

Points of Pride 2009

Student Quality

- Incoming freshmen at Storrs in fall 2008 had average SAT scores of 1200.
- UConn's 2007 to 2008 freshman retention rate at Storrs is 93% and ranks us among the top 20 public universities in the nation.
- 39% of freshmen entering the Storrs campus in fall 2008 were ranked in the top 10% of their high school class.
- More than 20% of the incoming fall 2008 class belongs to minority groups, with freshman minority enrollment at Storrs up more than 100% since fall 1995.
- In fall 2008, 355 freshmen accepted UConn's invitation to join its prestigious Honors Program. On average, these students had SAT scores of 1390.
- UConn's fall 2008 entering class included 131 valedictorians and salutatorians at Storrs. Since 1995, UConn has recruited 1,074 valedictorians and salutatorians at all campuses.
- In 2008, Michelle Prairie, CLAS '09, an economics major from Vernon, Conn., with a perfect 4.0 grade average, became the only student at a public institution in New England selected as a Marshall Scholar for 2009.
- Today, UConn boasts median LSAT scores of 161 for entering students at its School of Law.
- 13% to 19% of UConn's School of Law J.D. graduates annually serve as judicial law clerks, in state and federal courts at the trial and appellate levels.
- Applications to the University's School of Medicine have risen by nearly 10% over the past decade, with 2,919 applications for 85 seats in the class that entered in 2008.

Distinguished Accomplishments

- For 10 years running, UConn has been rated by *U.S. News & World Report* as the No. 1 public university in New England – and today also ranks among the top 30 public universities in the nation.
- In 2008, more than 45,000 prospective students and their families took the student-guided Lodewick Visitors Center tour of the UConn campus in Storrs – a number that’s more than tripled since 1995.
- *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance* ranks UConn among the top 40 best values in public colleges. *Kiplinger’s* bases its rankings “on a combination of outstanding academic quality plus an affordable price tag.”
- The University’s Annual Fund raised a record \$5.76 million for the fiscal year 2008.
- At the close of fiscal year 2008, the University’s endowment was valued at approximately \$317 million, having grown nearly 51% over the past five years.
- The National Institutes of Health awarded the UConn Health Center a \$12.3 million grant to advance knowledge of the function of biochemical networks in living cells. With the grant, the Health Center becomes one of only five National Technology Centers for Networks and Pathways in the country.
- 56 UConn Health Center physicians were named in the 2008 Best Doctors list published by *Hartford Magazine* in September 2008.
- John Dempsey Hospital admissions reached 10,001 in 2007, the first time patient admissions surpassed an annual rate of 10,000. Hospital admissions have risen steadily in recent years, up more than 40% since 2000.
- The UConn Health Center won an Environmental Excellence Award from Practice Greenhealth, an independent nonprofit organization that works with health care organizations to adopt best environmental practices. The Health Center was one of 50 U.S. health care facilities honored with a 2008 Partner for Change Award, which recognizes the UConn Health Center’s commitment to creating a healthy, healing environment, eliminating mercury, and reducing waste and pollution.
- The UConn Health Center is the first facility in Connecticut to offer patients a revolutionary new cancer treatment, the TomoTherapy® Hi-Art® treatment system. TomoTherapy is an effective treatment for brain, head, neck, prostate, and other cancers. Its advanced system delivers precise treatments in rotating beams of radiation that constantly modulate to the exact size and shape of the tumor. It targets large, small and multiple lesions and minimizes radiation to healthy tissue.
- 94% of UConn’s School of Law graduates are employed within nine months of graduation.

