



# University of Connecticut

## *Greater Hartford Campus Update*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Welcome back for the fresh start of our Spring Semester 2008. Thanks to your dedication to our students and your field of study, we launched the 2007-2008 academic year at our UConn Greater Hartford Campus with a smooth start. Our academic class offerings and student population continue to grow, and with this growth comes the need and opportunity for expanded input and leadership from each of you in shaping the future of our Campus. These opportunities range from developing our Academic Plan to kicking off our Service Learning Initiative. I would like to update you on a few new developments or changes we've been working on for our UConn Greater Hartford Campus. I encourage and most appreciate your insight and involvement in improving the life of our Campus Community. If you have questions or would like to be further involved in our UConn Greater Hartford Campus initiatives, please contact the appropriate person listed or my office at any time at 570-9208 or [david.w.williams@uconn.edu](mailto:david.w.williams@uconn.edu).

### **ACADEMIC PLAN OPEN HEARING WITH DIRECTOR and ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 11:30 AM – 1 PM**

The Director and the Director's Advisory Committee will review the UConn Greater Hartford Campus Academic Plan on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 AM to 1 PM in Room 308 of the Library Building. This is an opportunity to raise questions, share concerns and discuss issues regarding our Academic Plan. A draft copy of the Academic Plan for the UConn Greater Hartford Campus was placed in your campus mailbox in late November. If you need another copy of the plan, you can pick one up at the Front Office of the Undergraduate Building or at the Director's Office in Room 204 of the Library Building. Please send your comments and suggestions for the Academic Plan by January 25<sup>th</sup> to [david.w.williams@uconn.edu](mailto:david.w.williams@uconn.edu) or [patricia.toupin@uconn.edu](mailto:patricia.toupin@uconn.edu). Better yet, attend the meeting Tuesday.

### **DIRECTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Director's Advisory Committee for the UConn Greater Hartford Campus was appointed several years ago to provide input and guidance to the Campus Director on significant issues or challenges facing the UConn Greater Hartford Campus. Currently, the Director's Advisory Committee is responsible for developing the Academic Plan for the UConn Greater Hartford Campus, which has been requested by the Provost. When the Academic Plan is finalized and accepted, the Director's Advisory Committee will begin work on the UConn Greater Hartford

Campus Master Plan. Please contact the Director's Advisory Committee members or the Director's Office at any time regarding not only the Academic Plan but any issues you feel need to be addressed at our UConn Greater Hartford Campus. **Your insight is always welcome.**

UConn Greater Hartford Campus Director's Advisory Committee Members:

Nadine Brennan, Dean of Students  
 Colleen Brochu, Assistant Director, Bachelor of General Studies & Non-Degree Programs  
 G. Lantry Brooks, Jr., Assistant Professor, Physics  
 Robert Brown, Student Support Services Program Manager  
 Roger Chaffin, Professor of Psychology  
 Kenneth Dautrich, Associate Professor, Public Policy  
 Clare Eby, Professor, English  
 Robert Fisher, Professor and Director, Urban & Community Studies  
 Kathy Foley, Administrative Assistant, Office of the State Historian  
 Meghan Hanrahan, Program Manager, Bachelor of Science in Business and Technology  
 Sheila Harris, Information Technology Director  
 Kerry Marsh, Associate Professor, Psychology  
 Edna McBreen, Professor Human Development and Family Studies  
 Steven McDermott, Instructional Consultant, Institute for Teaching and Learning  
 Tessie Naranjo, Finance Director  
 Wendy Pfrenger, Writing Center Coordinator  
 Glen Richardson, University Director of Regional Campuses, School of Business  
 Barbara Ricketts, Registrar  
 Mark Robbins, Associate Professor, Public Policy  
 Stephen Ross, Professor, Economics  
 William Uricchio, Director, Trecker Library  
 David W. Williams, Director, Greater Hartford Campus  
 Walter Woodard, Assistant Professor of History and State Historian

