

# Setting the Stage

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Surrounded by family, friends, trustees, members of the university community and alumni on campus to celebrate homecoming, James W. "Jim" Dean Jr. was formally installed as UNH's 20th president by University System of New Hampshire board chairman John Small '76 (above) on Friday, Oct. 12, 2018. Dean's inaugural address, delivered to a full house at the Granite State Room in the Memorial Union Building, focused on the relationship between education and freedom, including freedom of speech.

"Why am I so focused on freedom in this speech, at the moment of my inauguration? Because true freedom depends on education. Our freedoms are largely created by education, and on the knowledge and understanding that education produces...In fact, education and freedom are so tightly intertwined that it is impossible to imagine true freedom without education."

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