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DURHAM, N.H. -- The Thompson School of Applied Science at the University of New Hampshire will hold its commencement ceremony Saturday, May 15, 2004, at 11 a.m. in the Lundholm Gymnasium.

The degree of Associate in Applied Science will be conferred on approximately 140 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.

Professor John Bozak, Jr., faculty marshal, will lead the procession and open the ceremonies by sharing some “words of inspiration and reflection.” Anna Pape, graduating from the applied animal science dairy management program, and Stephen Eisenhaure, graduating from the forest technology program, will serve as co-student marshals for the Class of 2004. The platform party will include University System of New Hampshire trustees, senior university officials and alumni.

The commencement speaker will be Sari Grossman, director of merchandise for international men's apparel for The Timberland Company. Her address is entitled “Doing Well and Doing Good.”

Grossman, a Hudson native, earned her Associate in Applied Science degree in business management from UNH's Thompson School in 1990 and her Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from Boston's Suffolk University in 1993. She has spent most of her career in the fashion industry. For the past seven years she has worked for The Timberland Company, an international manufacturer, distributor and retailer of footwear, apparel and accessories.

Regina Smick-Attisano, director of the Thompson School of Applied Science, assisted by William Trumble, dean of the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture, will announce student recipients of several awards, including the Scholastic Achievement Award, Student Achievement Award, Leadership and Scholarship Award, the Stacey Cole Endowed Scholarship Award and the Director's Non-traditional Student Award.

Alabastar Blue, an a cappella singing group at UNH who will also lead the assembly in the Alma Mater, will sing a music selection.
Following the presentation of the candidates by Smick-Attisano, UNH President Ann Weaver Hart will confer the degrees.

To conclude the ceremony, the graduates will be welcomed into the UNH Alumni Association.