New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility Announces 2025 NH Sustainability Awards Winners

Concord, New Hampshire – March 25, 2025 – New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility (NHBSR) celebrated the leading efforts of businesses and organizations striving to excel in environmental and socially responsible practices at the NH Sustainability Awards, held on March 20, 2025, at Southern New Hampshire University. The event marked the organization's 25th anniversary and honored the driving force of NHBSR's impact over the past two decades—the incredible network of businesses and nonprofits dedicated to positive change.

The 2025 Sustainability Award Winners were recognized for leading collaborative efforts in supporting strong communities, building workplaces that respect and value employees and their families, and making decisions informed by their impact on the world around us. The NHBSR Measure What Matters 101 survey weighs these sustainability efforts and serves as a basis for these awards. The Sustainability Awards also recognized the efforts of student leaders within the educational system with Student Change Agent Awards.

2025 Sustainability Award Finalists Include:

Albany International Corp., Chapman Construction/Design, Southern New Hampshire University, LaBelle Winery, NEMO Equipment, Velcro Companies, Bangor Savings Bank, Market Street Talent, Unitil, MAYO Designs Inc., Normandeau Associates, Inc., Path Collective, Arts in Reach, NH Community Loan Fund, SEE Science Center, Goodwill Northern New England, Hanover Co-op Food Stores, and Northeast Delta Dental.

2025 Sustainability Award Winners:

- Community: Normandeau Associates
- Organizational Culture: Goodwill Northern New England
- Environment: **LaBelle Winery**
- Climate and Energy: **Chapman Construction/Design**
- Governance: **Arts in Reach**
- Workplace: **Bangor Savings Bank**

W. S. Badger was awarded the **Systemic Leadership Award.** The award recognizes a business that understands its role as part of a larger system and works to build relationships that help develop the entire, interconnected system. Badger has demonstrated leadership in all areas of sustainability for many years and has supported suppliers and customers in moving their sustainability efforts forward, as well.



Ceres was awarded the **Impact Amplifier Award.** This award honors those who not only make a difference but also amplify it for the world. The Impact Amplifier Award was established to recognize organizations and/or individuals whose efforts consistently drive for greater impact, embrace challenges as opportunities, and invite others to join them in advancing meaningful progress. These visionaries understand that sustainability is an ongoing journey, and through their actions, they create a ripple effect that extends far beyond their own organization.



Student Change Agent Award Winners: Knowing that young people are the heart of New Hampshire's future, NHBSR partners with the University of New Hampshire and Southern NH University in creating opportunities for sustainably-minded students. Through this partnership, they have found that students are deeply engaged in sustainability, creating impact on campus and off with their passion and dreams. Congratulations to this year's winners and nominees.

- Awardee: Benjamin Kaminski, University of New Hampshire
- Awardee: Stephen Nyanor-Berko, Southern New Hampshire University
- Awardee: Catey Selby, University of New Hampshire
- **Finalist:** Emily Abrusci, University of New Hampshire
- Finalist: Sofia Anestam, University of New Hampshire



NHBSR recognizes that New Hampshire will truly thrive when we engage the power of business and our people to build a sustainable and prosperous state for all.

Special thanks to Measure What Matters premiere sponsor Albany International, Inc. and leadership sponsor Stonyfield Organic and to the Sustainability Awards Presenting sponsor <u>Cirtronics Corporation</u> and event sponsors: <u>Liberty</u>, <u>Bank</u>, <u>Normandeau</u>
<u>Associates</u>, Inc., <a href="New Hampshire Public Radio, Doug Rathburn Photography, Image 4, Image 4, Southern New Hampshire University, NH Business Review, and Green Wave Electric Vehicles



ABOUT NHBSR

New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility is a member-based, non-profit organization that convenes, inspires and supports businesses and community stakeholders to build a more sustainable and prosperous state for all. More information on NHBSR and upcoming events, resources and membership can be found at hhbsr.org.

Press contact Debbie Roy, Communications Manager, NHBSR

Telephone603-377-8821Emaildebbie@nhbsr.orgWebsitewww.nhbsr.org

Photos: <u>2025 Sustainability Awards | Flickr</u> Photo Credit: Doug Rathburn Photography