

# PRESIDENTS' GOOD STEWARD AWARD



## *Christopher Cusack* *Keene State College*

Over the last decade, Dr. Christopher Cusack, Professor of Geography, has made countless contributions to the wider community and has employed his students in his efforts. Dr. Cusack is a member of the City of Keene Planning Board, represents KSC on the College City Commission, is an active member of the Southeast Keene Neighborhood Group and has served as a youth sports coach within the City's Park and Recreation department. In addition to his own work on behalf of the City, Dr. Cusack has also worked with off-campus partners and his KSC geography students to provide benefits for the southwest New Hampshire region. Most recently, for example, Dr. Cusack and select students created a report for the Keene Police Department which provided them with a geographic analysis of crime and safety in the city; another project examined options for more sustainable transportation for Monadnock Region residents. Through these and other projects, Dr. Cusack not only provides local partners with products they can use for community planning efforts, but also reinforces the importance of civic participation and engagement among his students.



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