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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire held a dedication ceremony for the new Hamel Center for Undergraduate Research on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006. Speakers at the dedication included UNH Interim President J. Bonnie Newman and David P. Brownell, interim president of the UNH Foundation, Inc.

The Hamel Center was established by the University of New Hampshire Foundation through the generosity of Dana A. and his late wife Kathryn Poore Hamel, long-time friends and benefactors of the University. The Hamels supported higher education for many years and shared a strong belief that the University of New Hampshire will play a dominant role in determining the state's political, cultural, and economic future.

"Since 2004, the Hamel Family Endowment has taken us to a new level," said Donna Brown, director of the center. "Sixty summer research fellowships were awarded last year, and students are now able to share their research, scholarly, and creative projects through Inquiry, UNH's online undergraduate research journal."

The Hamel Center makes a significant contribution to the undergraduate experience at the University. In collaboration with other academic programs, the center develops opportunities for interested, qualified students to participate in research activities with faculty members and prepare for advanced research, senior projects, senior theses, and capstone experiences.

The ceremony was followed by student presentations of their international research. Information about the center and its programs may be found online at www.unh.edu/undergrad-research.

Editors: A photo is available to download here: <http://unh.edu/news/img/irop.jpg>

Caption: David P. Brownell, interim president of the UNH Foundation (left) and UNH donor Dana A. Hamel (right).