



MEDIA ADIVOSRY: Gov. John Lynch, EPA Regional Administrator Robert Varney At UNH's Earth Day April 20

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DURHAM, N.H. -- New Hampshire Governor John Lynch and Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator Robert Varney – both graduates of UNH – will celebrate Earth Day at the University of New Hampshire April 20, highlighting some of the university's achievements in sustainability.

- Gov. John Lynch, EPA Regional Administrator Robert Varney at UNH Earth Day
- Friday, April 20, 2007; 1:45 – 2:30 p.m.
- Thompson Hall Lawn, Main St., Durham
- 1:45: Gov. Lynch meets with hundreds of students and their teachers from Oyster River middle and high schools who will have cleaned up Durham en route from school to the UNH festivities. The governor will present the schools with certificates of appreciation.
- 2:10: Speaking program hosted by John Aber, UNH vice president for research and chair of the UNH Energy Task Force. Gov. Lynch will make remarks about Earth Day and will recognize the UNH student Energy Captains who led their residence halls to winning the UNH Student Energy Waste Watch Challenge.
- 2:20: Administrator Varney will acknowledge five UNH buildings that have recently earned the ENERGY STAR energy efficiency rating: residence halls Randall-Hitchcock, Sawyer, and Jessie Doe; buildings P, Q and R of the Woodside Apartment Complex; and administrative building Taylor Hall. Undergraduate students in Chemical Engineering 410, "Energy and the Environment," worked with professor Ihab Farag and the UNH Energy Office to score the buildings using the EPA's Portfolio Manager software.

"We are pleased that Governor Lynch and Regional Administrator Varney can join us as we celebrate the university's significant achievements in sustainability," said Aber. "We look forward to sharing with them the research, operations, and student activism that have made UNH one of the nation's leading sustainable universities, especially as we celebrate Earth Day."

For additional information on UNH's Earth Day festivities, which include a town-wide clean-up, Earth Day Fair, and forum on reducing carbon, go to http://www.unh.edu/news/cj_nr/2007/apr/bp09earth.cfm. Earth Day events are sponsored by

the UNH Office of Sustainability, Power to the People: A University Dialogue on Energy, and Durham: It's Where U Live.