- The Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Law Clinic has been selected as one of six sites nationwide in which law students are permitted to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
- UConn's School of Law offers the only Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree program in Insurance Law in the nation.
- The Neag School of Education is not only ranked the top public graduate school of education in the Northeast and on the East Coast by *U.S. News & World Report*; it is now also ranked the 12th best graduate school of education in the United States. Four core programs – elementary education, secondary education, special education, and curriculum and instruction – rank among the nation's top 20.
- The American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education ranks the Neag School of Education's doctoral program in kinesiology No. 1 in the nation.
- UConn received 60% of the money the State of Connecticut authorized for stem cell research in 2007, nearly \$12 million. In 2006, a Connecticut law committed \$100 million from 2007 to 2017 to unlock the secrets of stem cells and produce effective disease treatments as quickly as possible. The law also established a competitive process for awarding research grants. In its first allocation of funds the impartial Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee, chaired by the Connecticut Commissioner of Public Health, authorized 21 research proposals. Fifteen of the funded proposals were awarded to UConn faculty. The funding supports a cross-campus enterprise, involving 23 investigators working in modern, state-of-the-art Storrs and UConn Health Center facilities.
- *BusinessWeek* ranks UConn's School of Business M.B.A. program in the top 45 national programs, putting it in the top 20 among public institutions. The program is ranked 7th nationally for return on investment and 16th internationally.
- The Management Department at the UConn School of Business was recently ranked 17th in research productivity compared to 170 other universities in a joint study by Texas A&M University and the University of Florida. This ranking places the department in the top 10% of programs reviewed.
- Research awards to UConn faculty in fiscal year 2008 exceeded \$194 million, an increase of more than \$84 million since 1999.
- UConn is ranked 4th in the nation by the National Science Foundation for federal research funding in psychology.
- UConn's Master of Public Administration program is ranked 49th in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*, and its public finance and budgeting program is ranked 7th in the nation.

- UConn's Economics Department ranks 4th in the nation in the field of law and economics; 12th in the study of urban, rural, and regional economics; and 15th in agricultural and natural resources economics, according to rankings of 129 economics departments by the *Southern Economic Journal*.
- UConn's School of Engineering is the research lead among seven U.S. Department of Homeland Security national Centers of Excellence in Transportation Security.

Notable Faculty

College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Mark H. Brand, Ph.D., professor of ornamental horticulture and co-chair of the University's Arboretum Committee. Brand has developed and propagated a new variety of ornamental grass that has been patented and licensed to two separate ornamental breeder plant companies for wholesale production.

School of Business

- John Clapp, Ph.D., finance professor in UConn's Center for Real Estate and Urban Economic Studies was the 13th most published real estate researcher in the world, according to a recent study published in *The Journal of Real Estate Research*. The study also found that the University of Connecticut consistently achieved the highest ranking worldwide for published real estate research in nine of the pre-eminent real estate journals over the past 17 years.

School of Dental Medicine

- Jon Goldberg, Ph.D., director of the Center for Biomaterials at the Health Center and the inventor – with colleague Charles Burstone – of FibreKor, a composite material named one of 25 innovations that changed the world by the Association of University Technology managers, professionals who work to commercialize research for the public good. The material, which is used in dental bridges, crowns, splints, and posts, has exceptional strength and cosmetic qualities.

School of Engineering

- In association with the Eminent Faculty Program, six top alternative energy researchers now hold appointments within UConn's School of Engineering, including the new director of UConn's Global Fuel Cell Center. The State provided \$4 million to attract researchers skilled in commercialization and technology transfer to UConn, and the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund awarded the program a \$3.5-million challenge grant. These scientists are charged with helping Connecticut find its niche in the "green economy," promoting economic development, enhancing training of energy workers and entrepreneurs, growing jobs, and creating wealth. The six faculty are: Prabhakar Singh, Hanchen Huang, George Rossetti, Jr., Brian Willis, William Mustain, and Tianfeng Lu.

- Emmanouil Anagnostou, Ph.D., UTC Professor in Civil & Environmental Engineering Innovation, conducts research involving the remote sensing of precipitation processes and analysis and prediction of atmospheric and surface hydrologic variables. His honors include a 2002 National Science Foundation Career Award, the Marie Curie Excellence Award, the European Geophysical Union Plinius Medal, and a NASA New Investigator Program Award.

