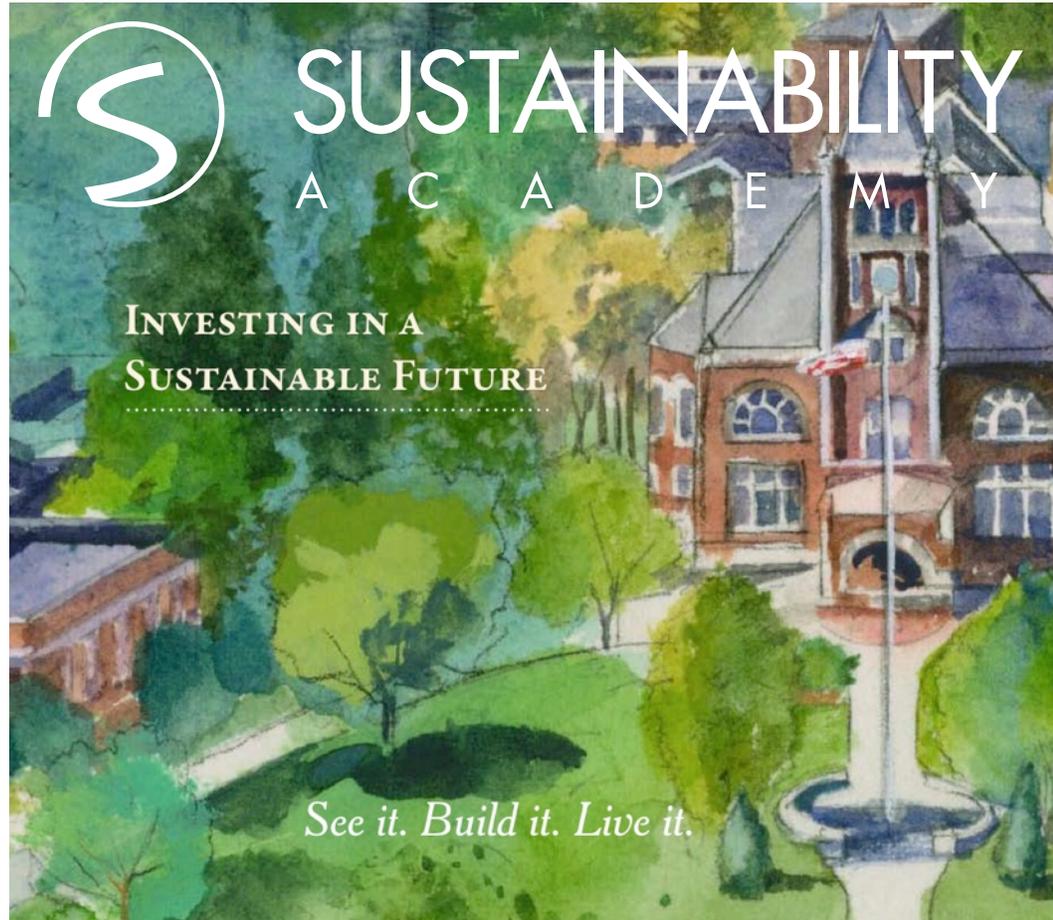


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## Announcing the UNH Sustainability Academy (UNHSA)

Laurels. We've never liked resting on them.

As part of the UNH strategic plan *"Breaking Silos, Transforming Lives, Reimagining UNH,"* the University Office of Sustainability is transitioning to the UNH Sustainability Academy (UNHSA).

"It's 'Sustainability 2.0,'" explains Tom Kelly, founding director of UNH's endowed sustainability program and the university's chief sustainability officer. "We've celebrated our last ten-plus years of success at building UNH into a model sustainable learning community, but there's more to do."

The Sustainability Academy is a structure to make UNH even better at what we already do: integrating sustainability across our curriculum, operations, research and engagement. It will recruit and retain

faculty and students, attract resources, promote best practices and policies in campus operations, and further engaged scholarship, extension and outreach – all around sustainability.

The concept of the Sustainability Academy has been the focus of planning for more than a year and a half, including a series of workshops and a working group of the UNH strategic planning process and involving over two hundred faculty, staff and other stakeholders from across and beyond campus. A newly formed Collaborative Council, including Sustainability Academy faculty fellows, is now guiding programming. Possible new initiatives could include undergraduate and graduate courses and degree programs, interdisciplinary research collaborations, educational opportunities for community members and business leaders, and more.

"UNH is rethinking many of the ways we pursue scholarship, educate our students, and connect with the community, and the Sustainability Academy is a key part of that," explains UNH Provost John Aber. "It will build on our history of sustainability leadership - and take it to the next level."

