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**Colleges and Universities Represent New Hampshire Scholars Initiative
at High School Recognition Events**

Unquestionably, increasing academic rigor at the high school level is at the forefront of just about every conversation around education reform today. And it is certainly a commonly heard concern from local school boards, parents, businesses and - yes - sometimes even students themselves!

There is widespread concern that our New Hampshire high school students graduating from high school are not being adequately challenged, and are not equipped with the knowledge and skills they need to be successful in either postsecondary education or in the workplace. This does not apply to the students receiving NH Scholars medallions tonight.

Increasing student learning expectations is one of the most effective ways to ensure a student's future success...and by challenging students to take a more rigorous academic program we are helping to better equip them with the tools they need to succeed both in college and in work.

The State Scholars Program – working collaboratively with the New Hampshire College and University Council and sixteen school districts – is focused on the need to significantly raise expectations for all students by encouraging academic rigor.

New Hampshire colleges are pleased to congratulate 443 seniors for completing the NH Scholars Core Course of Study this year.

2009 NH Scholars Recognition Event Schedule

High School	Representing College	Rep name	Date	Time	# of Scholars
Franklin	N/A	N/A	2-Jun	7pm	1
Stevens (Claremont)	NHCUC	Scott Power	4-Jun	12pm	27
Fall Mountain Regional	Keene State	Bert Poirier, Liz Cahoon	4-Jun	7pm	11
Kingswood Regional	Great Bay CC	Laurilee Shennet	4-Jun	7pm	14
Winnisquam Regional	NHCUC	Scott Power	9-Jun	7pm (6:15 social)	20
Belmont	Lakes Region CC	Thomas Goulette	10-Jun	6pm	27
Campbell (Litchfield)	Manchester CC	Paul Dlubac	10-Jun	7pm (6:15 social)	17
Lin-Wood	White Mountains CC	Melanie Collins	11-Jun	8:30am	18
Newmarket	UNH-Durham	Deb Pack	11-Jun	7pm	13
Gilford	N/A	N/A	11-Jun	7pm	26
Newport	River Valley CC	Chuck Kusselow	15-Jun	7pm	17
Nashua South	NHCUC	Scott Power	17-Jun	10:15am	116
Nashua North	NHCUC	Scott Power	18-Jun	7:30pm	136

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Not recognizing this spring: Merrimack, Manchester, Hillsboro-Deering, Laconia