**DIRECTOR APPOINTS ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Due to the continuous increase in enrollment at our UConn Greater Hartford Campus, we have created an Enrollment Management Committee. The committee is charged with developing a comprehensive recruitment plan for the UConn Greater Hartford Campus. Their duties will include:

- developing an annual calendar of campus events relative to admissions, such as Open Houses, Yield Receptions;
- assisting the coordinator of admissions with recruitment schedules;
- analyzing enrollment trend data to assist in setting campus goals;
- reviewing all recruitment materials and making suggestions for improvement;
- developing strategies to strengthen our UConn Greater Hartford Campus partnerships with community colleges in the region;
- developing strategies to increase the number of First Choice Applicants applying and enrolling at the UConn Greater Hartford Campus;
- providing an annual report to the Campus Director on accomplishments, schedule, trends and challenges.

Enrollment Management Committee Members:

Nadine Brennan, Co-Chair	Greg Gorneault
Colleen Brochu	Meghan Hanrahan
Katherine Brophy	Kashema Jennings
Robert Brown	Dennis Seymour, Co-Chair

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

The UConn Greater Hartford Campus Scholarship Committee has been busy with the influx of new scholarship funding for students attending classes at our campus. The role of the committee is to provide oversight and develop scholarship criteria when needed and to make recommendations to the Campus Director on matters related to developing an effective and efficient scholarship program.

Scholarship Committee Members:

Nadine Brennan	Colleen Brochu
G. Lantry Brooks, Jr.	Paul Canning
Meghan Hanrahan	Barbara Ricketts
Dennis Seymour	Alison Valone Suhocki, Chairperson

**FACULTY/STAFF GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE WITH HARTFORD CONSORTIUM**

The Hartford Consortium for Higher Education is seeking grant requests for collaborative projects that involve more than one member college/university of the Consortium. Grant requests are due Feb 29, 2008, for projects to be implemented in the 2008-2009 academic year. The application is simple and many faculty/staff members who apply are funded. An electronic application will be forthcoming soon. For more information, contact Rosanne Druckman, Executive Director, Hartford Consortium for Higher Education, 950 Main Street, Suite 314, Hartford, CT 06103; Phone: 860 906-5038; [rdruckman@ccc.comnet.edu](mailto:rdruckman@ccc.comnet.edu).

**FACULTY CONSULTING AND SABBATICAL CHANGES FROM THE PROVOST**

The University Board of Trustees instituted changes concerning Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty which **take place immediately**. The changes include:

- The Policy on Consulting for Faculty
- Sabbatical Request Form
- Sabbatical Modification/Postponement Request Form.

The Policy and Forms are available on the Provost's website,  
<http://www.policy.uconn.edu/pages/findPolicy.cfm?PolicyID=264>.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Four of our faculty and staff, whose years of service to the University of Connecticut represent over 100 years of wisdom and devotion, have decided to pursue new paths in life outside of our UConn Greater Hartford Campus. Robert Phillips, Professor of Philosophy, Russell Farnen, Professor of Political Science, Robin Simmons, Executive Assistant to the Director, and Beverly Manning, Humanities and Science Librarian, all retired from the University of Connecticut Greater Hartford Campus this fall. We sorely miss their experience and perspective. I know I

can turn to each of you to step in and fill their roles for a seamless transition. Our best wishes for their happiness and success in their new adventures.

### **NEW AND ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

I want to assure you that through a re-assignment of responsibilities, our student, faculty and staff concerns will continue to be resolved as we adjust to the retirement of Robin Simmons, who wore many hats.

Alison Valone Suhocki, our Campus Bursar, has assumed responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the Administrative/Academic Support Services Office on the first floor of the Undergraduate Building. She is supported and assisted by four very capable staff and several students, however, everyone in the office will be able to assist you or direct you to the appropriate office or individual to address your needs. We have placed in your mailboxes a copy of staff duties and responsibilities. I ask you to please let me know of any successes and difficulties you encounter as we move forward with this mutual endeavor.

The Director's Office will be responsible for all academic issues and the employment of adjunct faculty.



