

National Academy Honor

CCOM and Marine School director Larry Mayer elected to National Academy for Engineering

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LARRY MAYER, RECOGNIZED FOR HIS “DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNIQUES AND TECHNOLOGIES FOR COASTAL, ARCTIC, AND OCEAN FLOOR MAPPING,” WAS ELECTED TO THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING.

Larry Mayer, director of UNH’s [Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping](#) and Joint Hydrographic Center, has been elected to the [National Academy of Engineering](#), one of the highest professional distinctions accorded to an engineer. Academy membership honors those who have made outstanding contributions to

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“engineering research, practice, or education” and to “the pioneering of new and developing fields of technology, making major advancements in traditional fields of engineering, or developing/implementing innovative approaches to engineering education.”

“I am incredibly proud of Larry for this prestigious recognition and award,” said UNH President Mark Huddleston. “Larry’s innovative research helps us better understand the ocean floor and represents the best of UNH — research focused on solving problems and increasing our knowledge as a society.”

[Mayer](#) was recognized for “development of techniques and technologies for coastal, Arctic, and ocean floor mapping.” One of the world’s leading experts in seafloor mapping, he has a broad background in marine geology and geophysics with research interests in sonar imaging, remote characterization of the seafloor and advanced applications of 3-D visualization to ocean mapping challenges.

“Since he arrived at UNH in 2000, Larry has built a world-class mapping and visualization center, mentored hundreds of students and faculty members, and is the founding director of the School of Marine Sciences and Ocean Engineering,” said Jan Nisbet, senior vice provost for research at UNH. “This is a well-deserved honor for him, and we are extremely proud to have him as a member of our faculty.”

Mayer has participated in more than 90 scientific cruises

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throughout his career and holds many honors, including the Keen Medal for Marine Geology and an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Stockholm. He was inducted into the [Hydrographer Hall of Fame](#) by the Hydrographic Society of America, and in 2016, President Barack Obama appointed him to the Arctic Research Commission.

Mayer chaired a National Academy of Science Committee on national needs for coastal mapping and charting as well as the National Academies report on the impact of the Deepwater Horizon Spill on ecosystem services in the Gulf of Mexico. He is currently chair of the National Academies of Science's Oceans Studies.

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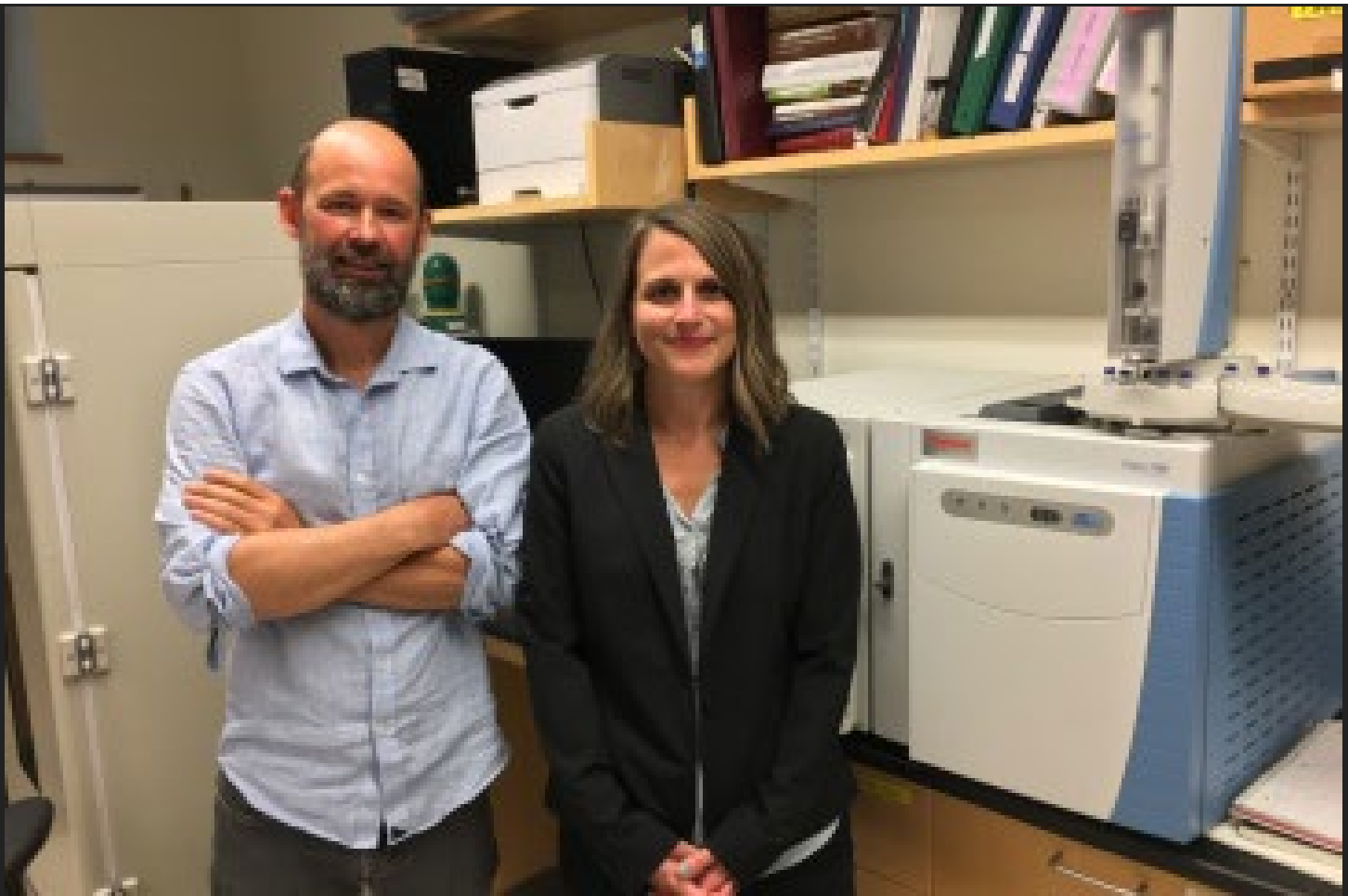
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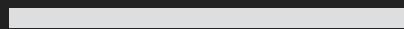
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