- Yaakov Bar-Shalom, Ph.D., Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor and Marianne E. Klewin Professor in Engineering. A fellow in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), and recipient of the IEEE 2008 Dennis J. Picard Medal for Radar Technologies and Applications, he develops computer algorithms to track objects. His work has been used in

Boston by Logan Airport's ground traffic monitoring system, by the U.S. Navy, and in Israeli and U.S. missile defense systems.

- Bahram Javidi, Ph.D., Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor in electrical engineering, won three major awards in 2008: the International Society for Optical Engineering Technology Achievement Award, the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellow Award, and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Donald G. Fink Prize. His research involves optical security systems, 3D image recognition, 3D display, 3D visualization, and recognition of biological micro-organisms using 3D imaging systems.

- Harris Marcus, Ph.D., professor of materials science and engineering, director of UConn's Institute of Materials Science since 1995, and an advocate for furthering nanotechnology research at the University. Marcus has co-written one book, co-edited 18 books and proceedings, has 25 patents and has published more than 300 papers on a wide range of research topics.

- Nejat Olgaç, D.Sc., professor of mechanical engineering and director of the University's Advanced Laboratory for Automation, Robotics and Manufacturing (ALARM) Lab. Olgaç and his research team have devised a microscopic device that can transfer genetic material into cells with greater accuracy and effectiveness than ever before achieved. This breakthrough microinjection method – made possible through nanotechnology – has enormous implications for the future of many medical fields, including stem cell research and in vitro fertilization.

- Robert Weiss, Ph.D., UTC Professor of Advanced Materials and Processing and Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor, was awarded the Society of Plastics Engineers' (SPE) International Award in 2008. He previously received the SPE International Research Award (2002), International Education Award (2000), and Fred O. Conley Award for Plastics Engineering/Technology (2003). His research focuses upon ionomers, fuel cell membranes, polymer blends, thin polymer films, electrically conductive polymers, and hydrogels.

- Quing Zhu, Ph.D., professor of electrical and computer engineering. She is a pioneer in breast cancer detection and characterization whose novel detection device blends near-infrared light and ultrasound technologies for superior accuracy.

School of Fine Arts

- Kenneth Fuchs, Ph.D., D.M.A., professor of music in the School of Fine Arts, has received numerous awards and honors for his music, including two Grammy Award nominations from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, the Charles E. Ives Scholarship from the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters, grants from Meet the Composer, the ASCAP Foundation, the American Bandmasters Association, and residencies at The MacDowell Colony, Yaddo, and the Helene Wurlitzer Foundation of New Mexico. He is a prolific composer whose pieces have been performed by the New York Philharmonic, the London Symphony Orchestra, and the American String Quartet.

School of Law

- Mark W. Janis is William F. Starr Professor of Law and is the author/co-author of four widely-used books about international law and/or human rights. He has written more than 50 articles concerning international law, and he edits the scholarly collection *Religion and International Law*. He has served as an officer for the American Bar Association and other organizations of attorneys and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

- Patricia McCoy, J.D., professor of law, is one of the nation's foremost experts on the law governing the provision of financial services. McCoy is the author of two books and numerous articles on predatory lending, bank director liability, post-socialist business law reforms, corporate governance, and global convergence in banking.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- Regina Barreca, Ph.D., professor of English, author, and an expert on women's writing, feminist theory, and 20th-century British literature, writes a blog for *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

- Robert Birge, Ph.D., Harold S. Schwenk Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, whose research, focused on molecular biophysics and molecular electronics, may one day have applications in artificial intelligence, data storage, and bimolecular electronic devices, such as an artificial retina.

- Janine Caira, Ph.D., Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and the 2003 UConn Alumni Association Distinguished Professor.

- Kenneth Dautrich, Ph.D., associate professor in the department of public policy, is the author of numerous books on elections, public opinion, and voting. He also has directed a number of national polls on voting in presidential elections, including a series of polls for *Time* magazine on the 2004 presidential elections.

