



NH Scholars Scoop

Third Class of New Hampshire Scholars Recognized

In June, twelve school districts honored four hundred forty-three (443) seniors as New Hampshire Scholars.

Participating high schools proudly recognized graduating seniors who exceeded their high school standards. Seniors were

recognized at award ceremonies across the state.

College admission representatives from New Hampshire institutions provided opening congratulatory remarks to the students. Their representation at these events proved

direct alignment to their admission expectations.

Recipients received gold medallions to wear at graduation, a foil seal emblem for their diploma and electronic indication on their transcript.



Stevens High School (Claremont) Scholars proudly wear their medallions



Nashua North High School Scholars at Senior Award Night

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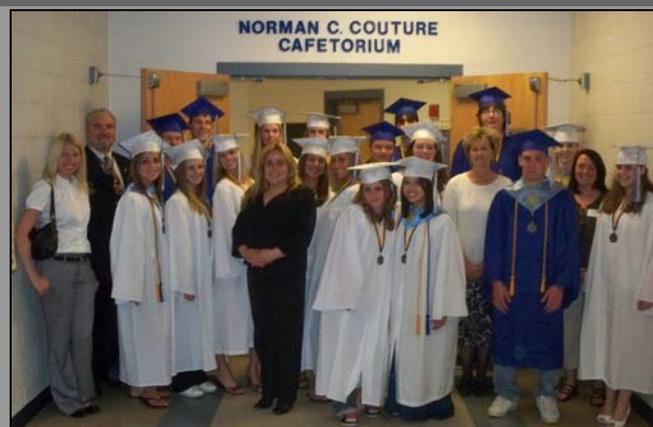
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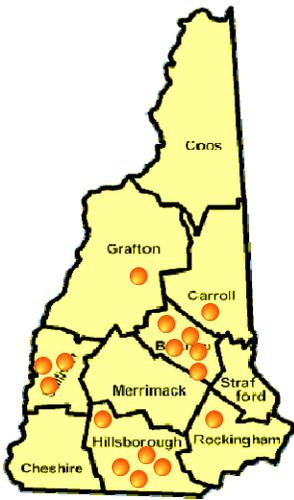
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Scholarships for NH Scholars

Led by a motivated business community, a dedicated coordinator and an ambitious fundraising project, **Winnisquam Regional High School** seniors received \$11,000 in scholarships at recognition night.

Students received either Dell laptops, scholarship dollars or credit vouchers for the community college. Congratulations to everyone involved!





There are 16 active New Hampshire Scholars districts, including 20 high schools.

Newest State Scholar School District

Hillsboro-Deering School District becomes the latest SAU to become a NH Scholar district.

SAU 34 joined last spring to become New Hampshire's sixteenth district and twentieth high school.

Not a State Scholar School Yet?

Join New Hampshire Scholars to receive continuous support in coordinating programs, speakers, and business part-

nerships. School districts receive a large banner to display indicating their State Scholars participation. All students completing the core courses upon graduation receive gold medallions, a customized letter, and the official seal on their diploma and transcript. And remember, this initiative is **free** to all districts and students.

By signing a customized Memorandum of Agreement, there are four easy

steps to implement the program in your schools:

- Offer the core course of study
- Identify a coordinator
- Collaborate with local business partners
- Reinforce the message and provide recognition

Education is a community undertaking more than ever before. Provide this access to your students by calling 225-4199 x300

86% of New Hampshire Scholars' 2008 graduates are enrolled in college

63% of them at a New Hampshire institution

NH Scholars Enroll in Postsecondary

The academic intensity of a student's high school curriculum still counts more than anything else... in providing momentum toward completing a bachelor degree.

According to Achieve, research shows that students who take more rigorous courses are significantly more likely to suc-

ceed in postsecondary education and the workplace than other students.

The seniors in the 2008 New Hampshire Scholars graduating class proved that they not only were prepared for postsecondary—they were motivated to enroll.

According to the National Clearinghouse, **eighty-six percent (86%)** of the NH Scholars graduates enrolled immediately in college, with sixty-three percent (63%) enrolling in a New Hampshire institution.

Figures for the 2009 graduating class will be available this fall.

Become a Champion Today!



Each Champion receives this Custom Gold Cloisonne Lapel Pin to wear during school visits representing themselves as a NH Scholar Champion.

In 2009, over 125 business partners mentored students.

We look to strengthen connections in all sixteen school districts.

Interested in working with students in some capacity? To volunteer, visit

www.nhscholars.org/NHScholarsChampions.cfm

Here you can indicate your interest, view upcoming events and help schools find you.

