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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire Foundation, Inc., and its Board of Directors have announced the appointment of Donald W. Wilson as president. Wilson is currently vice principal, university relations at the University of Sydney in Sydney, Australia and will join the UNH Foundation in August.

"Don brings an outstanding background of three decades in higher education fundraising and university advancement work," said Roger Thomas, chairman of the Board of Directors for the UNH Foundation. "He has great strengths in strategic leadership and integrated marketing, and we are delighted to welcome him as the new leader of the UNH Foundation."

"Successful fundraising from private donors is critical to the future growth of this great university," said UNH President-elect Mark Huddleston. "We are extremely fortunate to have such a seasoned executive leading the UNH Foundation, and I'm looking forward to what we can achieve together."

"I am enthusiastically looking forward to joining the UNH Foundation, working with UNH's new president and meeting the challenge to raise private funds to enable the faculty's and President Huddleston's vision and to underpin the university's current achievements while taking this already fine university to the next level of excellence," Wilson said.

As chief advancement officer for the University of Sydney, Australia's leading university and one of the world's premier research universities, Wilson initiated major and annual strategies and programs that saw private gifts and non-government grants nearly double in three years, while significantly increasing the number of donors to the university. He also helped negotiate the largest gift from a living individual in the school's history, and its largest realized bequest.

Previously, Wilson was Vice President, Alumni, Development and College Relations—the chief advancement officer—for Colorado College in Colorado Springs. In this role he was architect of an \$85 million capital campaign that exceeded its goal ahead of schedule, raising more than \$100 million. He has also served as vice president for development at Harvey Mudd College, as executive director for the U.S. Ski Education Foundation with the U.S. Ski Team, and has held additional educational advancement experience at Scripps College, the University of Denver, and Bryant University. Wilson holds a B.A. and an M.B.A. from Bryant University in Smithfield, RI. He replaces David Brownell, who has served for the past year as interim president of the UNH Foundation.

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private support for the University of New Hampshire. Through the thoughtful generosity of alumni and friends, the university has enhanced learning opportunities for students, expanded its finest academic programs, provided new resources for research, and strengthened the university's service to the community, the region, and the world.

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