

# News from the West

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It's been a busy spring for UNH west of Durham — at the university's Concord and Manchester campuses. **The UNH School of Law** in Concord made headlines in March when *U.S. News and World Report* ranked it as a top-10 school for the study of intellectual property law. UNH Law interim dean Jordan Budd credits the rise to the school's exceptional curriculum, its graduates' employment outcomes, and the ever-stronger quality of its entering student body.

It was a big move and a big celebration for **UNH Manchester**, which officially relocated to the Pandora Building in Manchester's Millyard section, dubbed the 'silicon millyard' because of the number of high-tech companies headquartered there. The new location is 110,000 square feet of space, about 40 percent larger than the former site of the school. Classrooms and study spaces were designed not only with input from architects,

but also from the faculty and students who are now using them. Among the speakers at the April 14 campus opening were UNH President Mark Huddleston, interim dean J. Michael Hickey '73, Governor Maggie Hassan, Mayor Ted Gatsas '73 and UNH Manchester student Kristin Boelzner '16. They all echoed the same message: The expanded campus represents progress for the college, the community and the future workforce. "UNH Manchester is replacing the hard, physical work of the mill with the work of the mind," Huddleston says. "And where loud, heavy machinery once made textiles, our state-of-the-art classrooms and research labs are shaping tomorrow's graduates."

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