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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire Alumni Association hosted an annual awards luncheon recently honoring seven alumni for their outstanding contributions to the university and for other notable accomplishments in their careers and in their communities.

Profile of Service Award

The Profile of Service Award is presented for outstanding performance on behalf of the Alumni Association or the university. This year there were two recipients:

William Pizzano, '49, of Topsfield, Mass., served for 16 years as director of alumni activities at UNH. He was also president of the 100 Club and was on the Hall of Fame committee for five years. When the Wildcat Athletic Council was formed in 2001, Pizzano, once a quarterback on the Wildcat wartime football team, was its first director. In 2003, he was awarded the Robert "Bo" Dickinson Football Spirit Award by the UNH Athletics and the Alumni Meritorious Services Award from the UNH Alumni Association. In 2003, Pizzano, who began his military career as a cadet in the UNH Army ROTC and then served as an officer in the naval reserves for 37 years, was inducted into the ROTC Hall of Fame, and in 2004, was inducted into the Wildcat Athletics Council Hall of Fame.

PHOTO: <http://unhinfo.unh.edu/news/img/alumni/pizzano.jpg>

John Power, '59, of Westerly R.I., received a bachelor's in economics in 1959. After receiving an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, Power began a career as a financial analyst, leading to the position of senior vice president of the Hartford Insurance Group. When he became a founding director of the UNH Foundation, Power served as chair of the investment and finance committee from 1989 until 1999. He brought years of experience as a financial analyst, designing and executing investment and financial strategies that allowed the foundation endowment to grow from just under \$1 million to more than \$55 million in a 10-year period. Even after stepping down as a full member of the board, he accepted a new assignment and remains a special financial advisor to the foundation.

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Alumni Meritorious Service Award

Established in 1934, the Alumni Meritorious Service Award is presented for devotion and loyalty in maintaining alumni or other UNH organizations, participating in alumni or university affairs, or helping to expand the influence and prestige of the university. There were three recipients of this year's award:

Barbara Smart Lucy, '50, who passed away last summer, was a long-time resident of the Saco Valley area of North Conway, where she lived with her husband on the family farm. They raised four children, teaching them a love for community and service, which Lucy demonstrated throughout her life. In the early 1960s, she became the leading force in the effort to stop a plan to create a recreational lake in the Saco River Valley by building a dam and flooding the valley. Lucy was known as the woman who defeated the dam. Lucy was instrumental in organizing the Mt. Washington Valley Alumni Club, spending countless hours helping with reunions and other projects. She served as class secretary for decades, reporting on the news of her classmates, keeping people in touch with each other, helping to promote the sense of caring and community that defined so much of what she did throughout her life.

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William Savage, '57, of Yarmouth, ME, has been an integral part of every Class of 1957 reunion planning effort, recruiting classmates for volunteer work, soliciting donations, and serving on committees. He has spent countless hours contacting hundreds of classmates. When he gets in touch, not only does he tell them about upcoming reunion activities, but his enthusiastic encounters have helped to reconnect classmates who have been out of touch with UNH for years. His efforts around the 50th reunion are particularly remarkable: he single-handedly contacted 200 classmates. Savage's heart-felt commitment to outreach and community building has been a beacon for many throughout the years.

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Dorothy Stella, '47, of Framingham, Mass., has devoted herself especially to fundraising efforts and to alumni events. She has been involved in numerous class reunion planning efforts and was a major organizing force in the class of 1947's landmark 50th reunion. Stella has been proud, each year when she visits, to observe the growth and progress at UNH. The renovated Dimond Library and her class contributions to making this undertaking possible are especially meaningful to her. Stella also served with great dedication as her class secretary for two decades. Stella's commitment to service extends into her community as well, where she has been a devoted volunteer in her local hospital, her church and other charities. Whatever she takes on, Dorothy Stella has been a wonderful representative of UNH and a model of a life of service.

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Award of Excellence for Outstanding Achievement

Established in 2005, the Award of Excellence for Outstanding Achievement honors a UNH graduate for significant accomplishments in business or professional life or for public service to their community, state, or nation.

Maj. Gen. Roland Lajoie, '58, of West Wilton, graduated with a bachelor's in political science and went on to a distinguished military career. In 1998 he was appointed by President Clinton to serve as chairman of the U.S.-Russia joint commission on P.O.W.-M.I.A's, leading the effort to investigate outstanding cases of unaccounted military personnel since World War II. Lajoie served as the deputy assistant to the Secretary of Defense, responsible for implementing policy to assist the former Soviet Union reduce and eliminate its weapons of mass destruction. During his 35-year military career, Lajoie held a wide variety of national security positions, culminating in his last assignment as the associate deputy director for operations/military affairs for the CIA. Lajoie's work has been recognized with numerous awards through the

years, including the Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star, and Legion of Merit.

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Young Alumnus/Alumna Achievement Award

The Young Alumnus/Alumna Achievement Award recognizes a graduate under 40 years old who is an active volunteer with UNH alumni affairs and has demonstrated leadership and promise.

This year's recipient, Michael Rollo, '06, of Rollinsford, has served both his community and state. In 1996, while a student at Keene State College, he was elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives. He was 22. Six years later, he enrolled at UNH as a nontraditional student—and won another term in the legislature, where he served on the legislative administration committee and as a minority floor whip. As soon as he graduated in 2006 with a degree in history, Rollo became a member of the UNH Alumni Association. Today Rollo continues to serve in the legislature sponsoring legislation that supports dairy farmers and co-sponsoring legislation that would generate revenue as well as enthusiasm for the university system by establishing license plates featuring the mascots of UNH, Keene and Plymouth.

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