What is the Parents Council?

When your student chose to attend the University of New Hampshire, they became members of the UNH Family—its traditions, accomplishments, alumni, administration, faculty and students. As their champion and chief supporter, so did you.

By virtue of your student’s enrollment at UNH, you are a member of the Parents Association, a key stakeholder in the UNH Family. The Parents Council, created in 1976, is the governing body of the UNH Parents Association and your opportunity to play a leadership role in the UNH family.

What’s Involved?

Focused on helping to maximize student success in a variety of ways, the UNH Parents Council is dedicated to building and maintaining positive and creative connections between parents, students and UNH while keeping parents informed and giving them a voice on campus.

It is also your chance to gain an insider’s view of the University and the people who shape your student’s education and experiences while developing deeper bonds with the school, your fellow parents, students and the resources and staff who help advance student success.

Your Commitment

1. Attend four on-campus planning meetings during the Academic year.*
2. Participate on at least one standing Parents Council committee, joining conference calls between meetings as determined by your committee chair and following through on the roles and responsibilities you volunteer to fill.
3. Attend UNH events in your area and on campus if possible, serving as an ambassador of UNH.

*Note: Out-of-state parents welcome as Parents Council members. Accommodations made for remote attendance to meetings.
Connecting for Student Success

Please fill out the form below if you, or you and your spouse or partner, are interested in being part of the UNH Parents Council. Please send this form to Lynn Beaver in the Parents Association Office. You will be contacted by a member of the Council.

Name(s)_____________________________________________________________

Your Student_________________________________________________________
(Please include major if known)

Graduation Year_______________________________________________________

Home Address ________________________________________________________

Town, State & Zip_____________________________________________________

Occupation(s)_________________________________________________________

Phone________________________________________________________________

Email Address _________________________________________________________

Please list volunteer organizations and/or boards which you have served and indicate what position you held (please use a separate sheet if you need more space.)

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Council Standing Committees: Each Council member serves on at least one of the following standing committees. Please indicate your interest by placing a 1 beside the committee of your choice

____ Student Enrichment: Members select Parents Association grant recipients and Parents Association prize recipients; Also serve as Undergraduate Research Conference judges

____ Campus Connections: Members assist staff in planning on-campus programs for parents such as Family Weekend, Parent Receptions, forums with faculty and administration leadership, etc.

____ University Relations: Members serve as liaison to the Alumni Association, Admissions, Career Services and the various colleges, networking to include parents in all University engagement

____ Communications: Members serve as editorial advisors for Parents’ e-newsletter and web page as well as moderators of Facebook group (@UNH Parents) and page (@UNHParents). Also provide PR support and promotional materials for Council initiatives

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