



Recent Faculty, Staff, and Student Awards and Accolades

- Katie Laro (Meteorology) was selected by the Council for Undergraduate Research as one of 73 students from over 850 applicants to present a poster on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. Katie's research, guided by faculty member Jim Koermer (Atmospheric Science and Chemistry), treats wind gusts associated with thunderstorms and is being used by NASA.
- Undergraduates Michael Dodge and Molly Finkel (Music, Theatre, and Dance) have won honors in vocal and instrumental competition, Michael in the National Association of Teachers of Singing's Boston Art Song and Aria Festival and Molly in the New England College Band Association's first Solo and Ensemble Contest.
- Undergraduate Courtney LeCours (Health and Human Performance) has been named the Outstanding Future Professional by the New Hampshire Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; and alumnus Chris Belmont '01, received the National High School Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award from the National Association for Sport and Physical Education.
- Twelve students who participated in the Brown Company Research & Development Building public mural project were honored as the inaugural recipients of the Young Preservationists Award from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. Working with Tom Driscoll (Art) and a series of partners, they painted 24 murals illustrating the history of the Brown Company in Berlin.
- Graduate students guided by Craig Zamzow (Business) received two first-place honors in the 2012 National Small Business Institute Case of the Year Competition, with student teams earning first place for their plans for New Hampshire businesses in both the Comprehensive Case and the Specialized Case categories.
- Marjorie A. King (Health and Human Performance) has been named to the National Association of Athletic Trainers' Hall of Fame, the highest national honor for academic excellence in the field.
- Pat Cantor, chair of the department of Early Childhood Studies, and Steve Barba, Executive Director of University Relations, were honored by Early Learning NH with 2011 Champion Awards for their work on behalf of initiatives to ensure that the state's children have access to high-quality early care and education.
- Irene Cucina (Health and Human Performance) was elected President of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, a 20,000-member organization for physical education, recreation, fitness, sport and coaching, dance, health education, and health promotion.
- Thad Guldbrandsen, now Vice Provost for Research and Engagement, received the 2011 Young Professional of the Year award from *Business NH Magazine*. The award honors him as an outstanding professional and acknowledges his success working with students, colleagues, and partners on behalf of rural communities.
- Kathi Weeks (Business Services) was honored by the New Hampshire National Guard with the Outstanding in Customer Services Peace Award as a result of her ongoing commitment to excellence in student services to US soldiers.