USNH Submits for First in the World Grant

The University System of New Hampshire has submitted a "First in The World" grant proposal in collaboration with CCSNH, Dartmouth, and the University of Virginia. The submission, for a $2.4m grant from the Federal Department of Education would go to support student persistence and completion efforts of Dual Admission pathway students.

The concept is to improve persistence at the community college level so that USNH institutions have a stronger pipeline of transfer students. USNH is providing the lead project management, while CCSNH students will be the primary population directly served through the support efforts. Dartmouth and Virginia are providing research evaluation and methodology support. USNH Chancellor Todd Leach says while the process is highly competitive he is hopeful for a successful outcome.

“The Governor and the entire congressional delegation have provided letters of support for this innovative project,” said Leach. “Regardless of whether we receive the grant or not, it has been a good collaborative effort that included all of our institutions as well as CCSNH in working on this joint effort.”

If awarded the First in the World Grant, the collaboration could impact 27,000 New Hampshire high school seniors. USNH anticipates hearing back regarding the grant by the end of August.

About USNH
The University System of New Hampshire strives to ensure the availability of appropriate higher educational opportunities to all New Hampshire people; seeks to enroll a diverse student population to enhance educational experiences; and provides programs and activities based on a commitment to excellence. The 27-member Board is responsible for the oversight of the University System, which includes the University of New Hampshire, Plymouth State University, Keene State College, and Granite State College.

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