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Two Forces Join to Form University Advising and Career Center

UNH center provides greater service to students and alumni

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Two long-time departments at the University of New Hampshire have joined forces to provide a greater level of service to the campus community and alumni.

The University Advising Center and Career Services has merged to become the University Advising and Career Center. The center is located in Hood House.

"One of the benefits of combining these units has been enhanced oncampus communication. We have seen a significant increase in student use, particularly of our career programming, over the last several years," says Judith Spiller, center interim director and associate provost for academic achievement and support.

"Our services are available for students, faculty, staff and alumni. We are working closely with the colleges and schools, as well as the alumni office, to provide a unified and accessible resource for academic advising and career support," Spiller says.

The center serves the campus community in numerous ways.

"We work closely with Seacoast and regional employers through our internship and on-campus recruiting programs. We provide on-call advising and career support," she says. "We do classroom, residence hall and student group presentations. We are available to assist advisors in the colleges and schools as they guide their undeclared and declared students as well as supporting all students and alumni with career issues."

Through its online recruiting program and other services, the center complements campus internship and placement efforts, such as those being developed in the Whittemore School of Business and Economics Placement Office.

Professional academic and career advisors as well as several part-time faculty and student peer advisors assist undeclared students assigned to the College of Liberal Arts with all aspects of academic planning, from selecting a semester's program of study to choosing a major.

The center also advises provisional majors in English and psychology, as well as pre-law, pre-medical and pre-dental students. Undergraduates and alumni seeking admission to graduate or professional schools will find support and assistance with the application process.

Advisors can help clarify career interests and formulate goals through career and major counseling, and vocational and interest testing for alumni and students. The center provides support for job searches through on-campus resume writing and interviewing workshops; access to the Parent/Alumni Network; on-campus job, internship and graduate school fairs; and on-campus recruiting. In addition, the center puts students and alumni in contact with employers, either for employment or internships, and works with the N.H. Jobline.

"We have combined the expertise of two departments to create a place where students and alumni are provided unified core services that will assist them in reaching their full academic and professional potential," says Mark Rubinstein, vice provost for academic achievement and enrollment services.

For more information on the center, visit www.unh.edu/uacc/.

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