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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire Foundation wants its 86,000 alumni -- 36,000 in New Hampshire alone -- to know that they are invited to participate in The Next Horizon: The Campaign for the University of New Hampshire.

UNH alumni received last week a packet with information about the goals of the campaign and how to contribute. "This is the most ambitious fund-raising effort in the university's history," says Young P. Dawkins III, UNH Foundation president. "This campaign is about the future of public education in New Hampshire and what it can mean for the next generations of scholars and learners. We're asking all of our alumni and friends to help us meet our $100 million goal."

The mailing showcases a color photograph of a sunrise by noted UNH photographer, filmmaker and author, Gary Samson, who is known for his work on New Hampshire history and culture. "We're excited to let everyone know that this is a campaign worthy of their support, and we're equally happy to be able to provide a beautiful image that captures the spirit and essence of our effort," says Dawkins.

In April, the Next Horizon Campaign surpassed the halfway mark in its drive to raise $100 million by 2004. Alumni interest has been a major factor in the success to date, but campaign leaders stress that there is still a long way to go. While UNH is ranked last in the nation for public funding of higher education, it also attracts world-class scholars, teachers, and researchers.

All contributors have the option of supporting one of the four goals of the campaign: student scholarship, faculty support, academic programs, and learning tools and technology. Donors also can opt to have the University direct their gift to a particular area.

For more information about the campaign, please contact the UNH Foundation, Elliott Alumni Center, 9 Edgewood Road, Durham, New Hampshire, 08324, phone: 800-738-7426, e-mail: nexthorizon@unh.edu, or on the Web at www.foundation.unh.edu.
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