

# United States Senate

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Dear Friends,

I am sorry that I am unable to be with you in person at the New Hampshire Scholars Recognition Ceremony at the State House, but I would like to join Governor Lynch, Commissioner Barry, Chancellor Gustafson, Senator Stiles, and Senator Merrill in congratulating today's graduates on this momentous occasion.

The skills you have developed throughout your time with the New Hampshire Scholars Initiative will follow you throughout your academic and professional careers. You should all be very proud at what you have achieved today, and I hope you have learned that there is no limit to what you can accomplish with perseverance and hard work.

As you know, an educated workforce is essential to our future prosperity. By investing in each and every one of you, we are making an important investment in our future workforce. Programs like the New Hampshire Scholars Initiative will better prepare our young people higher education and give students like you the skills they need to compete in today's global economy.

I would like to thank the New Hampshire College and University Council, the New Hampshire Forum on the Future, the New Hampshire Department of Education, Campus Compact for New Hampshire, the State Scholars initiative, and all of the local business and civic leaders for your support of this important program. As your United States Senator, I will do all that I can to support your efforts.

Congratulations once again to today's graduates. I wish you the best of luck with all of your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen

United States Senator