New Partnership for a Cybersecurity Center

New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu, Senate President Chuck Morse, and Plymouth State University President Donald Birx are pleased to announce the Center for Cybersecurity at Plymouth State University. The center's program has been developed by global cybersecurity education leader Cybint and will be taught by PSU faculty. The intensive training will up-skill and re-skill New Hampshire workers, advancing their careers into one of the world's fastest growing and most needed industries. The 480-hour, online program will launch July 1, 2021, and will offer flexibility to allow employees of businesses from sole proprietorships to the state's largest companies to participate while maintaining workplace attendance and productivity.

The Benefits of Higher Education to the State

The value of higher education goes well beyond the individual. Everyone benefits. Areas with high numbers of graduates with four-year degrees have greater tax revenues plus lower incidences of poverty, unemployment, disability, and more. This reduces spending on public assistance and social insurance, freeing up government resources for other programs. These communities have lower crime rates and a reduction of the dollar value of harm to crime victims, increased volunteerism and civic engagement, and increased charitable contributions. In fact, there is a productivity spillover effect to those without a four-year degree if they live in a high college-attainment community.

The PSU learning model engages students in real-world challenges, providing PSU graduates with an additional layer of public value to New Hampshire: they will graduate with collaborative, problem-solving, and communication skills, deeper critical thinking, and the resilience to find solutions to future complex problems.

Please contact Marcia Schmidt Blaine if you would like more information on the University. For more on the economic and cultural value of higher education, please see Government Relations at Plymouth State University.