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University of New Hampshire, Plymouth State University, Keene State College and Granite State College Announce Third Consecutive Tuition Freeze for In-State Students

CONCORD, N.H. (April 5, 2021) — Recognizing the financial challenges faced by many Granite State families due to the pandemic, the University System of New Hampshire (USNH) will freeze tuition for in-state students for the 2021-2022 academic year. This is the third straight year USNH has kept tuition the same for New Hampshire residents.

“Ensuring that public higher education is accessible and affordable for students is a top priority for our institutions as we continue working to serve New Hampshire and to make our colleges and universities the first choice for New Hampshire students,” said Cathy Provencher, USNH Vice Chancellor. “This has been an incredibly challenging year in so many ways, and we continue to work to lessen the financial burden on our students and their families, many of whom have suffered job losses, business closures and other impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Provencher noted that the ability to freeze in-state tuition for a third year was made possible due to the support of the New Hampshire congressional delegation, our Governor and state legislators. “In the face of financial losses and unanticipated COVID-related expenses for the University System of New Hampshire, this tuition freeze would likely not have happened without their support,” added Provencher.

USNH institutions have also committed to providing significant increases in financial aid to students, reducing the overall cost of attendance. Since fall 2016, aid to USNH students has increased from $119M to $161M per year. Granite State College, USNH’s adult serving college with courses primarily delivered online, is recognized as the most affordable bachelor’s degree in New Hampshire.
The University of New Hampshire campuses in Durham and Manchester, Plymouth State University, and Keene State College continue to offer the groundbreaking financial aid program, Granite Guarantee, which makes college affordable for more than 2000 Granite Staters by covering the full cost of in-state tuition for all who qualify. First year through senior year students, along with Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) graduates who transfer to USNH institutions, benefit from the Granite Guarantee. For more information about the Granite Guarantee, please visit: www.usnh.edu/our-institutions/granite-guarantee

For more information about USNH, please visit: www.usnh.edu/yours.

The University System of New Hampshire (USNH) enrolls 32,000 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 addresses critical state workforce needs. A 29-member Board of Trustees is responsible for overseeing the University System.

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