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Small Bird: Big Impact

The wicked problems facing the small Ricknell's Thrush, a bird that summers in the White Mountains, launched a multi-year, multi-disciplinary, multi-state and multi-national cluster project at PSU. The Museum of the White Mountains turned the students' and faculty current research, analysis, and art into an exhibit where visitors may begin to see the impact of integrated cluster work on our students and external partners. The project examines issues involving land management, deforestation, tourism, economic development and the ski industry, as well as international environmental, social, and political policies at both ends of the bird’s migratory path from the high peaks of the northeast to the Caribbean. (See November 2017 newsletter for more on the Ricknell’s Thrush).

Updates on Capital Renovation Project

Facility renovations and improvements, funded in part, with $3 million in state capital appropriations, are underway to house the new Health & Human Enrichment cluster. The space will support PSU’s new learning model focused on active integrated learning clusters. The facility will address the region’s significant health and wellness needs through Health Education Promotion, Nursing, Counseling, Physical Therapy, Exercise and Sports Physiology, Athletic Training, and Outdoor Adventure. The new labs will provide hubs for learning, healthy aging, adaptive programs, and general community needs (North Country and Lakes Region) enhancing our ability to address regional workforce needs and meet economic development opportunities. The project is slated for completion in Fall 2018.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Pledge for Military Support

On February 8, PSU President Don Bix signed an updated Statement of Support with the Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve to recognize and honor the values, leadership, and unique skills Service members bring to the workforce and to encourage opportunities to hire Guardsmen, Reservists, transitioning Service members, and Veterans.

PSU & USNH Granite Guarantee

PSU is part of the USNH Granite Guarantee! Granite Guarantee is a financial aid program that makes college possible for qualified first-year New Hampshire students by covering the needs of tuition for four years.