



## Kingston Resident UNH National Security Education Program Scholarship Winner

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DURHAM, N.H. - University New Hampshire first-year student Jeanna Diorio has been awarded a National Security Education Program Boren Scholarship for study in Egypt during the 2009-2010 academic year. She was one of 130 students out of 896 applicants across the country to receive an award.

Diorio is pursuing a dual major in international affairs and political science with a minor in history and a focus on the Middle East. The Kingston resident first became interested in the region during high school while participating in the Model United Nations program. At UNH, Diorio took part in the international Model UN competition in New York City, where the UNH Palestine delegation received an honorable mention.

While in Egypt, Diorio will study Arabic.

"I am determined to become a part of the international effort to promote a peaceful and prosperous Middle East by promoting education, democracy and political reform throughout the region," Diorio says.

The National Security Education Program awards annual scholarships to exceptional undergraduate and graduate students from all over the United States, who have interests in less commonly-studied languages and cultures, and whose goal is to work for the federal government's Department of Defense, state or homeland security or in the intelligence community.

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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