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**Campus Compact for New Hampshire Honors Three at PSU for  
Community Service**

**Plymouth** — Three members of the Plymouth State University and town of Plymouth community have been recognized by the Campus Compact for New Hampshire for their efforts in civic involvement and volunteering. The three received 2009 awards at an event in Nashua. PSU President Sara Jayne Steen said the awards illustrate the recipients' longtime commitment to service to the community.

"These awards recognize those who give of themselves for others. The recipients have transformed both people's lives and their wider communities," Steen said.

**Frank Cocchiarella - President's Good Steward Award**

For a member of the faculty, administration or staff member who has contributed his or her professional expertise in service to the wider community and who has significantly advanced public service on the campus.

Cocchiarella has dedicated many years of service to the PSU Professional, Administrative and Technical Staff Senate, served as Spring Fling Clean-up Coordinator & volunteer, and was the first recipient of the Patricia Storer PAT (Professional, Administrative, and Technical Staff) Award for his dedication to improving quality of life in the local community and at Plymouth State University. Off-campus, he is the Vice President of the Waterville Valley Region Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, serves on the WVRCC fundraising committee, and coordinates the annual golf tournament.

### **Jess Chisholm - President's Leadership Award**

For an individual student or student organization that has made outstanding contributions to community service, service learning, and/or civic engagement efforts on their campus. This award is for a student or student organization that has made service an integral part of their college experience as evidenced through their contribution to the community.

Chisholm has been involved in service activities through PSU Volunteers and the Nicaragua Club. This month, she and a small group of PSU students return to Managua to continue work with a local non-profit that organizes local health and education projects. She contributes hours of time to the PSU Campus in various roles. She also volunteers at the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center.

### **Communities for Alcohol and Drug-free Youth (CADY, Inc.) – President's Community Partner Award Recipients**

For a non-profit organization that has enhanced the quality of life in the community in meaningful and measurable ways and engaged in the development of sustained, reciprocal partnerships with a college or university.

CADY is a local coalition dedicated to working with schools and communities to prevent and reduce youth alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and to promote healthy environments and promising futures for area teens. CADY is instrumental to youth in the Plymouth community, providing year-round programs aimed at creating safe, enriching environments for youth to grow and enhance their skills. In addition to the many community partnerships CADY maintains, CADY has hosted numerous Plymouth State University work-study students, volunteers and interns over the years. Director Deb Naro and the CADY staff provide guidance and encouragement as well as developing projects geared toward youths' interests, majors, and strengths.

Founded in 1997, Campus Compact for New Hampshire is a statewide consortium of college and university presidents and private sector partners who are united in their

commitment to the civic purposes of higher education. Their mission is to be a catalyst to integrate community service and civic responsibility throughout the academic and student life goals of its member institutions.

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