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DURHAM, N.H. -- The Durham and Manchester campuses of the University of New Hampshire recently announced the merger of their respective Speakers Bureau programs to increase efficiency and expand its reach across the state.

The UNH Speakers Bureau is a 15-year-old outreach program of the university that connects volunteer faculty and staff experts with speaking engagements for nonprofit organizations, schools, civic groups and professional associations.

“The merging of the two Speakers Bureaus will increase the ability of the university to make available the expertise of its outstanding faculty to New Hampshire communities,” said University Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Bruce Mallory. “The scholarship that our faculty are engaged in, from the humanities to politics to the latest advances in science and technology will be directly accessible to our citizens as a result of this merger. I am grateful to the many faculty who participate in our outreach and engagement efforts.”

Combined, the two bureaus provide speakers to about 125 organizations around the state per year, reaching nearly 4,500 citizens. As an outreach program, faculty and staff members generally provide their services at no charge to nonprofit organizations.

“Joining our efforts will provide the speakers on both campuses more diverse opportunities to engage with the citizens of New Hampshire and ultimately allow the university to share the expertise of its faculty and staff with a broader statewide audience,” said Kim Wall, coordinator of the Manchester program.

The merger provides nearly 200 speakers and more than 500 topics covering a wide depth of research and academics of the two campuses. Administration of the newly-merged program will be managed from the Durham campus.

For more information, contact program coordinator Nora Molloy at (603) 862-4401, e-mail speakers.bureau@unh.edu or visit the program Web site at www.unh.edu/speakersbureau.

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