



John W. Mills, Ph.D.

John W. Mills, Ph.D., is the ninth president of Paul Smith's College. Paul Smith's, a four year private college located in the Adirondack Mountains of New York State currently enrolls 875 students in three divisions: Forestry – Natural Resources – Recreation, Hospitality – Resort and Culinary Management, and Science – Liberal Arts – Business. The College was established in 1937 as a co-educational institution honoring Apollos and Lydia Martin Smith, who operated a hotel on the shores of Lower St. Regis Lake in the late 1800's where the College is located today.

Dr. Mills, formerly the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Paul Smith's College, holds an undergraduate degree in Zoology from the University of Rhode Island and a Ph.D. in Biology from Brown University. He has taught at Dartmouth Medical School, Harvard Medical School, Temple University School of Medicine, and Clarkson University. He has also served as a visiting professor at the University of Copenhagen. Dr. Mills has held administrative and research positions with Massachusetts General Hospital, University of Munich, and the Trudeau Institute (Saranac Lake, New York).

Under President Mills' leadership, Paul Smith's College has continued the successful transition to a four-year college granting baccalaureate degrees in both arts and sciences. Over seventy percent (70%) of the current students are enrolled in baccalaureate programs but associate degrees are still offered in some programs. Recently, the College has implemented educational programs with other institutions providing the ability to send students abroad for study in Italy. In 2009, Paul Smith's College established extension sites for some of our signature programs at Adirondack Community College and Finger Lakes Community College. Also, under Dr. Mills' leadership, Paul Smith's College has completed several capital projects including the newly renovated and expanded Joan Weill Student Center, two training restaurants, and two residence halls that house over ninety students in apartment-style suites.

Currently, Dr. Mills is overseeing the construction of the new home of the Adirondack Watershed Institute at the Countess Alicia Spaulding Paolozzi Education and Research Center at Paul Smith's College. The research center is expected to be completed in 2010. The Saunders Sports Complex will undergo additional renovations this year to upgrade the swimming pool and will add an state-of-the-art climbing wall. He is also a campus leader for many sustainability initiatives and projects.

Dr. Mills regularly participates in programs with the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (cIcu), College for Every Student (CFES), the President's Institute with the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC), and Harvard Graduate School of Education's prestigious Institute for Educational Management. He has written several editorials in New York State newspapers on focusing on higher education issues including financial aid and equal opportunities for all students to attend college.

To learn more about Paul Smith's College please view the website at www.paulsmiths.edu. Dr. Mills can be reached by telephone at 518-327-6223 or by email at kkeck@paulsmiths.edu. Thank you.