



USNH Receives Positive Marks for Strong Fiscal Oversight

*Citing strong fiscal management, and leadership team, rating agency reaffirms
USNH bond ratings*

March 8, 2019 - Concord, NH – In an era when credit rating agencies give higher education a negative outlook, the University System of New Hampshire had its strong credit rating affirmed with a stable outlook by Moody’s Investor Service. In its report, Moody’s commented on the University System’s strong leadership team and strategic investments.

In its credit opinion, Moody’s stated, “the stable outlook reflects our expectation that the system will maintain positive operating performance despite stagnant state support. We expect the system’s strong leadership team will carefully navigate a challenging state funding environment and focus on stabilizing enrollment to produce ongoing positive operating margins.”

Moody’s reaffirmed a “Aa3” stable outlook and also recognized, “the system’s strong fiscal oversight,” additionally stating that it “demonstrated by solid liquidity, manageable leverage and consistently positive operations enhanced by good donor support.”

USNH Chancellor Todd Leach stated, “We are very pleased that our hard work is being recognized by Moody’s. The University System and its Board of Trustees put great importance on fiscal discipline to ensure a healthy future for public higher education in the Granite State.”

About USNH

USNH 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, and address critical state workforce needs. A 29-member Board of Trustees is responsible for overseeing the University System.

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