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DURHAM, N.H. -- Two University of New Hampshire students were participants in the American Cancer Society Colleges Against Cancer® annual meeting.

Vicki Hebert of Dover and Ashlee Iber of Barrington took part in the meeting held recently in Dallas, TX.

Iber, a junior studying community development, and Hebert, a freshman studying community service and leadership, were two of approximately 100 students and American Cancer Society staff partners from 32 states and the District of Columbia to attend the two-day event.

The annual meeting is an opportunity for the 100 Colleges Against Cancer chapters across the country to network and discuss the program's nationwide initiatives and goals for the upcoming year, as well as take part in educational and training break out sessions with American Cancer Society staff members.

Session topics included: advocacy on campus, Relay For Life® -- a community event to fight cancer -- cancer education, chapter management and survivorship.

"Participating in Colleges Against Cancer has really been one of the highlights in my student life," Hebert said. "Being able to spend time with other chapter members from across the country and with staff members of the American Cancer Society really helps reaffirm the important role that students can play in the fight against cancer."

According to Holly Randall, a community executive with the American Cancer Society, "The Colleges Against Cancer program has been a tremendous asset to the society and the students who participate see the value in their work and are coming away with skills they can translate to their post-collegiate lives."

The American Cancer Society Colleges Against Cancer® is a nationwide collaboration of college students, faculty, and staff dedicated to eliminating cancer by initiating and supporting programs of the American Cancer Society in college communities.

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14 regional Divisions and local offices in 3,400 communities, involving millions of volunteers across America.

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