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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire Alumni Association will present its most prestigious award-the Pettee Medal-for extraordinary achievement and distinguished service to the state, the nation, and the world, to UNH alumnus and entrepreneur Peter Paul, Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. in the 5th floor Reading Room in Dimond Library. The ceremony is free and open to the public.

Paul was chosen to receive the Pettee Medal for his devotion to service, as a businessman, role model, mentor and philanthropist. In 1996 Paul started the Headlands Foundation; a nonprofit enterprise with a mission to "make life better for kids and their families." The Headlands Foundation focuses on supporting local organizations and worthwhile causes that make life better for children and their families. The foundation has given away more than \$4 million, primarily in the Northern Bay communities of California and more recently, to various community-based organizations in the Seacoast region of New Hampshire.

In the more than 40 years since he graduated from UNH, Paul has given back to his alma mater many times, establishing chairs in space science and developmental psychology, supporting business students through scholarship funds and just last year making the single largest gift in university history -- \$25 million - to help build a new facility for the university's business college.

Paul was president of Paul Financial, LLC, a mortgage banking company he founded, from 2003-2008. He is now the president of Headlands Asset Management. In addition, he is the owner and chairman of Peter Paul Wines, based in Healdsburg, Calif., and is president of West Biofuels, a research development venture working on thermo chemical conversion of agricultural and urban residue (biomass) to biofuel and biopower.

The Pettee Medal was established by the UNH Alumni Association in 1940 to recognize individuals who exhibit the rare devotion to service expressed by the life of the Charles Holmes Pettee, who served the university for 62 years as professor and dean until his death in 1938.

The University of New Hampshire, founded in 1866, is a world-class public research university with the feel of a New England liberal arts college. A land, sea and space-grant university, UNH is the state's flagship public institution, enrolling 11,800 undergraduate and 2,400 graduate students.

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