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# UNH's Thompson School Holds Commencement Ceremony May 12

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Peter Cook, Maine's Town Crier and an adventurer in experiential education, will deliver the main address at this year's commencement ceremonies of the Thompson School of Applied Sciences. Cook is a resident of Berwick, Maine.

Approximately 100 students from the associate degree program within the University of New Hampshire will be honored during this year's ceremony Saturday, May 12, beginning at 1 p.m., in Lundholm Gymnasium.

Graduates will have completed a two-year course of study in applied animal science, applied business management, civil technology, food services management, forest technology or horticultural technology.

Cook is a farmer, educator and specialist in the interpretation of historic sites. He teaches instructional strategies in the graduate schools of education at Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass., and Notre Dame College in Manchester. He develops programs throughout New England for teachers on the use of museums and historic sites, and has consulted as historical advisor on several films including, "Three Sovereigns of Sarah," "Hocus Pocus," "Killian's Chronicle" and "The Crucible."

Heather Coffey of Epping will also deliver an address: "Reflections of a Thompson School Student."

Donald Silva, UNH professor and faculty marshal, will lead the commencement procession and open the ceremonies. Jennifer Jolivette of Portsmouth is the student marshal for the Class of 2001. The platform

party will include University System of New Hampshire trustees and senior university officials.

Regina Smick-Attisano, director of the Thompson School, assisted by Patricia Bedker, associate dean of UNH's College of Life Sciences and Agriculture, will announce the recipients of student awards including the Scholastic Achievement Award, Student Achievement Award, Philip S. Barton Award, Leadership and Scholarship Award, Stacey W. Cole Endowed Scholarship Award and the Director's Non-traditional Student Award.

Following the presentation of candidates, the degrees will be conferred by David Hiley, UNH provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Jessica Moran, student representative from Epping, will present the Outstanding Educator Award to Donald Quigley, professor of forest technology.

To conclude the ceremony, Donald Gemmiti '66, president of the Thompson School Alumni Association, will welcome graduates.

The Invocation and Benediction will be offered by the Rev. Daniel St. Laurent, UNH Chaplain. Music will be provided by Christopher Ganter on keyboard.

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