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DURHAM, N.H. – The founders of PixelMEDIA will share their story of starting their company and what it has accomplished at the next meeting of the University of New Hampshire CEO Forum.

Erik Dodier and Thomas Obrey, the founders PixelMEDIA, will present “The Odd Couple of Business: The Founders of PixelMEDIA on Meeting in the Middle and Looking Toward the Future” Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012. The program begins at 8 a.m. in Huddleston Hall.

In 1992, Dodier was a recent UNH graduate working at Cabletron Systems training sales people to use multimedia tools developed by his former Dover High School classmate Thomas “TJ” Obrey. Two years later, the duo launched PixelMEDIA in Dodier’s apartment, financing it with credit cards and Cabletron stock.

Since then, PixelMEDIA has evolved into a full-service web strategy and application development company employing 60 people at the Pease Tradeport. The company’s clients include Samuel Adams, Bauer Hockey, and Ecco Shoes. It has been named the 2011 Business of the Year, Coolest Companies for Young Professionals, and Best Companies to Work For.

Initiated in 1997, the UNH CEO Forum is an outreach program of the UNH Whittemore School of Business and Economics and the UNH Graduate School serving CEOs, presidents, and senior managers of companies in northern New England. The forum provides its members with opportunities to meet and exchange ideas with their peers in business and industry in an informal setting. The UNH CEO Forum is sponsored by the law firm of Pierce Atwood, People’s United Bank, Sprague Energy, Crystalvision, and Berry, Dunn, McNeil and Parker. For more information about the CEO Forum, visit http://www.unh-ceoforum.org/.

To register or become a member of the UNH CEO Forum, call Barbara Draper at 603-862-1107, or e-mail her at Barbara.draper@unh.edu. The event is free to members and $49 for first-time attendees.

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