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Eight New Hampshire Colleges Receive Presidential Honors for Commitment to Community Service

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll recognizes campuses for outstanding service and citizenship building

Concord, NH, March 26, 2013—Eight New Hampshire colleges and universities, all of them members of Campus Compact for New Hampshire (CCNH), have earned national honors for service to their communities from the Obama Administration. Among the campuses nationwide named to the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Honor Roll are Dartmouth College, Keene State College, New England College, NHTI-Concord's Community College, Plymouth State University, Saint Anselm College, Southern New Hampshire University, and the University of New Hampshire at Manchester.

"The Honor Roll recognizes the work that colleges and universities do every day to strengthen their communities—work that is at the heart of Campus Compact's mission," notes Michele D. Perkins, President of New England College and CCNH Board Chair. "Students at CCNH member campuses provide tens of millions of dollars in service to New Hampshire communities each year through campus-supported programs. These programs provide community benefits such as helping at-risk children stay in school, providing health services to the elderly and others in need, and alleviating hunger and homelessness. At the same time, they help prepare students to be active citizens and professionals who are able to address society's most pressing issues."

Launched in 2006 by the Bush Administration, the Honor Roll highlights the role colleges and universities play in solving community problems and placing students on a lifelong path of civic engagement. The Honor Roll annually recognizes institutions that achieve meaningful, measureable outcomes in the communities they serve. This year 690 campuses nationally were named to the Honor Roll. Recipients were announced on March 4 at the American Council on Education's 95th Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

"Communities are strengthened when we all come together, and we are encouraged that these institutions and their students have made service a priority," said U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan of the campuses named to the Honor Roll. "Civic engagement should be a key component of every student's education experience. Through reaching out to meet the needs of their neighbors, these students are deepening their impact, strengthening our democracy, and ultimately preparing themselves to be successful citizens."

CCNH is part of the national Campus Compact coalition of more than 1,100 colleges and universities that are committed to civic and community engagement. Students that are part of this coalition provide more than $9 billion in service annually to their communities through campus-community partnerships that address issues such as poverty, education, health care, economic development, and environmental sustainability.

The federal Corporation for National and Community Service manages the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as well as the American Council on Education and Campus Compact.

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About Campus Compact for New Hampshire
Founded in 1997, 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/.

About the Corporation for National and Community Service
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