- Jeffrey D. Fisher, Ph.D., director and principal investigator of the Center for Health, Intervention, and Prevention (CHIP) and professor of psychology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He has been awarded six major HIV risk reduction grants since 1989, totaling more than \$22 million, and was named to the Center for Disease Control's AIDS education programs evaluation committee.

- William Fitzgerald, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Marine Sciences, is known as the father of mercury research for his work on the complex cycling of mercury in the environment.

- Debra A. Kendall, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Molecular and Cell Biology and Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, was elected a 2009 Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

- David A. Kenny, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Psychology, has been elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is one of 212 new fellows from around the world to be elected in 2008.

- Ronald L. Mallett, Ph.D., professor of physics and author. Mallett's innovative research, based on Einstein's theories, is focused on time travel and the creation of a time travel machine. Director Spike Lee is working on a film based on Mallett's life.

- Amii Omara-Otunnu, Ph.D., professor of history and holder of the first and only UNESCO chair in human rights in the United States.

- Fotios Papadimitrakopoulos, Ph.D., professor of chemistry and a leader at the University in nanotechnology research. Among his studies is a project focused on developing an implantable, wireless glucose sensor that will monitor blood glucose levels in real time for patients with diabetes.

- Kathleen Segerson, the Philip E. Austin Chair in Economics, was elected a fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association and is president-elect and a fellow of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists.

- William Stwalley, Ph.D., Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Physics, is an expert in the field of ultra-cold matter and recipient of the 2005 Connecticut Medal of Science, the state's top science award.

- Steven Suib, Ph.D., Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and head of the chemistry department, is a specialist in inorganic chemistry who conducts research involving the synthesis by molecular design of catalysts, surfaces, ceramics, adhesives, and other materials. Suib and his research group in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences have developed a membrane that can absorb up to 20 times its weight in oil and can be recycled many times – a finding with potential for cleaning oil spills and filtering water.

School of Medicine

- Cato T. Laurencin, M.D., Ph.D., Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean of the UConn School of Medicine, was recently honored by *Scientific American* magazine as one of the top 50 innovators for his groundbreaking technological work in the regeneration of knee tissue. He was also recently named among 100 Chemical Engineers of the Modern Era by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, is widely published in scholarly journals, and holds more than 20 U.S. patents.

- Joel Levine, M.D., professor of medicine and a prominent gastroenterologist at the UConn Health Center, pioneered an innovative program aimed at colon cancer prevention and was recently named one of America's Top Doctors for Women by *Women's Health* magazine.

- Leslie Loew, Ph.D., director of the Center for Cell Analysis and Modeling at the Health Center and a professor of cell biology and computer science and engineering. He has developed voltage sensitive fluorescent dyes capable of recording the electrical activity of the cell membrane. He has also developed innovations in microscope imaging to detect the optical signals from the dyes

and helped upgrade computers to handle massive calculations for modeling and simulating cellular processes.

- David Rowe, M.D., professor of genetics and developmental biology, director of the Center for Regenerative Medicine at the UConn Health Center, and leading stem cell scientist. Rowe is the principal investigator for one of the largest grants the State of Connecticut made in its first year of investing in stem cell research. He received \$3.5 million to head a three-year project studying how embryonic stem cells might help rebuild bone, cartilage, skin, and muscle tissue.

- Carolyn D. Runowicz, M.D., director of the Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center at the UConn Health Center, past president of the American Cancer society, and current chair of the President's National Cancer Advisory Board.

- Ren-He Xu, Ph.D., associate professor of genetics and developmental biology, is an internationally known expert in the culture of human embryonic stem cells. In 2008, he was recruited to develop a new stem cell institute at UConn, serving as the director of UConn's new Human Embryonic Stem Cell Facility.

Neag School of Education

- Professor Hariharan Swaminathan and Associate Professor Jane Rogers have been appointed associate editors for the *Journal of Educational Measurement*, the most prestigious periodical in the field of educational measurement.

