



USNH Applauds Governor Sununu on the Governor's Cup Scholarship Announcement Following State of the State Address

February 15, 2018 - The University System of New Hampshire (USNH) commended Gov. Chris Sununu following the announcement in his State of the State address that the winners of a new statewide Governor's Cup Robotics Championship will be able to attend one of New Hampshire's four-year public institutions tuition-free for a semester through a newly created scholarship program.

"Competitors in robotics represent some of the best and brightest students in our state. We are very pleased to be part of this effort to encourage them to stay in New Hampshire, attend one of our USNH institutions and hopefully keep their talents right here in the Granite State," stated USNH Chancellor Todd Leach.

New Hampshire is home to FIRST Robotics, a national competition created by inventor Dean Kamen, which features high school-aged teams competing head-to-head with robots they have designed, built and programmed. The competition helps students learn valuable STEM skills that are highly-sought after by emerging high-tech industries. The Governor's Cup builds upon the highly successful FIRST Robotics competition and creates a competition for New Hampshire students.

The Governor's Cup Scholarship – combined with the newly expanded Granite Guarantee, which guarantees free in-state tuition to first-year New Hampshire students whose families qualify for need-based federal Pell Grants at USNH – is part of a comprehensive effort by USNH to keep New Hampshire students in-state to support the state's workforce needs.

"It is imperative to our state's future success that we retain our next generation of talent and strengthen our ability to produce more STEM graduates," stated Chancellor Leach. "I am proud to work with our state leaders to find creative ways to address New Hampshire's most pressing workforce and economic development needs."

About USNH

The University System of New Hampshire enrolls 33,000 students, and consists of four public institutions: Granite State College, Keene State College, Plymouth State University and the University of New Hampshire. USNH strives to ensure the availability of appropriate and accessible higher educational opportunities throughout New Hampshire, as well as address critical state workforce needs. A 29-member Board of Trustees is responsible for overseeing the University System.

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