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DURHAM AND CONCORD, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire's Whittemore School of Business and Economics and School of Law, in partnership with the Concord Coalition, announce today the creation of Next Generation Matters, a series of presidential candidate conversations with students about the economy, the federal deficit, and the environment. These events will be held in Durham and Concord over the next coming months as New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation presidential primary takes center stage.

The host committee, comprised of Sen. Warren Rudman, founding co-chairman of the Concord Coalition; John Broderick, dean of UNH Law; and Daniel Innis, dean of the Whittemore School, is inviting the presidential primary contenders to meet with New Hampshire's next generation of voters and discuss the issues of most concern to them. A full schedule of appearances will be announced shortly.

According to Broderick, "New Hampshire's presidential primary gives it a special responsibility to assess the candidates' positions on the most critical issues facing the nation and this is a great opportunity for all of us to learn what most concerns our future lawyers and business leaders."

Innis added, "These unique forums will provide an opportunity for our students to have their voices heard and concerns addressed by presidential candidates, and it will provide presidential candidates with the opportunity to interact with voters in a way that further distinguishes the New Hampshire primary."

The conversations will feature individual candidates meeting with around 20 invited students drawn from specific fall classes at the Whittemore School and law school. Over the hour-long conversations, candidates will introduce themselves and discuss the students' questions and concerns.

The conversations will be available both as streaming video and podcasts for additional audiences. The candidates will be available to meet with the media after the events. In addition, a small number of invited business and university leaders will observe the conversations and be available to discuss their reaction to the candidate conversations with the media and the candidates.

For more information on the Next Generation Matters series of presidential conversations, please visit law.unh.edu/presidential-conversations, or contact Prof. Erin Corcoran of UNH Law at 603-513-5166 or erin.corcoran@law.unh.edu.

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