PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Plymouth State University students benefit from distinctive educational experiences unlike those offered anywhere else. That is because we are not just anticipating the future, but are actively shaping it by pioneering Integrated Clusters, our academic model that responds to contemporary challenges and exciting new horizons.

Throughout our history, Plymouth State's numerous strengths have included a flexible, entrepreneurial approach. From your first year through graduation, you will explore your major in depth and participate in strategic academic Clusters, which are families of programs that will enrich your educational experience and deepen your mastery of the skills you will need for your future career. You will collaborate on teams with talented faculty, fellow students, staff, and community and business leaders in Open Labs where you will apply what you are learning to help solve real-world issues.

Our many innovative programs meet the demands of today's marketplace. Electromechanical Technology and Robotics (EMTR) takes advantage of our new makerspace, a unique and comprehensive facility comparable to those of leading institutions such as Harvard and MIT. The Transformative Innovation & Design Entrepreneurship (TIDE) program challenges students to build businesses from the ground up while remaining true to their values. And our beautiful new Human Performance Center promotes both health and scholarship with new classrooms, activity areas, and high-tech equipment.

Plymouth State University is the centerpiece of Plymouth, New Hampshire, the quintessential New England college town. The area is surrounded by resorts, parks, and picturesque natural areas, including the White Mountain National Forest and the scenic Lakes Region. It's a safe, unparalleled laboratory for studying the natural world and a great jumping-off point for active and healthy lifestyles.

Social and co-curricular life is central to the student experience at Plymouth State, and we offer a wide variety of student organizations, athletic teams, and recreational sports for our students to choose from. Because of our small class sizes and strong sense of community, students get to know their professors and fellow students, both in and out of class. PSU is the place to make lifelong friends and cherished memories all while receiving an exceptional education.

As much as we look forward to welcoming you to campus, we are also fully equipped to deliver virtual learning if needed to ensure that your education continues on schedule. Plymouth State, like most colleges and universities, switched to all online classes during Spring 2020 in response to the coronavirus pandemic. PSU professors and staff are skilled in providing course instruction in-person, online, or in a hybrid format that includes both models, and virtual opportunities will continue to allow Panthers to build community, keep fit, and have fun with friends.

Plymouth State University is on the move and I welcome your partnership as we step boldly forward.

My best wishes for a rewarding and productive year,

Donald L. Birx
President