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**EXCELLENCENORTH ALLIANCE ESTABLISHES  
“Dr. SYLVIO DUPUIS COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARD”**

*Award Recognizing Achievements of New Hampshire Communities Named After Manchester Mayor, Lifelong Community Leader, Volunteer and Philanthropist*

**MANCHESTER** – ExcellenceNorth Alliance (ENA) today announced the creation of the “*Dr. Sylvio Dupuis Community Excellence Award*” to recognize New Hampshire communities that reflect Dr. Dupuis’ lifelong work to improve communities for the benefit of citizens and families in New Hampshire.

“From the development of arts and education to political, economic and non-profit project leadership and development, Dr. Sylvio Dupuis epitomizes the effort to bring and sustain excellence in his community,” explained Tom Raffio, Chair of ENA’s Board and President & CEO of Northeast Delta Dental. “Creating a Vision, purpose and values along with promoting legal and ethical behavior is a Dupuis trademark. An excellent communicator with all stakeholders he is always working to create an environment for success along with a focus on action. It’s exactly why we are so honored to name this Community Excellence Award after him.”

The *Community Excellence Award* will recognize and raise awareness of communities in New Hampshire, that through ingenuity and innovation, are making improvements that benefit economic conditions, quality of life, education, and/or public health. In this award, communities are not limited by boundaries and are defined as *a group of people working together with a common goal* to provide these benefits to a city/town, neighborhood, or region. The goal is to not only recognize these communities but to share best practices from these successes and encourage other communities to follow suit.

“The development of this award exemplifies ENA’s purpose to help Northern New England organizations and communities develop, grow, and sustainably prosper.” said ENA Executive Director Anne Warner. “We see examples of how community leaders, businesses, and volunteers collaborate for the benefit of a community and believe that by supporting, recognizing, and sharing these stories, others across the state and region will be inspired to do the same. It is a privilege to be able to name the Award after Dr. Sylvio Dupuis.”

In addition to his city and community leadership, Dr. Dupuis is a former president of both Catholic Medical Center and Notre Dame College. “I am deeply honored to have this award named after me. My efforts in the greater Manchester community and throughout the state are the result of deeply-instilled beliefs taught to me by my family and peers over many years,” said Dr. Dupuis. “We all play a role in the success of our community, and I hope this process develops shared best practices that benefit countless cities and towns.”



ExcellenceNorth Alliance is the region's nonprofit provider of customized expertise in the Baldrige methodology and other systematic approaches. ENA has a forward-looking focus to help Northern New England organizations and communities achieve their goals as the rate of change and disruption continues to dramatically increase across all business sectors. To get more information on ENA and the "*Sylvio Dupuis Community Excellence Award*" and how to nominate a community visit <https://excellencenorth.org/>.