### *HATS OFF GRADUATES*



We are elated for our graduates who completed their baccalaureate degrees at our UConn Greater Hartford Campus in December 2007. We are also proud to welcome them as lifetime alumni of the University of Connecticut and our UConn Greater Hartford Campus. We wish each of them continued success in their future endeavors. Listed by major our UConn Greater Hartford Campus graduates are:

#### **BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES**

Sharon L. Alleman	Rachel M. Boucher
George Burnett	Gwendolyn J. Bynoe
Marnie L. Capobianco	Timothy Chan
Matthew Corrigan	David M. Dyson
Maureen A. Fallon	Crystal S. Gist
Lise M. Howe	Susy D. Hurlbert
Michael F. Illescas	Maria A. Jacovino
Alanna C. Johnson	Kelly S. Malloy
Amy F. Matthews	Vincent J. McCann
Admir Music	Gina M. Preli
Raphael A. Rafatpanah	Vanessa C. Rios
Kristina M. Seeley	Kathleen Smith de Alvarez
Leslie R. Stickler	Lee Anne Thompson
Alexandra Yepez	

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY**

Nichola Elaine Dwyer	Derek Brian Green
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Mindy Nakib  
 Marko Samardzija  
 Colleen Michelle Buckley  
 Michelle Pereira Goncalves

Deborah Ann Pepin  
 Caitlin Anne Stupak  
 John Christopher Freiheit  
 Oscar Ivan Herrada

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN URBAN AND COMMUNITY STUDIES**

Vincent Cocolla  
 Natalia Tabakn

Jessica LeClair  
 Vinh Vuong

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY**

Tara Melody Dean  
 Emily Anne Wall

Radoslaw Truszkowski

### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY STUDIES**

Vickey S. Terrell

### **BACHELOR OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Phillip Burnham (English)

### **THE W AND Q CENTER**

The Writing and Quantitative Center offers peer and professional tutoring in Writing and Quantitative Studies including Math, Accounting, Chemistry, Biology, and Statistics. Located in Room 303 of our UConn Greater Hartford Campus Undergraduate Building, the W and Q Center provides a peaceful study environment where undergraduate and graduate students of all proficiency levels and at all stages in their academic careers work with tutors, participating in a collaborative, student-directed approach to learning. The Center's hours vary Monday-Friday. Sign-up for appointments is available outside the W and Q Center. We strongly recommend making appointments ahead of time, as drop-ins are not guaranteed. To inquire about standing appointments, contact Wendy Pfrenger, W Center Coordinator, 570-9237, [wendy.pfrenger@uconn.edu](mailto:wendy.pfrenger@uconn.edu) or Esteban Diaz, Q Center Coordinator, 570-9345, [esteban.diaz@uconn.edu](mailto:esteban.diaz@uconn.edu).

### **NEW STUDENT TUTORING PROGRAM AT HARTFORD PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

The UConn Greater Hartford Campus Writing Center, in partnership with the Storrs Writing Center, developed a Writing Room at Hartford Public High School last semester. Tutors, who are primarily undergraduates at UConn Greater Hartford Campus, staff the Writing Room at Hartford Public two afternoons a week, assisting students with homework, college application essays and articles for the new high school newspaper, "The Hoot." In a typical tutoring session tutors help students develop their ideas, make decisions about style and presentation, figure out the right questions to ask and how to find information using dictionaries, textbooks and the Internet. The tutors are involved in ongoing training and professional development and say they particularly enjoy the close relationships they form with students who return week after week. They enjoy seeing the students' enthusiasm, their pride and their hope for the future. In the spring semester tutors hope to expand their involvement with "The Hoot," and plan a trip to the UConn Storrs campus to record students' poetry for the radio journal, "The Lumberyard." Students

interested in the program should contact Wendy Pfrenger, Writing Center Coordinator, 570-9237, [wendy.pfrenger@uconn.edu](mailto:wendy.pfrenger@uconn.edu).

