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DURHAM, N.H. -- The $100 million Next Horizon: The Campaign for the University of New Hampshire has topped the $102 million mark, bringing the most ambitious fundraising effort in university history to a conclusion two years ahead of schedule. According to the UNH Foundation, Inc., an independent charitable organization dedicated to increasing private support for the university, the final tally of $102,333,521 reflects all gifts and pledges made to the campaign through the end of fiscal year 2002, which ended on June 30. In the final year of the campaign, more than $35 million in cash and pledges was raised.

"This achievement belongs to everyone -- our alumni, friends, students, faculty, parents, and staff -- whose generosity has brought the University of New Hampshire to a new day," says Young Dawkins III, president of the UNH Foundation. "The widespread support we have experienced is a powerful expression of our shared belief in the future of this university."

Proceeds from the campaign will fund student scholarships, support faculty and academic programs, and improve instructional technology and library resources. Especially notable was the effort on behalf of student scholarships, which brought in $18.6 million, exceeding the $15 million goal by 24 percent. And, with $71.6 million raised in cash, students and faculty are already benefiting from improved programs and new opportunities.

Since the Next Horizon kick-off in October, 1999, there have been numerous large and small gifts including $7.5 million from UNH alumna and television producer Marcy Carsey; a $10 million gift from Troy, N.H. native Peter Paul, who graduated from UNH in 1967; a $7 million gift from Dana and Kathryn Hamel, of...
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Mirror Lake; a $2 million gift from Leslie Hubbard '27 to support the Joan and James Leitzel Center for Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Education; and a $2 million scholarship endowment from Della and Arnie Hanson '48.

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