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DURHAM, N.H. -- Robert “Bob” McCray, recipient of the first Entrepreneurial Venture Creation Person of the Year award from the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore School of Business and Economics, is the featured speaker for the season's first Holloway Seminar Series in Entrepreneurship Friday, Oct. 3.

The program takes place at the New England Center on the UNH campus from 7:30 to 9 p.m. McCray will speak about “The Lifecycle of an Entrepreneurial Venture.”

A recognized leader in the New Hampshire business community and beyond, McCray has been instrumental in helping people start new businesses since the 1970s. He is one of a singular group of investors known as business angels, who quietly provide entrepreneurs with the capital they need to make dreams come alive. McCray has been involved with more than 28 start-up companies, investing both capital and personal expertise to help them rise above the competition to success.

McCray was an early board member of the M.I.T. Enterprise Forum, New Hampshire High Tech Council and the Venture Capital Network of Durham. He has, at various times, been a director and member of the Executive Committees of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, and the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire.

The Whittemore School sponsors two speakers for the seminar series each fall and winter to demonstrate to students how people in the business community have succeeded as innovative entrepreneurs, and how they have encouraged and mentored others to succeed in entrepreneurship. The lecture is named in honor of Exeter businessman and community leader Paul Holloway.

Fred Bramante, founder and CEO of Daddy's Junky Music Stores, is the next featured speaker in the series on Dec. 5. His topic will be “Nice Guys Finish First.” Bramante was appointed in the spring by Gov. Craig Benson to chair the New Hampshire State Board of Education. The four-time former gubernatorial candidate is also a former teacher and a graduate of Keene State College. He will bring his entrepreneurial vision and ideas to share with others.

Both the lecture and a reception following are open to the public, but seating is limited and reservations are requested. Contact Cynthia Nizzari-McClain at the Whittemore School, (603) 862-0017, e-mail cnmc@cisunix.unh.edu to register or for more information.