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Durham Garden Club Awards Scholarship to UNH Student

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Ben Blaudschun, a second-year student at the University of New Hampshire's Thompson School of Applied Science, has been awarded a \$500 scholarship by the Durham Garden Club from funds raised in its annual plant sale and auction.

Blaudschun was awarded the scholarship based on an essay, his grades, goals and service to community. He is an applied business management major.

Along with his family and brother Chris, a recent Thompson School graduate, Blaudschun has demonstrated his commitment to community service through his efforts to arrange the donation of land and the establishment of Little League and Babe Ruth baseball fields in his hometown of Nelson, N.H.

Funds raised by the Durham Garden Club from last May's auction totaled more than \$2,500 and are dedicated to university scholarships and support of civic and horticultural improvements.

In addition to the Thompson School scholarship, \$500 was donated in honor of local horticulturalist Joe Parks to the N.H. Horticulture Endowment supporting scientific research and education for the N.H. Plant Growers Association. One-hundred dollars was also contributed to the Seacoast Science Center for its Coastal Education Fund.

The Durham Garden Club, affiliated with the National Federation of Garden Clubs, is a nonprofit service organization that promotes interest in horticulture through workshops, community projects, scholarships and lectures by invited speakers.

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