peace and Justice League; and she volunteered with a church sponsored homeless outreach program. Angela is currently a Resident Assistant for the Department of Residential Life. At the moment, she is putting together an application for a SURF grant for the summer of 2003, to work on a project that combines both her women’s studies and psychology interests, “A Comparison of Educational Treatments for Broadening Students’ Knowledge of Sexual Consent.”

Nominators: Penelope Morrow, Vicki Smith, and Mara Witzling