Learn more about the UNH Sustainability Academy at [www.sustainableunh.unh.edu](http://www.sustainableunh.unh.edu) and [www.unh.edu/strategicplanning/sustainabilityacademy.html](http://www.unh.edu/strategicplanning/sustainabilityacademy.html).

### Did you know?

It was a UNH alum's vision to bring people together across disciplines and departments to make a difference that created UNH's endowed sustainability program - the oldest such program in the US.



### Tip of the Month Stay informed!

Keep abreast of the UNH Sustainability Academy by signing up for our e-newsletter, visiting our website (now being redesigned so check back often!), reading our blog, liking us on Facebook, and following us on Twitter. You can find links to all of these at [www.sustainableunh.unh.edu](http://www.sustainableunh.unh.edu).

## Upcoming Events

September 8 - December 8  
Agriculture and Natural Resource  
Business Institute  
Alvirne High School, Hudson, NH

Contact: George Hamilton at  
641-6060 or Mike Sciabarrasi at  
862-3234

October 2  
Know the Coast Day  
10 AM - 3 PM, UNH marine labs

Contact: [www.unh.edu/  
knowthecoast](http://www.unh.edu/knowthecoast)

September 22  
Local Harvest Feast at Stillings, Phillbrook  
and Holloway Commons  
UNH Durham

Contact: UNH Dining, [www.unh.edu/  
dining/community/local-harvest.html](http://www.unh.edu/dining/community/local-harvest.html)

Events throughout the semester  
"Sea Stories of the Future:  
Interdisciplinary Conversations on  
Historic Oceans and Contemporary  
Marine Science" Saul O Sidore Lecture  
Series  
UNH Durham

Contact: UNH Center for the Humanities,  
[www.unh.edu/humanities-center](http://www.unh.edu/humanities-center)

September 27  
Pear Fyar plenary, keynote  
address and demonstration  
UNH Durham

Contact: UNH Inclusive  
Excellence Initiatives,  
[www.unh.edu/diversity/](http://www.unh.edu/diversity/)

Events throughout the semester  
"TMI: A University Dialogue on  
Decision Making in the Age of  
Information Overload"  
UNH Durham

Contact: UNH Discovery  
Program, [www.unh.edu/  
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dialogue/index.html](http://www.unh.edu/academic-affairs/discovery/dialogue/index.html)



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## Profile in Sustainability

Tell us about "Can We Shop Sustainably?," your essay as part of this year's "TMI: A University Dialogue on Decision Making in the Age of Information Overload."

The essay argues that we cannot shop our way to a more sustainable world – we must have policies to reduce the environmental and humanitarian degradation that too often accompanies domestic and international markets. It is not possible for any of us to get enough environmental, human rights and cultural information to choose the most sustainable product for each and every one of our purchases: we consume too many things, they come from too many places, and we have access to too little information to make informed decisions. If we are to live in more sustainable communities, we will have to consume fewer of the earth's resources and we will need policies that guarantee environmental protection, human rights and dignified treatment.

What do you hope graduate students get from UNH's Certificate in Sustainability Politics and Policy, developed last year?

We hope they have the opportunity to think about how sustainability relates to local,

national and global politics, and hope that they gain a set of analytical tools to apply to their chosen careers and their lives as citizens. The program has a core duo of politics and policy classes, and it allows students to tailor their additional electives and an independent study to meet their needs and interests.

What motivates you personally to be involved in sustainability?

For me, sustainability is about humans living better lives in healthier communities and respecting and celebrating the natural and cultural environments within which we live. Just being a very small part of that is very motivating and inspiring – as is being a part of a large community of people who share similar values and goals.

Read Stacy's essay "Can We Shop Sustainably?" at [132.177.132.99/  
academic-affairs/discovery/dialogue/  
2010/authors.html](http://132.177.132.99/academic-affairs/discovery/dialogue/2010/authors.html). Learn more about UNH's Certificate in Sustainability Policy and Politics at <http://bit.ly/beVg8l>.

## It's not too late to be a Steward!

Calling all UNH-Durham faculty and staff! It's not too late to become a UNH Sustainability Steward. Email us at [sustainability.info@unh.edu](mailto:sustainability.info@unh.edu) to sign up. It's informative, fun and FREE! Learn more at [www.sustainableunh.unh.edu/  
stewards.html](http://www.sustainableunh.unh.edu/stewards.html).



Formerly the University Office of Sustainability (UOS), the UNH Sustainability Academy works across and beyond campus to see, build and live sustainability.

The oldest endowed sustainability program in US higher education, we collaborate to integrate sustainability across UNH's curriculum, operations, research and engagement (CORE) through four initiatives designed around systems that underpin quality of life – biodiversity, climate, food, and culture.

Discover sustainability at UNH.

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