



MEDIA ADVISORY: UNH Celebrates Graduating Student Achievements With Variety Of Ceremonies

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Between now and commencement May 20, 2006, the University of New Hampshire hosts several events that celebrate the achievements of its graduating students. The media is invited to attend any of the following events, all of which are on UNH's Durham campus.

Tuesday, May 9, 3 p.m. – 2006 Student Awards Ceremony

Holloway Commons

Twelve students will be honored with awards recognizing their contributions to the community for good citizenship, extracurricular activities, scholarship, public service and outstanding achievement. The students receiving awards were chosen through a universitywide nomination process and selected by the awards committee. For more information about the awards, visit <http://www.unh.edu/awards>. A complete list of the award winners is available here: http://www.unh.edu/news/news_releases/2006/may/bp_060502awards.html

Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m. – Political Science Department Graduate Hooding Ceremony

Richards Auditorium, Murkland Hall

Eighteen graduate students will be honored for their accomplishments, including three Master of Arts in Political Science and 15 Master of Arts in Public Administration candidates. The guest speaker is Edgar J. Helms Jr., director of the New Hampshire Institute for Health Policy and Practice.

Saturday, May 13, 11 a.m. – Thompson School of Applied Science Commencement

Lundholm Gymnasium

The degree of Associate of Applied Science will be conferred on approximately 110 graduates of the Thompson School. Graduates will have completed a two-year course of study in applied animal science, applied business management, civil technology, community service and leadership, food services management, forest technology, or horticultural technology. David Chanoff, noted author and academic advisor to the Sudanese Education Fund, will address the graduates with a speech titled "The God of Opportunity."

Friday, May 19, 1 p.m. – Whittemore School of Business and Economics Graduate Hooding Ceremony

Johnson Theater, Paul Creative Arts Center

Friday, May 19, 4 p.m. – **Honors Convocation**

Whittemore Center Arena

This ceremony recognizes the outstanding academic achievements of more than 1,000 UNH seniors. Lisa MacFarlane, professor of English and director of the University Honors Program, will speak. During the ceremony, all scholars are called to the stage to be individually recognized. Each student is presented with a certificate during the ceremony.

Friday, May 19, 7 p.m. – **Department of Nursing Graduation and Pinning Ceremony**

Paul Creative Arts Center

Students from the undergraduate nursing, RN-BS nursing, graduate program in nursing, and the first graduating class of the direct entry master's in nursing programs will participate. The keynote speaker, chosen by the students, is Jeffrey Eaton MS, MA, ARNP, PhD, clinical associate professor.

Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. – **136th Commencement**

Cowell Field

Actor Mike O'Malley '88, best known as the star of the CBS comedy Yes Dear, will be the keynote speaker

(http://www.unh.edu/news/news_releases/2006/march/em_060324commencement.html).

Honorary degrees will go to O'Malley, Slow Food Association founder Carlo Petrini, and nonviolent political action advocate and historian Gene Sharp. Two New Hampshire citizens will receive Granite State Awards for outstanding community service: blues musician TJ Wheeler and human services leader Ann Peterson.

(http://www.unh.edu/news/news_releases/2006/april/em_060412commencement.html). For more information about Commencement, visit <http://www.unh.edu/commencement/>. Media please note: Traffic into Durham is very congested on commencement morning. Please plan to arrive on campus by 9 a.m.