### **GUARANTEED ADMISSIONS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS**

The University of Connecticut has expanded its Guaranteed Admissions Agreement with the Connecticut Community College System. The University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences established the system to provide a smooth transfer from the associate degree to the bachelor's degree program for Connecticut's Community College graduates who earn a 3.0 grade point average. The new agreement extends the program to all six UConn campuses and includes the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, increasing the number of locations and fields of study available to Community College students. Guaranteed Admissions further strengthens the Partnership among Connecticut's higher education institutions by eliminating the red tape for students from the state's 12 Community Colleges.

### **HARTFORD FOUNDATION FOR PUBLIC GIVING SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has awarded our UConn Greater Hartford Campus \$25,000 in scholarships to assist students transferring from the Community Colleges in the Hartford Metro Region to pursue their baccalaureate degrees at our UConn Greater Hartford Campus facilities. Each scholarship recipient has earned an Associate Degree from a state community college with a 3.0 or higher GPA. We are most grateful for this generous donation from the foundation and welcome the following students to our UConn Greater Hartford Campus:

Emily Bloom – Manchester Community College, Liberal Arts: English  
 Dale Burns – Asnuntuck Community College, Bachelor of General Studies  
 Lucy Durham – Manchester Community College, ACES Exploring Business  
 Latasha Kearney – Tunxis Community College, Bachelor of General Studies  
 Joannah Keats – Asnuntuck Community College, Liberal Arts: Psychology  
 Sarah King – Manchester, Capital, Tunxis Community Colleges, Bachelor of General Studies  
 Kate McCloskey – Tunxis Community College, ACES Exploring Business  
 Katarzyna Romanowska – Tunxis Community College, Bachelor of General Studies  
 Francesca Salvato – Asnuntuck Community College, Liberal Arts: English

### **160 GREATER HARTFORD CAMPUS STUDENTS ON FALL 2007 DEAN'S LIST**

We commend the superlative effort of the 160 UConn Greater Hartford Campus students whose efforts qualified them for the Fall 2007 Dean's List. They represent over 11 percent of our undergraduate students. Students on the Dean's List must have a 3.0 GPA or better for the semester. Keep up the good work students!

### **KUDOS TO ROBERTO CRUZ**

Congratulations to Roberto Cruz, a Bachelor of General Studies student at our Greater Hartford Campus. Roberto has been honored as the Outstanding Continuing Education Student for New England by the University Continuing Education Association. A native of Puerto Rico, Roberto has maintained a 3.86 grade point average while working full time and volunteering at the Village for Families and Children in Hartford. He was selected for never giving up on his dream of pursuing his bachelor's degree even though financial needs meant he had to interrupt his education. You inspire all of us, Roberto!

### **STUDENT ONIEL WILKS AUTHORS FICTIONAL NOVEL**

Business and Technology student Oniel Wilks has authored his first novel, *Enemy in the Mirror*, during his years as a student at the Greater Hartford Campus. Oniel began his studies at the Greater Hartford Campus in 1997, stopping and re-enrolling until he began writing his book in 2001. "In 2005 I dedicated the whole year to writing the book," Oniel said. "I worked on it every day. It started as journal entries and then took the form of a book." Last year after submitting his manuscript to several publishers, it was accepted for publication and released. A native of Jamaica, who moved to the Hartford area when he was 12, Oniel says the book is loosely based on his own experience. Oniel is now in school full-time at our UConn Greater Hartford Campus, works as a library aide part-time and plans to graduate in December 2008. Bravo Oniel!

### **OUR SYMPATHY TO THE AHLBERG FAMILY**

It is with sadness that we inform you of the passing of our respected colleague, Evelyn R. Ahlberg, who died unexpectedly Monday, January 7, 2008, at St. Francis Hospital. She is survived by Donald E. Ahlberg, her husband of 48 years, and many relatives in Bristol, Terryville, Glastonbury and Northern Germany.

