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THREE WIN NATIONAL AWARDS FOR STUDY, RESEARCH ABROAD

This past spring, three students from UNH were named winners of prestigious national awards to do academic work abroad during the 2009-10 academic year.

Andrew McKernan '09 was awarded a Student Fulbright Scholarship to conduct research in Moscow, Russia. His topic is "Temples to the Soviet Regime: The Politics of Soviet Construction." He will spend this academic year doing library and archival work at the Russian State Library and Shchusev State Museum of Architectural History, attending lectures at the Moscow Architectural Institute, and conducting personal study of the buildings constructed prior to Joseph Stalin's death.

A resident of Bow, NH, McKernan received his B.A. degree in May with a double major in Russian language and linguistics. McKernan was also a member of the UNH Honors Program.



Andrew McKernan '09



Michelle Walsh G'11



Jeanna Diorio '12

Michelle Walsh, a PhD candidate in zoology education, was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct flatfish stock enhancement research with leading scientists at the Maizuru Fisheries Research Station in Japan. Though flatfish, which include flounder, halibut and sole, are among the most desirable fish for human consumption, they are especially vulnerable in their early life stages, and their populations have steadily declined in the past few decades. The spawning and rearing of fish in captivity for later release to natural populations is one of the few tools available to fisheries scientists for conserving, managing and restoring natural fish populations. Walsh will study the strategies that contribute to successful flatfish stock enhancement in Japan with the

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hope of transferring what she learns to the stock enhancement of related flatfish (winter and summer flounder) found here on the East Coast of the United States.

Jeanna Diorio will spend her sophomore year on a National Security Education Program (NSEP) Boren Scholarship studying Arabic language in Egypt. She was selected as one of 130 students nationally to receive an award from a pool of 896. A resident of Kingston, NH, Diorio is a dual major in international affairs and political science with a minor in history and a focus on the Middle East. Diorio first became interested in the Middle East while participating in the Model United Nations program in high school. She has continued her involvement with the organization at UNH, recently participating in the international Model UN competition in New York City for which the UNH Palestine delegation received an Honorable Mention.

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