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Talent Search Awarded \$2.5 Million; Program Provides Services to Students from Limited Income Families

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire has been awarded \$2.5 million to continue its outreach program to 1,200 New Hampshire students in grades 6 through 12, who are from limited-income families where neither parent has graduated from college.

Educational Talent Search, the UNH program that received a five-year funding award from the U.S. Department of Education, provides students with counseling and education about educational options, careers, college admission and financial aid. According to Marsha Johns, director of the program, ETS provides direct services through 10 outreach advisors who live throughout the state.

While ETS typically is funded for four years, UNH's program earned five years of funding because of its perfect score of 100 from a panel of three nonfederal readers. Funding for this academic year is \$506,892.

Nationally, the program serves more than 400,000 students. In New Hampshire, ETS is sponsored by the university, and has received federal funding since 1969. It currently provides services to students in 50 high schools and eight middle schools across the state in all 10 counties.

According to Johns, data from the 2001-02 program year indicated that 306 of the New Hampshire ETS students graduating from high school in 2002 enrolled at 120 colleges and universities throughout the country.

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