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DURHAM, N.H. - Five University of New Hampshire alumni were elected to the UNH Alumni Association board of directors and one was elected to the University System of New Hampshire's board of trustees recently in the Alumni Association's annual election.

Elected to the 22-member board of directors was Martha Byam of Hampton Falls and re-elected were Bradley Aiken of Durham; Tito H. Jackson of Boston; Shelagh Newton Michaud of Manchester; and Gerry Weidema of Stratham. Judith Blake of Portsmouth, and Larkspur, Calif., was elected to the USNH board of trustees for a four-year term.

Blake earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from UNH in 1977 and an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School in 1980. Before taking her current position as chief marketing executive for Peter Paul Wines in Healdsburg, Calif., she was a marketing executive at several companies, including General Mills, Pepsi-Cola, and Ameritech New Media. At UNH, she has served on a number of boards and committees at the UNH Foundation, the Alumni Association and the Whittemore School of Business and Economics. She has also served as principal fundraiser for the not-for-profit Headlands Foundation and fundraising adviser for organizations such as Marin Advocates for Children, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and Oak Hill School for Autistic Children, among others.

Aiken, now retired, was employed in various management positions at BAE Systems (formerly Lockheed Martin and originally Sanders Associates) for 37 years. He earned a bachelor's degree in zoology in 1965 and an MBA in 1978, both from UNH. An Army veteran who served in both Korea and Vietnam, he is a member of the board of directors of the Heritage United Way in the Manchester area. At UNH he has served on both the Wildcat Athletic Council and Alumni Association boards of directors.

Byam, a clinical assistant professor in the UNH social work department, received a bachelor's degree in social work from UNH in 1975 and holds a master's in social work from the University of Utah. Her volunteer work includes co-chairing the public policy committee of the National Alliance on Mental Illness as well as two UNH class reunion committees.

Jackson, who received his bachelor's degree in history from UNH in 1998, is industry director of information technology at the Massachusetts Office of Business Development in Boston. President of both the student body and the black student union while he attended UNH, Jackson has volunteered for numerous organizations, including Citizen Schools Boston, the Anytown USA Youth Leadership Program and the Real Talk advisory board.

Michaud, an attorney at Devine, Millimet & Branch in Manchester, received her bachelor's degree in political science from UNH in 1995 and her law degree from Boston College Law School in 2000. She also clerked for Chief Justice John T. Broderick, Jr., at the New
Hampshire Supreme Court. In addition to her involvement on a number of boards and committees at UNH, she has volunteered for the Saint Paul's School Advanced Studies Program Alumni Interview Network and the Make-A-Wish NH Visibility Committee.

Weidema is a principal in Weidema & Lavin CPAs in Hampton. She earned an associate degree in accounting from UNH in 1976, a bachelor's degree in accounting from Southern New Hampshire University in 1979, and a master's degree in taxation at Bentley College in 1985. She chairs the UNH Alumni Association's finance committee and has served on the boards of several other organizations, including the New Hampshire CPA Society, N.H. Plus Time, and the Feminist Health Center.

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Bradley Aiken

Judith Blake

Tito H. Jackson

Gerry Weidema
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