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College and University Presidents Honor Leaders Who Improve New Hampshire Communities

Campus Compact for New Hampshire's Annual Presidents' Awards honor students, faculty members, and community partners for outstanding public service.

Concord, NH, April 10, 2018—More than 150 college and community leaders will gather at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord to honor college students, faculty members, and community partners who devote their time and expertise to meeting critical community needs. The awards ceremony is sponsored by Campus Compact for New Hampshire (CCNH), a statewide consortium of college and university presidents dedicated to advancing the civic purposes of higher education. Lucy Weathers, Assistant Director at Breakthrough Manchester, will serve as the keynote speaker for the ceremony. Lucy, a Manchester native, attended Drew University in New Jersey before returning for two years of service through AmeriCorps VISTA at Breakthrough Manchester.

CCNH, which is a statewide consortium of college and university presidents dedicated to advancing the civic purposes of higher education, will present three awards to 21 New Hampshire campuses, honoring over 60 students, community partners, and staff and faculty members: the Presidents' Leadership Award, the Good Steward Award, and the Community Partner Award. "It's important to recognize the ongoing efforts our campuses are engaged in to build community partnerships. Our institutions have such an enormous impact across the state, both economically and civically. Community engagement reaches far beyond the campus boundaries and we are extremely proud of the faculty, students and community leaders that spend countless hours on service-learning projects," said Dr. Todd Leach, Chancellor, University System of New Hampshire and Chair, Campus Compact for New Hampshire. The Presidents' Leadership Award honors students or student groups who have made outstanding contributions to campus service, service-learning, and civic engagement efforts while the Good Steward Award recognizes faculty or others on campus who contribute professional expertise in service to the wider community. The Community Partner Award goes to a partnering organization that has enhanced the quality of life in the community.

"This event is really special as it gives us all time to publicly recognize and congratulate the students, organizations, and community partners that are doing fantastic and interesting work to enhance their college campus," Debby Scire, Executive Director of CCNH says. "Students and partners come together to create innovative programs that address the prevalent issues that not only effect their home institutions, but society at large. They see issues on their campus that need

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addressing, and they take the initiative to step up and collaborate to create lasting solutions that work for their college or university. We are honored to join their institutions to celebrate them today."

The annual Presidents' Awards are one of many ways that CCNH and its member campuses promote civic engagement, service-learning, and community service on campus. The organization's programs and resources include training, advocacy, funding, legislative outreach, and recognition for community-based work that both enhances student learning and provides needed public services.

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About Campus Compact for New Hampshire

Campus Compact for New Hampshire (CCNH) is a statewide consortium of college and university presidents and private-sector partners who are united in their commitment to the civic purposes of higher education. As part of a national coalition of college and university leaders, CCNH serves as a catalyst to integrate community service and civic responsibility throughout academic and student life. CCNH is part of the national Campus Compact organization, which encompasses more than 1,100 college and university presidents representing some 6 million students. For more information, see http://www.compactnh.org/.

Colby-Sawyer College

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award: Jenna Flint
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: Michael Brown
- Presidents' Community Partner Award: Woodcrest Village Assisted Living

Dartmouth College

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award: Sam Colello
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: Kim Rogers
- Presidents' Community Partner Award: Upper Valley Trails Alliance

Franklin Pierce University

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award: Amy Driscoll
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: Robert Goodby
- Presidents' Community Partner Award: Monadnock Bible Conference Launch Point

Granite State College

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award: Derek Reiss
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: Christine Williams

Great Bay Community College

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award: Hospitality Club
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: Meg Prescott
- Presidents' Community Partner Award: Operation Blessing New Hampshire

Hellenic American University

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award; John Nikolaides
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: Valentini Andreoula
- Presidents' Community Partner Award: Libra Home Project

Keene State College

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award: Student Athlete Advisory Council
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: Christopher Cusack
- Presidents' Community Partner Award: Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene

Manchester Community College

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award: Jeremy Clague
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: Dan Larochelle
- Presidents' Community Partner Award: Jim Eddinger

MCPHS University Manchester

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award: Anes Dulas
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: Beth Geralds
- Presidents' Community Partner Award: The Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester

Nashua Community College

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award: Hannah Croce
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: Theresa Williams
- Presidents' Community Partner Award: Bridges Domestic and Sexual Violence Support

New England College

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award: Jamien Lawson
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: Julie Nicknair-Keon
- Presidents' Community Partner Award: Congregational Church of Henniker

New Hampshire Institute of Art

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award: Joshua Dow
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: Judith Follo
- Presidents' Community Partner Award: Riverstone Resources, LLC

NHTI, Concord's Community College

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award: Decontee Tarlue
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: Michael O'Bryant
- Presidents' Community Partner Award: The Crisis Center of Central NH

Plymouth State University

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award: Student Support Foundation
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: Brad Allen
- Presidents' Community Partner Award: Ladders Thrift Shop

River Valley Community College

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award: Ben Drye
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: Cathy Driesch
- Presidents' Community Partner Award: Turning Points Network

Rivier University

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award: Hayley Parenti
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: Cheryl Bragdon
- Presidents' Community Partner Award: RIV PALS Partnership

Saint Anselm College

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award: Colleen Toomy
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: Jane Sobolov
- Presidents' Community Partner Award: Manchester School District

Southern New Hampshire University

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award: Elizabeth Tibbitts
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: Doug Blais
- Presidents' Community Partner Award: 21st Century Community Learning Program

University of New Hampshire

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award: Kayla Goodwin
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: Holly Cashman
- Presidents' Community Partner Award: Big Brothers Big Sisters of NH

University of New Hampshire at Manchester

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award: Neuropsychology Club
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: Stephanie Kirylych
- Presidents' Community Partner Award: The Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester

White Mountains Community College

- Presidents' Student Leadership Award: Rebecca Abbott
- Presidents' Good Steward Award: It's On Us WMCC Task Force
- Presidents' Community Partner Award: Response; Support Center at Burch House; Starting Point