Andrew Durette ‘64
A 1964 graduate of the UNH College of Engineering, Andrew Durette began his career at Sprague Electric and then worked at GTE Laboratories, before joining semiconductor startup Micro Component Corporation as vice president of engineering. Durette was promoted to executive vice president, and during his tenure, saw Micro Component Corporation grow to top $140 million in sales and 1100 employees. Durette retired in 2000 when the company was purchased by ON Semiconductor.

Since his retirement, Durette has helped launch a new semiconductor startup, Picor Corporation; he currently serves on the company’s board of directors and works as a technical consultant.

Durette has also taught classes at ITT Technical Institute.

Durette and his wife, Karen, now divide their time between homes in Hampton, N.H., and Venice, Fla., where he is very active in the UNH Florida Southwest Coast Alumni Chapter, serving as its treasurer for six years and most recently as vice president. Durette has been recognized for his leadership and dedication to ensuring the success of the chapter’s events. Durette is also a member of the Class of ‘64’s Reunion Steering Committee and Reunion Fundraising Committee, and is a strong financial supporter of the UNH Department of Engineering.

An active amateur radio operator, Durette worked with his brother, a missionary in Bolivia, to build a radio network there. He also serves as vice president of the local amateur radio club and as coordinator for the disaster amateur radio network.