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### **UNH Student Receives iOme 2021 Challenge National Award—2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**

The Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement (WISER) is pleased to announce that the 2021 *iOme Challenge* competition has awarded University of New Hampshire student Brennan Dwyer the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award in the national competition. Dwyer was selected for his essay *Bipartisan Proposal for Social Security and Retirement Contributions*.

The iOme (I OWE ME) Challenge is a national competition to raise awareness among college students about the impact of retirement security on the social and economic well being of our society. Students from across the country respond to the annual iOme Challenge with a policy paper outlining public policy changes needed to improve retirement for their generation. A blue-ribbon panel of judges, who are also university professors, choose the winning essays. This year, students were asked to imagine that Congress named them to an Independent Commission on Retirement, with instructions to re-evaluate and modernize the retirement system from the perspective of Gen Z'ers.

Cindy Hounsell, President of *Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement*, sponsor of the competition said, "Brennan Dwyer's essay examined Social Security benefits and financing, explored inducements for personal savings and proposed improvements in financial literacy. This multi-faceted approach to improving financial security of future generations makes a solid case for bipartisan action in Congress."

The faculty advisor for the project was UNH Professor Joseph Dwyer.

*The Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement is a non-profit founded in 1996 and is dedicated to the education and advocacy that will improve long-term financial quality of life for women. As the only organization to focus exclusively on the unique financial challenges that women face, WISER supports women's opportunities to secure adequate retirement income through research, workshops and partnerships. Learn more at [www.wiserwomen.org](http://www.wiserwomen.org).*