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DURHAM, N.H. -- The Rev. Robert H. Thompson is keynote speaker at this year's University of New Hampshire Communication Sciences and Disorders annual graduation celebration, Friday, May 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Granite State Room of the Memorial Union Building.

Rev. Thompson has been singing in choirs and as a soloist since he was a boy. His repertoire is varied, covering many standard recital pieces for bass voice, but he is best known for his presentation of American music, especially spirituals from the African American experience. Along with his singing, Rev. Thompson is known as a public speaker and actor. He has been Phelps Minister for Phillips Exeter Academy since 1986.

This event is orchestrated by the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association. The two-hour program features UNH President Joan Leitzel, Interim Dean of the School of Health and Human Services David Pearson, and student and faculty talent.

This year Meghan Libby, an undergraduate student from Sanbornville will sing, and "The Quintessence," a UNH woodwind quintet, will play various musical selections.

Approximately 700 students and family are expected to attend this event.

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