- Douglas Casa, Ph.D., serves as director of the Athletic Training Education program and is a nationally renowned expert on exercise and hydration who has earned the Medal for Distinguished Athletic Training Research by the National Athletic Trainers Association, considered the highest honor for a researcher in this field.

- Michael Coyne, Ph.D., whose work focuses primarily on scientifically based reading research and effective practices for students with learning disabilities, is co-director of two federally funded research projects and was the recipient of the Council for Exceptional Children's prestigious 2008 Early Career Research Award.

- Donald Leu, Ph.D., the John and Maria Neag Chair in Literacy and Technology, has earned a number of impressive accolades for his groundbreaking work in the new literacies of the Internet, including the William Friday Medal and the Advocate for Reading Professionals Award for significant literacy contributions in Connecticut. The International Reading Association also has inducted him into its Reading Hall of Fame.

- Sally Reis, Ph.D., Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor and Teaching Fellow in Educational Psychology, is one of the country's leading scholars in gifted education and talent development. The American Psychological Association has cited her as one of the 10 most influential psychologists in the world in the area of talent development and gifted children.

- Joseph S. Renzulli, Ed.D., Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Gifted Education and Talent Development and director of The National Research Center on the Gifted and Talented as well as co-founder of Renzulli Learning Systems.

- George Sugai, Ph.D., Neag Chair of Special Education, is renowned for the program he co-created, the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports system, designed to improve student achievement while fostering a safe school environment. He is director of the Neag Center for Behavioral Education Research and is co-director of the National Technical Assistance Center on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, a federally funded research center that develops programs for more than 6,000 schools in 40 states to implement effective schoolwide behavioral approaches.

School of Nursing

- In 2008, three School of Nursing faculty were inducted as fellows of the American Academy of Nursing, the highest honor for nurses in the country. Regina Cusson, Ph.D., RNC, APRN, and School of Nursing Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and professor; Geraldine Pearson, Ph.D., APRN, and Assistant Clinical Professor, School of Nursing and School of Medicine; and Deborah Shelton, Ph.D., RN, BC, and Associate Professor, School of Nursing and School of Medicine. They join UConn School of Nursing's Anne Bavier, dean and professor of nursing and Cheryl Beck, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor, as fellows.

- Cheryl Tatano Beck, DNSc, CNM, FAAN, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor, is an internationally recognized expert on posttraumatic stress disorder and childbirth. She has spent the past 20 years studying postpartum depression mood, and anxiety disorders. She is the co-developer of the Postpartum Depression Screening Scale (PDSS) and PDSS-Revised.

- Deborah McDonald, Ph.D., RN, associate professor, has been studying pain management since 1993. McDonald's research goal is to develop, test, and disseminate innovative interventions to enhance patients' ability to communicate important information about their pain management to their practitioner, and to obtain significant pain relief and improved quality of life.

- Patricia J. Neafsey, Ph.D., RD, professor, has received more than \$1 million in funding to research adverse self-medication practices of older adults and evaluate methods to educate older adults on potential medicine conflicts arising from taking over-the-counter medications with prescriptions. She and her interdisciplinary team have developed and tested an interactive multimedia computer program specifically for older adults on such medicine conflicts.

- Deborah Shelton, Ph.D., RN, BC, associate professor of nursing, is also director of research and evaluation for Correctional Managed Health Care. With Robert Tischman, their research has received more than \$11 million in funding from the National Institute of Health and the National Institute of Justice. She has focused much of her research on examining access to care for minority youth and young offenders and their mental health issues.

School of Pharmacy

- Diane Burgess, Ph.D., professor of pharmaceuticals, was recently elected vice president of the Controlled Release Society and will be the 2009-2010 president. She is the editor of the *Journal of Drug Delivery Science and Technology*, a leadership position she has held since 2003, and she serves on the editorial boards of several national publications, as well as having been an editor for *AAPS PharmSci* from 1999 to 2005. She is a member of the USP Biopharmaceuticals Expert Committee and is a member of the USP Advisory Panel on Injectables. She was twice the recipient of the School of Pharmacy Teacher of the Year Award, in 1992 and 2005. She also was the 2002 president of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) and is an AAPS fellow.

