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DURHAM, N.H. –The University of New Hampshire has received the highest score on the College Sustainability Report Card 2010 of the Sustainable Endowments Institute, earning UNH the overall college sustainability leader distinction. UNH is among 26 other universities nationwide to receive a top score of A-minus on the report card, which was released today.

UNH received A grades (on a scale of A through F) in five categories – administration, climate change and energy, food and recycling, endowment transparency and investment priorities – and B grades in green building, student involvement and transportation. As evidence of UNH's sustainability leadership, the Sustainable Endowments Institute (SEI) singled out the university's integration of sustainability throughout its curriculum, operations, research and engagement; its efforts to purchase and serve local food in its dining halls; and the EcoLine™ landfill gas-to-energy project.

"We are proud of the awards and recognition UNH has received recently for the hard work administrators, faculty, staff and students have done across campus to advance sustainability," said Tom Kelly, UNH's chief sustainability officer. "But our job is ongoing. With global challenges – and opportunities – growing, we will be taking next steps to respond during the coming months."

Other New England schools recognized as overall college sustainability leaders for their average grades of A-minus are Amherst College, Brown University, College of the Atlantic, Harvard University, Middlebury College, Smith College, University of Vermont, Wesleyan University, and Williams College. The complete College Sustainability Report Card is available here: <http://www.greenreportcard.org>.

Now in its fourth year, the College Sustainability Report Card covers the colleges and universities with the 300 largest endowments in the United States and Canada, as well as 32 additional schools that applied for inclusion. The profiled schools have combined holdings representing more than \$325 billion in endowment assets, or more than 95 percent of all university endowments.

For more information on sustainability at UNH, go to [www.sustainableunh.unh.edu](http://www.sustainableunh.unh.edu) or [discoversustainability.org](http://discoversustainability.org).

The University of New Hampshire, founded in 1866, is a world-class public research university with the feel of a New England liberal arts college. A land, sea, and space-grant university, UNH is the state's flagship public institution, enrolling more than 12,200 undergraduate and

2,200 graduate students.