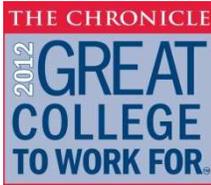


Awards and Accolades by Year

2012



Plymouth State University is one of the best colleges in the nation to work for, according to a survey by **The Chronicle of Higher Education**. Only 103 of the 294 institutions in the survey achieved “**Great College to Work For**” recognition for specific best practices and policies. Plymouth State won honors in two categories this year: Teaching Environment and Tenure Clarity and Process.



Plymouth State University has been named one of the nation’s top schools for encouraging community service among its students. PSU is one of six New Hampshire institutions of higher learning named to the President’s Honor Roll, through the federal Learn and Serve America program, which supports and encourages service-learning throughout the United States. PSU also received the honor in 2008.



Plymouth State University’s **Athletic Training** program received the 2012 **Bill Cramer Professional Development Award**. The cash award, provided by Cramer Sports Medicine, will support travel expenses for two PSU athletic training students to attend the National Athletic Training Association (NATA) conference. PSU was chosen for the national prize because of the work its students undertake in the local and regional community and for the quality of its academic program.

2011



The Carnegie Foundation recognized Plymouth State University with the **Community Engagement Classification** in honor of ongoing engagement with and work on behalf of our region. The classification indicates that teaching, learning, and research are done in collaboration with communities and enhance the well-being of the region through, for example, application of knowledge to economic development. According to the Carnegie Foundation, PSU demonstrates “excellent alignment among mission, culture, leadership, resources, and practices that support dynamic and noteworthy community engagement.” Only 311 higher education institutions nationwide have achieved this classification.



Business NH Magazine awarded the Savage Welcome Center and Hanaway Rink the 2011 **Lean and Green Building Award**, recognizing the facility for how its design and construction incorporated cost containment and sustainability, particularly with the savings and energy efficiency of its operation through the closed loop geothermal heating/cooling design.



PSU has been recognized in **The Princeton Review’s Guide to 311 Green Colleges**, a compilation of the most environmentally-responsible higher education institutions in the United States and

Canada. As criteria for inclusion, the Guide considers an institution's commitment to LEED building certification, environmental literacy programs, formal sustainability committees, use of renewable energy resources, and recycling and conservation programs.



PSU was named, for the fourth consecutive year, by the **Corporation for National and Community Service** on the **President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll** as a leader among institutions of higher education for our support of service learning and civic engagement.



CADY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug-Free Youth) named PSU its Partner of the Year for work with youth in central Hew Hampshire, promoting healthy life choices and promising futures for young people.

2010



Business NH Magazine recognized PSU as one of **"The Ten Best Companies to Work for in NH – 2010"** and listed PSU among the five best large companies to work for in the state, the first time an educational institution has ever before received this recognition.



The *Princeton Review's Guide to 286 Green Colleges*, a compilation of the most environmentally responsible higher education institutions in the United States, cites PSU for commitment to environmental literacy and sustainability.



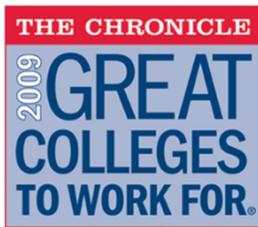
Plymouth State University is one of the top **Five Best Colleges in New Hampshire** to an article on *Newsmax*. The article sites the University's 40 major fields of study as well as the meteorology and natural sciences departments as highlights of Plymouth State.

Parade Magazine named PSU one of the best small public colleges and universities in the nation as rated by high school guidance counselors across the country.

2009



PSU has been honored by the **New Hampshire Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve** with the **"Above and Beyond"** award for its support of the National Guard and Reserve. PSU was cited as a longtime supporter of uniformed military members, whether student, faculty or staff, through its policies and programs, and the newly situated Veterans Common recognizing student and alumni veterans.



Plymouth State University received national honors by being named one of the 2009 **Great Colleges to Work For** released by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. PSU is recognized in eight categories and is one of two New Hampshire colleges or universities to earn a place on the Great Colleges to Work For list. *The Chronicle of Higher Education* 2009 Great Colleges to Work For survey results were compiled from nearly 41,000 employee responses from over 300 colleges and universities nationwide. Sixty-five percent of PSU faculty and staff surveyed responded.



Plymouth State University's Langdon Woods Residential Complex is one of the nation's top 10 **Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design** (LEED) certified projects, according to *Interiors and Sources* magazine. The magazine rated buildings nationwide according to the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Green Building Rating System. Langdon Woods is one of the nation's first and largest university residence halls to earn gold certification. It is one of only two collegiate buildings to make the Interiors and Sources top 10 list. Langdon Woods is the first building in New Hampshire to earn LEED gold certification.



Plymouth was named one of the 50 next great adventure towns in the United States in which to live by *National Geographic Adventure* magazine. In "Where to Live + Play Now! The fifty next great adventure towns", Plymouth ranks fourth in the east region. The article also cited the region's many recreational opportunities. "Life in Plymouth is like a master class in recreation," wrote National Geographic journalist Sarah Tuff. "Wedged between Mount Washington Valley and the Granite State's glittering lakes region, this college-meets-covered-bridge depot is home to the new White Mountain Exploration center, with instruction in ski touring, ice climbing, mountain biking, and rock climbing all run by Eastern Mountain Sports."



Plymouth State University has been named one of the "**Best in the Northeast**" by *The Princeton Review*. The designation identifies some of the colleges and universities that the Review feels stand out within each region and, in particular, to raise public awareness of many schools that may not be as well-known as they should be. Each college had to meet two criteria: they had to meet the Review's standards for academic excellence within their region and the Review had to be able to survey their students anonymously. The Princeton Review, founded in 1981, helps more than half of university-bound students research, apply to, prepare for and learn how to pay for their higher education.



2008

PSU received a \$25,000 **Alfred P. Sloan Award for Faculty Career Flexibility** for leadership and accomplishments in implementing groundbreaking policies and practices supporting career flexibility for tenured and tenure-track faculty. The award is for the effective use, on an ad hoc basis, of paid leave for extenuating faculty health and family reasons, and for work with USNH to determine if, and how, this practice can be formalized into policy.