

UNH Center for Family Business Honors Class of 2000

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Leaders of small businesses throughout New Hampshire were honored recently as graduates of the Center for Family Business's Leadership Development Program.

The University of New Hampshire's 10-class, two-year program teaches skills ranging from project management and team building to marketing, finance and human resources. The program is taught by faculty in the UNH Whittemore School for Business and Economics. Christine Shea, assistant professor of decision sciences, led this year's class, along with faculty advisor Stephen Fink, associate dean of the Whittemore School.

Graduate Lisa Kane Caron, of Acu-Gage Systems in Manchester, praised the program for improving her management and decision-making skills. "Though this is just the beginning of my business career," she said, "I now have a focus -- a set of topics that I can explore even further -- to better the company and better my vision of where we can take the company in the future." Caron described the class as an "intimate learning atmosphere" filled with lively discussion, and said that she also benefited from the experiences of other company leaders in her class.

Following are the UNH Center for Family Business Leadership Development graduates and their affiliations: Lisa Kane Caron, Acu Gage Systems, Manchester; Deidre Cleary, ARC Electrostatic Painting, Auburn; Wendy Dore, Gateway Restaurants, Lee and Somersworth; Brian Poulin and Ron Poulin, Poulin Auto Country, Rochester; Christian Rand and Susan Rand King, Granite State Telephone Inc., Weare; Sim Willey, Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant, Meredith; and Cheryl Yennaco, Atlantic Awning Co., Inc., Windham.

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