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DURHAM, N.H. -- University of New Hampshire alumnus Jere L. Lundholm is the first recipient of the UNH Foundation's Volunteer of the Year Award. The foundation board of directors and its emeriti directors established the award to recognize exemplary service to both the university and its foundation.

"I have enjoyed being able to give back in some way, and I would recommend it to anyone," said Lundholm, of Durham, a longtime supporter and friend of the university. He began volunteering his time and talent as a teenager by helping with the upkeep of the athletic fields and equipment. Since 1997, the 1953 summa cum laude graduate in mechanical engineering, with his wife, Harriet Forkey '54, has been the force behind the popular Sports Gallery project, a comprehensive historical exhibit of the university's men's and women's athletics teams beginning in 1894 and running to the present.

Lundholm is the son of the late Ada '19 and Carl Lundholm '21. Carl was the university's athletic director from 1939-1963, and it is in his honor that the Lundholm Gymnasium is named. In addition to the athletic scholarship endowment in his parents' memory, Lundholm supports the university in numerous capacities. He is the vice president of the class of 1953, and has served as a member of the Alumni Association board of directors for two separate terms. He has received several honors in recognition of his outstanding service, including the Alumni Association's Meritorious Service Award in 1973. He was inducted to the Wildcat Athletic Council Hall of Fame in 2001.

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