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## **MEDIA ADVISORY:**

# **UNH and NASA to Announce Joint Center for Earth Science at June 11 Ceremony; U.S. Rep. John E. Sununu Will Attend**

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### **WHAT:**

The University of New Hampshire will hold a ceremony to announce a new Joint Center for Earth Science. The center is a partnership between the university's Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space and NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center.

U.S. Rep. John E. Sununu (R-NH), who sits on the appropriations subcommittee that funds NASA, will be present to provide comments and witness the signing of the memorandum of understanding between UNH President Joan Leitzel and Goddard Space Flight Center Director Alphonso Diaz. Berrien Moore, III, director of the Institute for Earth, Oceans, and Space will also provide comments, and all parties will be available to answer questions at the ceremony's conclusion.

### **WHEN:**

Monday, June 11, 10:30 a.m.

### **WHERE:**

Room 401 of Morse Hall on the University of New Hampshire campus in Durham

### **BACKGROUND:**

UNH is among the top 30 educational institutions nationwide receiving NASA funding. While the Goddard Space Flight Center and UNH have previously cooperated in interdisciplinary Earth science and related research, each believes that establishing a Joint Center for Earth Science will enhance their abilities to continue

and expand their activities through collaboration among qualified and recognized researchers, the attraction of young scientists, and the identification, development and implementation of future projects of mutual interest.

The Joint Center for Earth Science will also encourage activities in Earth science education. Examples will include an internship program to allow UNH students to spend time at Goddard, and a course on remote-sensing and technology taught jointly by the staff from Goddard and UNH.

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