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UNH Center for Family Business 2013 Leadership Development graduates. Front row: Peter Goedecke, Goedecke Flooring & Design, Bedford; Kristin Makris, Makris Lobster & Steak House, Concord; Brandi Coulter, Skillings and Sons, Amherst; Grant Kelly, New Hampshire Distributors, Concord. Back row: Blaine Davis, HR Clough, Contoocook; Ben Huntington, Pleasant View Gardens, Loudon; Bryan Savoie, A.J. LeBlanc Heating, Bedford; Warren Daigle, Daigle Plumbing & Heating, Derry; Jeff Daigle, Daigle Plumbing & Heating, Derry; Vanessa Drusak, associate professor of organizational behavior and management, UNH Peter T. Paul College of Business & Economics.

DURHAM, N.H. – Nine members of the next generation of family business leaders recently graduated from the UNH Center for Family Business Leadership Development Program following a year of intense study that helps them prepare to assume greater leadership roles in their family businesses.

Attendees developed confidence and plans for the future and learned to apply new management skills to company projects and build a peer network of support. Much of the learning was centered around real-life issues from the participants' own family business experiences. Together they learned to be better leaders and to share solutions to common problems.

The 2013 graduates are Peter Goedecke, Goedecke Flooring & Design, Bedford; Kristin Makris, Makris Lobster & Steak House, Concord; Brandi Coulter, Skillings and Sons, Amherst; Grant Kelly, New Hampshire Distributors, Concord; Blaine Davis, HR Clough, Contoocook; Ben Huntington, Pleasant View Gardens, Loudon; Bryan Savoie, A.J. LeBlanc Heating, Bedford; Warren Daigle, Daigle Plumbing & Heating, Derry; and Jeff Daigle, Daigle Plumbing & Heating, Derry.

The program was taught by Vanessa Druskat, UNH associate professor of organizational behavior and management. The program included sessions on understanding effective leadership, building self-awareness and a personal vision, motivating employees, building a synergistic team, managing confrontation and conflict, and becoming a resonant leader in the organization.

The Center for Family Business, under the UNH Paul College of Business and Economics and the UNH Graduate School, is sponsored by Baker Newman & Noyes; Harvest Capital; Mass Mutual Financial Group; Moitoza Consulting; Management Planning, Inc.; Optima Bank and Trust; and Pierce Atwood. It is a membership program to provide owners and managers of entrepreneurial businesses with an opportunity to exchange ideas and information and to discuss business challenges and solutions. For more information, visit <http://www.familybusiness.unh.edu/>.

The UNH Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics offers a full complement of high-quality programs in business, economics, accounting, finance, information systems management, entrepreneurship, marketing, and hospitality management. Programs are offered at the undergraduate, graduate, and executive development levels. The college is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the premier accrediting agency for business schools worldwide.

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