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# UNH Hosts Annual Breakfast for Legislators April 1

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DURHAM, N.H.— State legislators will have the opportunity to discover rising stars at the University of New Hampshire when President Ann Weaver Hart, the UNH Alumni Association and the Parents Association welcome them to the annual UNH Legislative Breakfast scheduled for April 1, 2004. The event takes place at the New Hampshire Historical Society's Tuck Library in Concord from 7:30-9 a.m.

This year's theme, “Come discover our rising stars...” showcases undergraduate student researchers whose work carries impact for the state of New Hampshire and beyond.

“Student research is the intellectual capital of the future and many UNH students are already making important contributions in their chosen fields of study,” notes President Hart. “The poster session provides a tremendous opportunity for the students to showcase their excellent work to the state leadership.”

Hart, USNH Board of Trustees Chair John Lynch and Vice President for Research and Public Service John Aber will offer remarks during the breakfast.

Several students will present their work in a poster session, where they will explain their research and be available to answer questions. Among the topics to be discussed are:

- “Warming Winters and New Hampshire's Lost Ski Areas: An Integrated Case Study,” by Gregg Hayward of Dover. Hayward is a business administration major with a minor in environmental conservation. Faculty mentor: Lawrence Hamilton.
- “Strategic and Tactical Planning of Offshore Wind Power Facilities,” by Ingrid Nugent of Newmarket. Nugent majors in environmental conservation. Faculty mentor: Andrew Rosenberg.
- “The Experience of Caregivers Living with Survivors of Stroke,” by Natacha Pryor of Portsmouth, a nursing major. Faculty mentor: Raelene Shippee-Rice.
- “Isolation and Sequencing of a Gonadotropin-Releasing Hormone Precursor in Bowfin, *Amia calva*,” by Emily Violette of Manchester, a biochemistry major. Faculty mentor: Stacia Sower.
- “Migration Pathways,” by Emelia Smallidge (Lyme) anthropology; Moira Kennedy (Redding, Conn.), anthropology; Rebecca Foote (Falmouth, Mass.), English and

international affairs; Tiffany Black (Auburn, Maine), anthropology; Wing Chung (Derry), psychology. Faculty mentor: Nina Glick Schiller.

- “N.H. Army National Guard Pollution Prevention Internship,” by Maunie Brewster of So. Acworth, and Michael O'Connor of Manchester, both chemical engineering majors. Faculty mentor: Ihab Farag.
- “Diabetes from a Molecular Perspective,” by Catherine Hooke of Eden Prairie, Minn., an animal science major with a pre-veterinary/pre-medical concentration. Faculty mentor: Gale Carey.
- “The New Assisi: The Earthquake of September 26, 1997, and its Long-Term Effects,” by Cristin Van Heest of Brighton, Mass., a humanities major. Faculty mentor: Patricia Emison.

During the week of April 26-30, the university will host the fifth annual Undergraduate Research Conference, with public events at the Durham and Manchester campuses designed to highlight and discuss student research. New Hampshire state legislators will be invited to the Durham campus on April 28 for a day of special activities exploring student research. The event is being organized in cooperation with UNH's Office of Presidential Events and Programs.