The University of New Hampshire celebrated a lively and joyful commencement weekend with seven ceremonies on the Durham campus (and one at UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law) over three days May 17-19. It was a particularly memorable weekend for the graduates, as many of them did not have traditional graduation ceremonies as high school seniors due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Durham ceremonies were held inside the Whittemore Center, led off on Friday evening with celebrations for the Graduate School and the College of Professional Studies (representing UNH Manchester and online). On Saturday the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences took center stage, with the weekend wrapping up Sunday with ceremonies for the Peter T. Paul College of Business and Economics, the College of Health and Human Services and the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture.

We were there to capture it all, and you can view highlight videos from the undergraduate (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PsonFxHdhcQ) and graduate ceremonies (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3V-Qblubv4M) to relive the top moments from the weekend, or view each ceremony in full in our complete commencement playlist (https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLo1hNDA8yNjQ4r14VXKIN9yPW2WdoB).

You can also explore extensive photo coverage from all of the ceremonies in the following galleries.

- Graduate School (https://www.flickr.com/photos/unh/albums/72177720316970156)
Each school and college featured its own keynote speaker this year (full videos of speeches linked):

- Graduate School – Roger Stephenson ’79, ’83G, northeast regional advocacy director for the Climate and Energy Program at the Union of Concerned Scientists (Retired) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5TP_Pol4zzc)
- CPS – Michael D. Smith, CEO, AmeriCorps National Service (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hrl6hQkei28)
- COLA – Katie Stringham Bouton ’96, CEO, Tavo and former CEO, Koya Partners (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=McK1PbdywRQ)
- CEPS – Norbu Tenzing ’86, vice president of the American Himalayan Foundation (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PK1qQex6th0)
- Paul College – Ryan Day ’02, head football coach for The Ohio State University (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dF9uxxFU88)
- CHHS – Christine McMahon ’94G, president and CEO, The Fedcap Group (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJ0mf35ySryg)
- COLSA – Michael Paglia ’02G, chief technology officer, ElevateBio BaseCamp (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G5fWlke EliGc)

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