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DURHAM, N.H. - University of New Hampshire senior Derek Price has been named Student of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers, New Hampshire chapter. Price, of Lee, is an honors-level social work major at UNH.

"Derek epitomizes the spirit of social work practice," said Martha Byam, clinical assistant professor of social work at UNH, in her nomination letter. "He has consistently brought the values of service and of his chosen major into the community at large to improve conditions for those who are most vulnerable."

Price currently works at Crossroads House in Portsmouth, providing direct care to the homeless population. His volunteer work has included coordinating food basket drives in conjunction with Waysmeet House and UNH Campus ministry, working at a Salvation Army soup kitchen in Portsmouth, assisting with research for Seacoast AIDS Response, and teaching in an after-school program for children who live in Dover public housing.

On campus, Price is an active member of the Student Environmental Action Committee (SEAC), UNH Peace and Justice League, the Diversity Support Coalition, and the Organic Gardening Club. After graduation, Price plans to work in the field for a few years before attending graduate school and pursuing a career as a direct care counselor or community organizer.

"I hope that this award shines a light on some of the work that needs to be done in our Seacoast community and inspires us all to work even harder for social justice on both the local and worldwide scale," says Price.

Price, son of Marcie and Scott Price of Lee, will be honored at the New Hampshire chapter of NASW dinner March 27, 2009, in Concord.

The University of New Hampshire, founded in 1866, is a world-class public research university with the feel of a New England liberal arts college. A land, sea and space-grant university, UNH is the state's flagship public institution, enrolling 11,800 undergraduate and 2,400 graduate students.

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Caption: Derek Price '09, a social work major at the University of New Hampshire, has been named Student of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers, New Hampshire.