Everyone interested should register here to ensure you are listed in our online directory.

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State Scholars Leadership Board to Provide Program Oversight

The New Hampshire Scholars Leadership Board has been developed to provide leadership and oversight regarding critical decisions to the initiative's statewide sustainability plan.

The Board consists of key figures from the education and business

community, including leaders from K-12, Higher Education and local businesses.

The Board assumes short-term goals of endorsing the program with colleagues to continually increase the number of active business volunteers and school districts.

Long-term goals include acting as an advocate for sustainable funding, advising strategies to appropriately align NH Scholars with higher education and business community expectations and to increase visibility and encourage other key constituents to engage in this statewide effort.



Tom Raffio addresses conference participants at a 2008 NH Scholars Business Education event

NH Scholars Board of Directors

Board Members:

- **Chair, Dr. Paul LeBlanc**, *President, Southern New Hampshire University*
- **Tom Raffio**, *President/CEO, Northeast Delta Dental*
- **Jim Roche**, *President, NH Business & Industry Association*
- **Douglas Weners**, *President, Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield of NH*
- **Dr. Richard Gustafson**, *Chancellor, Community College System of NH*
- **Representative Emma Rous**, *Chair House Education Committee*
- **Senator Amanda Merrill**, *Vice Chair Senate Education Committee*
- **Marjorie Chiafery**, *Superintendent, Merrimack School District*
- **Dr. Thomas Brennan**, *Superintendent, Manchester School District*
- **Dr. Elaine Cutler**, *Superintendent, Litchfield School District*
- **Dr. Virginia Barry**, *Commissioner of NH Department of Education*

Ex Officio Members:

- **Tom Horgan**, *President/CEO, NH College & University Council*
- **Deborah Scire**, *Executive Director, Campus Compact for NH*
- **Scott Power**, *Director, New Hampshire Scholars Initiative (NHCUC)*

Updates to Core Courses

A future nursing-major enrolls in Anatomy & Physiology her senior year of high school, rather than Physics. Another student enrolls in AP Chemistry versus Physics. And yet another senior takes Physics as his senior level lab-based science.

What do all of these students have in common?

They will all graduate as New Hampshire Scholars this year.

Under the new guidelines, school districts can request other rigorous classes as an alternative to the original Core Courses.

The decision provides students the ability to personalize their education while maintaining highly rigorous standards.

Active State Scholars districts should submit their requests for approval directly to Scott Power, New Hampshire Director.





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New Hampshire Scholars is part of the State Scholars Initiative, a national program that brings business leaders into the classroom to motivate students, beginning in Grade 8, to complete a rigorous course of study in high school—one that will give them a boost in college and careers. New Hampshire Scholars encourages and motivates **ALL** high school students to complete a rigorous course of study that prepares them for college and career.

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Campus Compact for New Hampshire

This is a Federal grant-funded program developed and administered through a partnership between the New Hampshire College and University Council, Campus Compact for New Hampshire, the New Hampshire Forum on the Future, the New Hampshire Department of Education and the National State Scholars Initiative Network (WICHE).

Visit www.NHscholars.org for more information.

Click on the "Resources" tab for archived newsletters.

Promising Practices: Models for Schools

How can we maximize sign ups for 8th graders?

At Claremont Middle School, counselors have integrated the 4-year planning sheet into their high school course selection period.

When eighth graders sit down to talk about which classes to sign up for in ninth grade, the counselor reminds them about NH Scholars and encourages the student to sign up.

This not only increases the number of students signed up for NH Scholars entering high school, but it also reinforces the message and makes recruiting easier for the high school coordinator.

We'd like to provide incentives and reward for our graduating seniors. We need some ideas for fundraising.

Raising scholarship dollars is always challenging. But when schools involve both the students and the local community, good things happen.

At Winnisquam Regional High School fundraising teams were established. Each team of students was led by a community partner. Activities included calendar sales, gift basket raffles, spaghetti dinner, and others.

When the students took ownership of it, they not only learned about working in teams, but they gained experience in raising funds and working with the community.

They also raised \$11,000 that was given to graduating seniors at Award Night.

How can I coordinate NH Scholars outreach on top of my other responsibilities?

By establishing a business advisory committee, the focus can shift from "scheduling presentations" to student learning. Your community partners can help foster ideas and activities that provide relevance to the rigorous coursework.

While, it is suggested to plan a series of activities in advance (this helps community partners book their busy schedule), it also allows you to customize the activities/topics to the audience (i.e. interview tips for seniors; importance of skills for juniors, career exploration for sophomores; etc).