BElmont — New Hampshire Scholars and the New Hampshire College & University Council recognized Lisa Charest, owner and founder of Summit Health NH at the Breakfast of Champions on Dec. 11 for successfully developing effective business partnerships for the betterment of student progress. According to Amy Burke, School-to-Career Coordinator at Belmont High School and 200x2020 Steering Committee member who nominated Charest and her team for the award, "Summit Health has played an integral part in the career development and readiness for many Lakes Region youth over the years. Their community collaboration should be recognized as it has reinforced the need for 21st century skills and motivated students to challenge themselves in rigorous coursework so they are prepared for life after high school. Not only have they provided an internship site for students who are looking to explore the physical therapy industry, but they have also demonstrated their commitment to our local economic development initiative by participating in the www.lakesregioninternships.com database, which is one of Belknap EDC's strategic goals of enhancing workforce development."

Over the past year, Summit Health NH has also provided three, one hour Career Power Hour sessions at Belmont High School to further educate and ignite excitement for the field. Burke expressed, "Summit Health’s commitment is admirable and I am pleased they were selected to be a NH Scholar Business Champion".