Evelyn graduated magna cum laude from Mount Holyoke College in 1957 with a degree in Physics, and earned two Masters Degrees in Physics and Mathematics from Trinity College in Hartford. After working in industry for 29 months she joined the UConn Greater Hartford Campus faculty as a Physics teacher and later switched to teaching Mathematics. She taught full time for 35 years until her retirement, and soon resumed teaching on a part-time basis. Over the last six years Evelyn has worked closely with the Campus Director coordinating the Annual Retirees' Luncheon.

Memorial contributions may be made to Emanuel Lutheran Church, to the American Heart Association, Heritage Affiliate, 1 Union St., #301, Robbinsville, NJ 08691-4183, or to Protectors of Animals, P.O. Box 24, South Glastonbury, CT 06073.

## **NUTS AND BOLTS**

### **CODE REPAIRS & RENOVATIONS**

A number of building and safety code issues must be addressed to bring our UConn Greater Hartford Campus up to date with current safety codes. Several of these safety updates must be performed during our hours of operation. We will try our best not to disturb your classes. Thank you for your patience during these renovations and/or innovations that benefit all of us.

### **EMERGENCY WEATHER CLOSINGS**

As we plow through New England's winter weather challenges, I urge you to check and keep close at hand the Emergency Closing telephone list and to be familiar with the procedures which were sent to each of you via campus mail and posted on the Greater Hartford Campus website. Please remember, **safety is our first concern.**

## **CAMPUS SAFETY**

Campus Safety is everyone's responsibility. We continue to make strides toward improving safety on our campus. Over the last six months the UConn Police and I have had several conversations with the Town of West Hartford fire and police departments to discuss fire safety, emergency closings and evacuation procedures. We are still in the planning stage.

The University has installed a new emergency warning system on our UConn Greater Hartford Campus, and has put in place a text messaging system for students, faculty and staff at all campuses. This is a warning system to notify recipients via cell phone text messages of emergency events on campus. Over 1200 faculty and staff and over 16,000 of the University's 20,000 undergraduate students, have signed up for text messaging already. If you have not yet registered your cell phone, you may do so at any time. Go to [alert.uconn.edu](http://alert.uconn.edu) to register your phone and learn more about UConn's text messaging service.

The UConn Greater Hartford Campus Safety Committee is working on revising and updating our Safety Manual.

## **PLAY BALL**

Whether you want to keep in shape like our top-ranked women's and men's basketball teams, are anxious to squeeze in some pre-season batting practice, or have free time between classes, you can play out your passion at the new community recreational facility on our campus. The UConn Greater Hartford Campus has partnered with the Town of West Hartford to add a basketball court, three youth baseball/softball fields, a Challenger T-Ball field and a playground at the corner of Troutbrook Drive and Asylum Avenue. The Town of West Hartford has upgraded and improved the property, so play ball!

## **THANK YOU FOR CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES' CAMPAIGN RESPONSE**

Thank you for your pledge response to the annual Connecticut State Employees' Campaign. You generously donated \$3,678.00 to the Connecticut State Employees Campaign. Our UConn Greater Hartford Campus works with the local CSE organization.

## **STAY IN TOUCH**

The *UConn Greater Hartford Campus Update* will be published periodically by the Director's Office. Your input is appreciated. Please forward your comments, suggestions and information you would like to include in our next newsletter to the Director's Office, [david.w.williams@uconn.edu](mailto:david.w.williams@uconn.edu).

**David.W.Williams, Director**

**UConn Greater Hartford Campus**

# UConn Greater Hartford Office of the Director

## A Dialogue with the Campus Director Continental Breakfast will be served



**Time: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**



**Art Gallery (Undergraduate Building)  
Wednesday, February 6, 2008**

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**Room 308, Library Building  
Thursday, February 7, 2008**

Express your ideas, raise questions, bring the Director up to date on scholarly and programmatic activities and concerns you have regarding our UConn Greater Hartford Campus. The dialogues will be at 9:00-11:00 AM in the Art Gallery in the Undergraduate Building on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, and in Room 308 of the Library Building on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Light continental breakfast will be served. I hope to meet and hear from all of you.