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DURHAM, N.H. -- University of New Hampshire President Joan Leitzel and the UNH Alumni Association will host a breakfast for state legislators Thursday, Feb. 21, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the New Hampshire Historical Society's Tuck Library in Concord. The morning includes remarks by Stephen Reno, chancellor of the University System of New Hampshire.

The theme, "Partners in Business and Education," is designed to highlight UNH's work in the state, particularly its partnerships with Granite State business and industry, and public schools.

Speakers include Jeff Sohl, professor of decision sciences and director of the Center for Venture Research at the Whittemore School of Business and Economics, who will talk about the importance of "real world" experiences to students' education.

Ken Koppel, CEO of PC Connection, Inc., will discuss his experience with UNH student interns and how they have benefited his business and businesses throughout the state and region.

Meaghan Cowan, a senior Business Administration major at UNH and a former intern at PC Connection, Inc., will talk about her experience as an intern and its impact on her education.

There also will be a presentation on UNH partnerships with K-12 education in New Hampshire. John Carney, professor of education, will describe the internship program in the UNH Education Department with a focus on the volunteer Seacoast Reads program and

what effect this experience has on the education of the students who participate. Other speakers include Barbara Jasinski, who earned her M.Ed. in reading from UNH last year and currently is a reading specialist at the Mast Way Elementary School in Lee. Graduate student Kate Zimar, who coordinates Seacoast Reads at UNH, will describe the program and the impact it has had on her education.

Chancellor Reno will talk briefly about the importance of partnerships in education. The presentations will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

The event is being organized in cooperation with UNH's Office of Public Programs and Events.

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