

**For immediate release: Museum of Art awarded 2021 gold UNH sustainability award**

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**DURHAM, NH** – The [Museum of Art](#) was awarded *gold* from the [UNH Sustainability Institute](#). This award recognizes the work of the Museum, emboldening students to advance their critical-thinking and visual literacy skills through personal interactions with the power of visual art with an emphasis on cultural sustainability. The Museum’s collaborations with on-campus and off-campus constituents utilize inquiry-based learning to explore thematic issues that are closely aligned with the United Nation’s 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



The UNH sustainability program seeks to celebrate and incentivize research and scholarship, curriculum development and teaching, campus initiatives and culture, and external engagement activities and achievements that best embody the principles and practices of sustainability. The criteria for the awards are reflective of the complexity and reality of sustainability challenges and the kinds of skills and approaches that sustainability requires. The awards recognize work that fulfills interdisciplinary, engaged, inclusive, innovative, and impactful practices. This award is generously supported by the Responsible Governance and Sustainable Citizenship Project, College of Liberal Arts.

UNH is a leader in sustainability, one of only seven higher education institutions in the nation to achieve STARS (Sustainability Tracking Assessment & Rating System) Platinum. This recognition places the University at the highest level of sustainability performance among colleges and universities. This platinum rating was made possible through a long-term, concerted, and university-wide effort that engaged faculty, staff, and students.