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NH SCHOLARS GRADUATES LARGEST CLASS IN PROGRAM'S HISTORY

*Mayor Craig and NH Business Leaders Attend Celebration Featuring
Students from 84 NH Schools Who Will Receive Their Medallions*

Manchester – New Hampshire Scholars reaches an historic milestone this year: more than 35,000 graduates over twelve years of academic excellence. On Thursday, thousands of NH Scholars graduates, representing nearly every high school in the state, will gather in Manchester to celebrate academic achievement as the NH Scholars Class of 2019.

On May 23rd, at 10:00 am, students and their families will fill Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester to celebrate this important academic milestone.

Alisha McDevitt, News Director from WMUR News 9, will provide keynote remarks to the largest graduating class of NH Scholars ever. More than 5,400 will graduate with the distinction.

The program, now in its 13th year, is engrained in the culture in schools across the state. All but three New Hampshire high schools participate in NH Scholars. NH Scholars graduates enroll in college

NH Scholars urges students to pursue the more challenging classes and a broad course load with focus on lab sciences, foreign languages, math, engineering and

language arts. By completing these courses, students are better positioned to be accepted in the college of their choice and pursue their career dreams.

“Nearly 100% of these New Hampshire Scholars graduates head straight to college,” says Scott Power, Director of NH Scholars. “Due to their dedication and hard work and devotion, a college degree is not only within reach, but they have raised their own expectations in the process. We are so proud of these young men and women, and they deserve recognition for their hard work.”

Students immerse themselves in one or more of four pathways: Core Course of Study, STEM, Arts and the newly launched Career Pathway. Students graduating with this distinction are not only better prepared for college level work, but they have the skills employers covet as well.

The founding organization for New Hampshire Scholars is the New Hampshire College & University Council (NHCUC), a consortium of public and private colleges and universities in the state of New Hampshire.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHOLARS GRADUATION CELEBRATION

WHAT: 2019 New Hampshire Scholars Graduation

WHO: Manchester Mayor Joyce Craig; Alisha McDevitt, News Director, WMUR News 9; Sister Paula Marie Buley, President, Rivier University; Bill Quigley, Vice President, NH Motor Speedway; Frank Edelblut, New Hampshire Commissioner of Education; Tom Raffio, President/CEO, Northeast Delta Dental; Sarah Currier, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center; NH Scholars Board of Directors; Video Messages from U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen, U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan, Congressman Chris Pappas, and Congresswoman Ann Kuster.

WHERE: Northeast Delta Dental Stadium, Manchester

WHEN: May 23 @ 10:00 AM-11:30 AM (followed by a NH Scholars themed NH Fisher Cats baseball game vs. Altoona Curve - Pirates affiliate)