- Michael J. Pikal, Ph.D., professor of pharmaceutical sciences and the first Pfizer Distinguished Endowed Chair in Pharmaceutical Technology. A nationally recognized researcher, he is an authority on freeze-drying technology. He is helping launch the National Institute for Pharmaceutical Technology and Education, a consortium of universities promoting interdisciplinary research in partnership with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

- Michael White, Pharm.D., professor of clinical pharmacy, and Craig Coleman, Pharm.D., assistant professor of pharmacy practice, are the principal investigator and co-principal investigator, respectively, of the nation's first Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Evidence-based Practice Center awarded to a school of pharmacy, and one of only 14 such centers in North America. White and Coleman, along with Lauren Schlesselman, assistant clinical professor, are the 2008 recipients of the prestigious American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Rufus A. Lyman Award, which honors the best paper published in the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education*.

Notable Alumni

The University has graduated a number of very prominent alumni:

- Jennifer Barnhart, '98 (SFA), actor and puppeteer, appearing on Broadway and on national public television.
- Celia Bobrowsky, '80 (CLAS), Director of Community Affairs, Major League Baseball.
- Michael J. Callahan, '95, J.D., Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary for Yahoo! Inc.
- Dan Carlin, '76 (CLAS), '77, Ph.D., Chair of Berklee College of Music's Film Scoring Department.
- Timothy "Scott" Case '92 (ENG), formerly co-founding partner and CTO of priceline.com, and now Vice Chairman and CEO of the nonprofit Malaria No More.
- Swin Cash, '02 (CLAS), three-time Big East Championship All-Tournament team member, 2004 USA Olympic gold medalist, WNBA Seattle Storm player, and founder of Swin Cash Enterprises and charitable organization Cash for Kids.
- Franklin Chang-Diaz, '73 (ENG), founder of Ad Astra Rocket Company, as well as retired NASA astronaut and veteran of seven space flights.
- Cheryl A. Chase, '78, J.D., Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Chase Enterprises.
- Kevin Clarke, '04, M.D., Pediatric AIDS physician and co-founder of Friends of Zambian Orphans. Stationed in Malawi, he screens, diagnoses, and provides treatment for children while offering training to Malawian health care providers in treating HIV.
- Stacey Violante Cote, '00 M.S.W., '01 J.D., staff attorney at the Center for Children's Advocacy as well as project director of the Center's Teen Legal Advocacy Clinic, which specializes in promoting the legal rights of teenagers.
- Joseph Courtney, '78, J.D., U.S. Congressman for Connecticut's 2nd Congressional District.
- Scott Cowen, '68 (BUS), President of Tulane University.
- Anthony J. DeMaria '56, '65 (ENG), member of the National Academy of Engineering and the National Academy of Sciences, as well as chief scientist with Coherent-DEOS, LLC.
- Chris Donovan, '69 (SFA), television director, including the Golden Globe Awards.
- Jennifer Dorn, '77, M.P.A., President and CEO of the National Academy of Public Administration.

