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**Congressman Paul Hodes Salutes PSU's Environmental Initiatives  
Langdon Woods Residence Hall LEED Gold and Climate Change Pledge**

**PLYMOUTH, N.H.** – Plymouth State University's bold environmental sustainability initiatives have garnered praise from New Hampshire's 2<sup>nd</sup> District Congressman. PSU announced this week that its 347-bed Langdon Woods residence hall earned a gold-level certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership-Energy-Environmental Design (LEED) program. PSU is one of the first institutions of higher learning nationwide to earn this distinction.

"I want to commend Plymouth State for their leadership on green building," Congressman Paul Hodes said. "Langdon Woods is a model of sustainable living that other Universities can now look to. I congratulate them on their gold-level certification and on their commitment to creating an environmentally sound community," said U.S. Representative Paul Hodes.

In addition, PSU President Dr. Sara Jayne Steen has signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, committing the University to a broad effort by the nation's higher education institutions to address global warming by neutralizing their greenhouse gas emissions and accelerating research and educational efforts to equip society to re-stabilize the earth's climate. The heads of more than 180 institutions across the country have signed the pledge. President Steen is also creating the President's Commission on Environmental Sustainability to manage the University's current commitments and develop forward-looking strategies and achieve goals.

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**Left to right, PSU Vice President for Finance Bill Crangle, N.H. Congressman Paul Hodes and PSU President Sara Jayne Steen.**

Plymouth State University (PSU) is a comprehensive regional university offering a rich, student-focused learning environment for both undergraduate and graduate students. PSU offers 42 majors and 62 minors in programs that include education, business, humanities, arts, and natural and social sciences. The College of Graduate Studies offers coursework that promotes research, best practices and reflection in locations on- and off-campus as well as online. For non-traditional students, PSU's Frost School of Continuing and Professional Studies offers working professionals opportunities to pursue an undergraduate degree by attending classes in the evenings, weekends and online. Located in a beautiful New England setting, Plymouth State University has been recognized as one of the "Best in the Northeast" by *The Princeton Review*.