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## **Breakfast of Champions**

*To Celebrate NH Scholars Program's 14<sup>th</sup> Year, NHCUC Hosts  
Strategic Session for Educators and Business Leaders*

NH Scholars currently oversees more than 400 business volunteers who actively give their time to help high schools in New Hampshire, through job shadowing, internships and mentoring. These men and women are a powerful force in the lives of young people; they are often the difference in helping students decide how to choose a career path. NH Scholars and the New Hampshire College & University Council recognize these outstanding businesses and schools who have demonstrated a commitment to advancing partnerships dedicated to student success.

In an effort to encourage new businesses to get involved, NHCUC will gather business and education leaders to discuss the emerging needs of businesses. What skills do business leaders envision future employees will need? We are currently talking to students about what businesses need today. This dialog encourages participants to analyze what skills employees will need in 5-10 years and how New Hampshire can retain them.

Manchester Mayor Joyce Craig will welcome over 200 guests to the City of Manchester. NHCUC Board Chair and President of New England College, Dr. Michele Perkins, will also address the room. Guests include leaders from K-12, Higher Education, the business community, and public policy.

A panel presentation facilitated by Mark Lambert, Vice President, Unital, will follow. Panelists include: Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut; Joe Murray, VP, Government Relations/Public Affairs; Anna Miner, Vice President Admissions, Colby-Sawyer College; and Emily Zeien, Apprenticeships Manager, Community College System of NH.

Unital is the underwriting sponsor of the breakfast. Program sponsors include Comcast, Fidelity Investments, Eversource Energy, Dartmouth-Hitchcock, and the NH Charitable Foundation. The New Hampshire Department of Education provides primary funding for NH Scholars.

**Congratulations to the 2019 NH Scholars Champions Award winners:**

<b>Award Winner</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Community Partner</b>
Amy Bewley	Marketing & Communications Coordinator	Academy for Science & Design	Various business and community partners including Nashua Chamber of Commerce, among others
Chris Hodgdon	Vice President, Government Affairs	Comcast	Statewide Project, including Internet Essentials Program
Dartmouth Hitchcock		Dartmouth Hitchcock	Statewide Project, including Colby-Sawyer College
Desi Lanio	Manager	The 401 Tavern	Winnacunnet High School
Eversource Energy		Eversource Energy	Statewide Project including Manchester Central High, UNH, Manchester Community College, etc
Karmen Gifford	President	Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce	Belmont High School
Mark Lambert	Vice President, Customer Operations	Unitil	Statewide Project, including Granite State Challenge
Scott Prescott	Director of Instruction	Virtual Learning Academy Charter School	Various business and community partners, including FIRST Robotics, healthcare industry, etc.
Spencer Webb	President	Antennasys, Inc.	Windham High School
Steve Scudder	Retired Lawyer		Concord High School
Tracey Miller	Education Coordinator	Lakes Region Healthcare	Inter-Lakes High School

**WHAT: Breakfast of Champions Awards**

**WHO: New Hampshire Scholars, business leaders, education leaders**

**WHERE: Manchester Country Club, Bedford, New Hampshire**

**WHEN: December 4, 2019 8:00-10:15am**

For more information about NH Scholars, visit [www.NHscholars.org](http://www.NHscholars.org)

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