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DURHAM, N.H. - The University of New Hampshire Whittemore School of Business and Economics honored alumnus Peter Paul and family business Globe Manufacturing Inc. at a celebration of the achievements of students, faculty, staff and business partners Thursday, April 24, 2008.

"The Whittemore School is proud to have so many distinguished alumni, business partners, students, faculty and staff. The symbiosis among all of these different communities blends itself into a very powerful influence on the business world. And that's an important part of the university - the cross-pollenization of ideas and actions. These awards are just one way we recognize the important contributions of so many to the school," said Dan Innis, dean of the Whittemore School.

Paul was honored with the Whittemore School Achievement in Business Award for his strong commitment to the university and significant accomplishment in business as demonstrated through his position, career progress, leadership, ethics, and community impact. The Whittemore School also recognized Globe Manufacturing Inc. with the Family Business Award from the UNH Center for Family Business and UNH Graduate School for its significant impact on the industry and its support of the school and university.

Emily Xu, assistant professor of accounting, was honored with the Whittemore School Excellence in Teaching Award for Tenure-Track Faculty. Sylvia Marple, affiliate assistant professor of hospitality management, received the Whittemore School Excellence in Teaching Award for Adjunct Faculty.

Three students were awarded the Whittemore School Student Excellence Award. The award recognizes graduating seniors on the basis of overall excellence in academics, leadership, service, and character. The students are Cara Hayward of Acton, Mass.; Brad Flaishans of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Stephanie Kolling of North Kingstown, R.I.

Michael Goldberg, associate professor of economics and author of "Imperfect Knowledge Economics," was honored with the Whittemore School Excellence in Research Award. George Abraham, director of graduate and executive programs, and Karen Schwendeman, administrative assistant, received the Whittemore School Dean's Award of Excellence.

Joseph Durocher, associate professor of hospitality management, and Michael Merenda, professor and chair of the marketing and management departments, were honored with the Dean's Special Recognition for demonstrating a significant career of outstanding service.

Paul is president and founder of Paul Financial, LLC, a mortgage banking company; president
of Headlands Group, a family investment company; and chairman of the board of the Headlands Foundation, a nonprofit organization he founded in 1996. Paul is also owner and chairman of Peter Paul Wines and founder of Grove Street Winery in Healdsburg, Calif.

Paul sponsors worldwide events each year, including the Russian Arts Foundation and the Russian National Orchestra's recording of "Wolf Tracks" narrated by Sophia Loren, Bill Clinton and Mikhail Gorbachev. Proceeds from the sale of Wolf Tracks benefit environmental, wildlife, arts and health organizations around the world. Paul has a strong commitment to raising the standard of living for children and advocates for community agencies, donating funds for projects such as the St. Vincent de Paul Society Free Dining Room, Staglin Family Fundraising for Mental Health Resources, Redwood Empire Food Bank, Whistle Stop of Marin County, and Marin Advocates for Children.

As a member of the board of directors of the UNH Foundation, Paul has funded two chairs, one in space science and another in developmental psychology. The latter, the Samuel E. Paul Chair, was established in memory of his father, a highly regarded physician who practiced in Troy for 30 years.

Globe Manufacturing Inc. had its beginnings in 1887 in Lynn, Mass., where the founder, J.D. Cleaver, set up shop making leather work wear and fire suits. In 1901 Courtland F.H. Freese purchased the business, moving it to Pittsfield. Business operations and manufacturing continue today from this same small New Hampshire town, and the business is currently owned and managed by the fourth generation of the Freese family.

Today, with nearly 400 employees and more than 100,000 square feet of manufacturing and distribution facilities, Globe is the largest manufacturer of structural fire suits in the world. Last year the company produced more than 114,000 suits.

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