- Margaret Drozdowski, '98, D.M.D., Dental Director at Community Health Center, Inc. (CHC), a nonprofit agency offering medical, dental, and mental health services to underserved populations in more than 100 communities across Connecticut.
- Stefanie (Pratola) Ferreri, '97 (PHR), Director of University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill's Community Pharmacy Residency Program and clinical assistant professor in the Eshelman School of Pharmacy at UNC. Lambda Kappa Sigma, the pharmacy fraternity, cited this practicing pharmacist as the Distinguished Young Pharmacist of the Year.
- Megan Friar, '87 (SFA), mezzo-soprano for national touring opera companies and appearing on national radio and network television programs.
- J. Robert Galvin, '96, M.P.H., '07, M.B.A., Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Public Health.
- Marilda Gandara, '80, J.D., President, Aetna Foundation.
- David Grimaldi, '79 (CLAS), curator of invertebrate zoology for the Museum of Natural History.
- Ned Kahn, '82 (CANR), prominent sculptor and scientist.
- Robert Kaplan, '73 (CLAS), correspondent for *The Atlantic* (formerly *The Atlantic Monthly*) and best-selling author.
- Deborah Grossman Katz, '70 (NURS), overseer of more than 100 AIDS clinical trials at the National Institute of Health (NIH). She was the assistant director for Special Health Issues at NIH's National Library of Medicine, working to develop ClinicalTrials.gov, the definitive federal source for clinical trials information. In response to the events of 9/11, Katz returned to NIAID as deputy director for the Office of Biodefense Research Affairs.
- John Krenicki '84 (ENG), President and CEO of GE Energy Infrastructure and a vice chairman of GE.
- Wally Lamb '72 (CLAS), '77, M.A., best-selling author and recipient of a Connecticut Governor's Arts Award, a National Endowment for the Arts grant for fiction, and a Missouri Review William Peden Fiction Prize.
- David M. Lee, '55, M.S., 1996 co-winner of the Nobel Prize for Physics.
- Rebecca Lobo-Rushin, '95 (CLAS), leader of UConn's 1995 NCAA championship basketball team and member of the 1996 gold medal-winning U.S. Women's Olympic Basketball Team, as well as one of the first professional female basketball players in the WNBA; currently a television analyst for college basketball and member of the University's Board of Trustees.
- Michael Maslin, '76 (SFA), cartoonist for *The New Yorker*.

- Richard Mastracchio, '82 (ENG), mission specialist for NASA who has flown space shuttle missions in September 2000 and August 2007.
- Anita Bevacqua McBride, '81 (CLAS), Assistant to former President George W. Bush and Chief of Staff for former First Lady Barbara Bush.
- Brett H. McGurk, '96 (CLAS), Director for Iraq, National Security Council under former President George W. Bush.
- Chris Murphy, '02, J.D., U.S. Congressman for Connecticut's 5th Congressional District.
- Kathleen Murphy, '87, J.D., President, Personal Investing, Fidelity Investments.
- Sharon Nunes '80, '83 (ENG), Vice President of Big Green Innovations in IBM's Systems & Technology Group.
- Kevin J. O'Connor '92, J.D., Associate Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice.
- Emeka Okafor, '04 (BUS), 2003-2004 National Player of the Year for the NCAA champion UConn basketball team, member of the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team, NBA Charlotte Bobcats player, and contributor of a \$250,000 gift to the Neag School of Education's Husky Sport Program.
- Jeffrey Paniati '82 (ENG), Executive Director of the Federal Highway Administration.
- Les Payne, '64 (CLAS), syndicated columnist for *Newsday* and a Pulitzer Prize Award recipient.
- Richard V. Piacentini, '84, M.S., Executive Director of the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh.
- Joseph W. Polisi, '69 (CLAS), President of the Julliard School of Music.
- Narissa Ramdhani, '90, M.A., CEO of the Ifa Lethu Foundation in South Africa.
- Stuart Rothenberg, '78, Ph.D., political analyst for Roll Call and The Rothenberg Political Report.
- Harriet Sanford, '70, M.P.A., President and CEO of the NEA Foundation.
- Kumares C. Sinha '66, '68 (ENG), Edgar B. & Hedwig M. Olson Distinguished Research Professor of Civil Engineering and Director of the Joint Transportation Research Program at Purdue University. He was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 2008.
- Karen Farchaus Stein '72, (NURS), Ph.D., RN, FAAN, professor of nursing and associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Michigan. Her National Institute of

Health-funded studies focus on disordered eating, alcohol, and tobacco use in women of Mexican origin. Since 2006, Stein has served as editor of the *Journal of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association*.

- Paige Turco, '88 (SFA), television and film actress.

- John Yearwood, '86 (CLAS), world editor of *The Miami Herald*.

- Dona D. Young, '80, J.D., Chairman, President and CEO, The Phoenix Companies, Inc.