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DURHAM, N.H. -- Outstanding business students at the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore School of Business and Economics will compete for the Paul J. Holloway Prize Friday afternoon, May 3, at the New England Conference Center in Durham.

The annual Holloway Business Plan Competition recognizes top student entries as judged by a panel of business leaders who evaluate feasibility of implementation and overall quality. Preparing for the competition demands that students develop practical yet creative ideas for starting, acquiring or expanding a business, says Whittemore School Dean Steve Bolander. Prizes are awarded to one undergraduate and one graduate team in two business categories, Lifestyle and High Growth.

Undergraduate finalists in the Lifestyle category this year are Jamie "Coby" Jacobus, West Simsbury, Conn.; Andrea C. Tully, Brookfield; Sarah Nugent, Bedford; and Katy Gill, Narragansett, R.I. Graduate student finalists in the Lifestyle category are Shelley F. Mitchell, Durham; Michele Almeida, Londonderry; Butch Locke, New Boston; Kathleen Parnell, Merrimack; Margaret Snow, Concord; and Matthew G. Scruton, Farmington.

Undergraduate finalists in the High Growth category are Laura Ona Gilman, Manchester; Heather Quinney, Durham; David Guilmette, East Kingston; and Jeffrey D. McDonald, Nashua. Graduate student finalists in the High Growth category are Gregory J. Hill, Chelmsford, Mass.; Robert C. Weskerna, Portsmouth; Jesse D. Harris, Rochester; and Andrew P. Molloy, Falmouth, Maine.

The Whittemore School's Holloway competition is part
of a three-day undergraduate research conference at UNH, now in its third year. Sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Research and Public Service, it highlights student achievement with art exhibits, performances, poster sessions and presentations. As many as 75 percent of UNH undergraduates participate in some kind of research activity, the office estimates. The Paul J. Holloway Prize was established by the Exeter businessman's family to honor his achievements and contributions to the education and business communities.

This year's Holloway Business Plan Competition begins at 1 p.m. with undergraduate presentations in both the Lifestyle and High Growth categories, followed by graduate student entries at 3 p.m. An awards ceremony and reception will be held afterward, from about 5 to 6 p.m. For more information, contact the dean's office at 862-1983.

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