David King '78

A 1978 graduate of UNH, David King pursued a major in business and his love of jazz music while a student at the university. King played guitar with Professor David Seiler’s jazz ensemble, which led to opportunities to meet and play with noted jazz musicians, Clark Terry, Buddy DeFranco, and Joe Williams. After graduation, King established the Dr. Clary Terry and David Seiler Endowed Fund for the Perpetuation of the Jazz Language, which helps UNH students and faculty gain access to exceptional jazz artists and scholars. He encouraged other alumni to give as well.

King served two terms on the UNH Foundation Board and is currently a board emeritus member. He is passionate about helping UNH and inviting others to do the same. In a recent message to the student body president, he noted, “The future of the University of New Hampshire will be much brighter if we can establish a universal culture of giving. In your early years as alumni...it is difficult to think of parting with scarce resources...But later on...understand that [you] owe the University of New Hampshire serious involvement, wise counsel, and lots of money.”

Professionally, King is a senior portfolio manager with the asset allocation team at Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (CMIA), which he joined in 2010. Prior to joining CMIA, King served as a senior portfolio manager at Putnam Investments where he worked for 25 years.