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Mary Edgett ’24: WestConn’s oldest living treasure

WestConn takes pride in its many alumni who have chosen to pursue careers at their alma mater. Our alumni are teachers, mentors, role models and dedicated advisors to our students. To the community at large, they represent the university’s success in educating a work force of talented individuals.

Here, we offer a glimpse of the people who work at WestConn, who’ve chosen to make this university the center of their professional lives. We hope you enjoy their stories.

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WestConn’s vision remains strong

One of the most important, and most visible, indicators of any university’s success is the strength of its enrollment. Not only do healthy enrollments translate into financial support, they also demonstrate the public’s impression of the institution. It is therefore with great pleasure that I announce that the enrollment of Western Connecticut State University has never been stronger. In fact, we are breaking records.

Total enrollment this year at WestConn is 6,211 students. Of this number, 5,519 are undergraduates and of these, 4,473 are studying full time. A large majority, nearly 90 percent, come from Connecticut. Fifty-six percent are female; 16.5 percent are members of underrepresented minority groups; and 34.9 percent of full-time undergraduates live on campus.

These results reflect a 5.9 percent increase in full-time enrollment over 2006 and a 13 percent increase since 2004. They also make WestConn the fastest growing four-year public university in the state.

University efforts in both recruitment and retention of current students have produced these gains. WCSU has become the university of choice for more and more high school seniors in Connecticut. Last year we received 5,351 applications, of which we accepted 58 percent. Faculty and staff have continued to work diligently to help students maintain progress toward their degrees. These efforts have produced improvements in student retention. This fall, 73.1 percent of last year’s first-year students returned for full-time study. This is a significant increase over last year’s equivalent rate of 66.5 percent.

Gains such as these should make every WestConn graduate proud, for not only do they demonstrate our attractiveness in the admissions marketplace, they also reflect the positive impact of our recent strategic planning work. Strategic enrollment management and improving students’ academic success are two important goals in our new strategic plan, and working groups comprised of faculty, staff and students have devised a number of new initiatives to advance these goals.

Our vision — an affordable public university with the characteristics of New England’s best small private universities — is a powerful one. Last fall’s enrollment results demonstrate that this vision, and the initiatives designed to implement it, are resonating strongly with prospective and current students. This promises even greater success in the future — success that will reflect favorably on all WestConn alumni.

As the winter season begins to draw to an end, I hope this issue of the AlumniNews finds you and your families in good health with fond memories of the past holiday season. Here at WestConn, festive campus events were held to celebrate the season, and I hope you had a chance to participate in those offerings as well.

Fall ‘07 at the university culminated in our traditional Homecoming, which this year exceeded all expectations. Spirited and fun, Homecoming always proves to be a terrific family and alumni event that brings us back together. We also launched the new venue for the annual golf tournament at Richter Park in Danbury this fall. This annual “tradition” continues to grow, and its success is a great credit to Tom Crucitti and the entire tournament committee.

Your Alumni Association Board of Directors has been busy finalizing and implementing new budgets as well as planning and directing many on- and off-campus events for our alumni. Warm congratulations and a grateful welcome go out to our new board directors (Joan Boughton, William Druschell and Elizabeth Salame), as well as the new executive team, which includes Jan Maria Jagush as your new vice president and Elaine Salem as your new secretary. Eric Wellman and Tom Crucitti still serve as your treasurer and immediate past president respectively. Please join me in congratulating them and all the board members on a job well done. The journey for 2008 and beyond has just begun and we have many more great things to offer you, our association members.

In the spirit of spring’s much anticipated return, I would like to ask each of you to use 2008 as a time to rediscover some of your past connections to WestConn. It does not have to be about money and fundraising, although those are certainly welcome and needed gifts. The university and your Alumni Association always need volunteers for various events and programs. Here is a perfect chance to rekindle old friendships while giving back in the form of your support. Perhaps you belonged to one of our academic clubs, or the Greek community, or were involved in WestConn’s Athletics program. My main focus is to facilitate and cultivate the post-graduate connection you all have with this university; but of course I can’t do it alone. Fostering your participation at any level is what this organization is all about, so I hope you’ll take a moment to call our Alumni Office and let us help you get connected.
The Boston Billiard Club, 20 Backus Ave. in Danbury, was the sole sponsor for a bash held last October to thank WestConn’s donors.

More than 100 alumni and friends of the university were treated to wine, beer, an array of delicious appetizers and a dazzling display of desserts. Some attendees even played a game of pool — on the house.

Director of Alumni Relations Tammy Hammershoy ’97 is grateful for the support of alumnus Bob Scribner ’95, general manager of the Danbury Boston Billiard Club, who hosted the event.

“The university relies heavily on the generosity of the Danbury community,” Hammershoy said. “Boston Billiards has made a very generous donation and we want to acknowledge them for their support.”

Hammershoy hopes other community businesses will consider contributing services to the university.

For information about how you or your business can donate in-kind services, please contact Hammershoy at (203) 837-8290.
How planned giving can benefit you and your alma mater

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By Irene Sherlock
Some might consider it meaningful, even fitting, that Danbury native Mary Edgett ’24 was born the year her alma mater was founded, 1903.

For more than half a century, Edgett fostered a love for education, mostly in her hometown, teaching middle-school children, many of whom went on to become luminaries in their field.

“I taught Truman Warner,” she says, adding she remembers where he sat, perhaps calling up a glimpse of the man who would go on to contribute substantially to WestConn’s legacy. Warner taught anthropology at WestConn for more than 30 years.

Edgett also taught past president of Harvard University Neil Rudenstine and Ralph J. Braibanti, professor emeritus of political science at Duke University and a pioneer in academic studies of the contemporary Islamic world.

“I’ve taught a lot of students who grew up to be quite interesting people,” she says.

One can’t help but wonder if Edgett didn’t have more than a little to do with that. “Classroom teaching was very different back then,” she recalls. “Not so much paperwork as there is today. But then again, we had sizable classes. We were busy.” Despite the workload, she says her job was pure joy. “It really was. I enjoyed every minute of it.”

Perhaps the satisfaction she received from her work has influenced what continues to be her overall good health. She turned 105 last November and, although admitting to a little knee trouble, reports she feels “great.”

“I was always active,” she explains, rising a bit in her chair. “I played tennis, hiked and skied and was always involved with people and activities, even after I retired.” Other than that, she’s not sure what has contributed to her longevity.

Her no-nonsense demeanor and still sharp-as-a-tack intellect offer an image of what she once must have brought to the classroom. After receiving a teaching certificate from the Danbury Normal School, Edgett earned a bachelor’s degree in education from the Teachers College of Connecticut in New Britain (now Central Connecticut State University). Afterwards, she did graduate work at the University of Hawaii.

Her first job was at Hawleyville School in Newtown, followed by a stint at Beacon Falls, Conn., then at Starrs Plain School, a regional school in Danbury. After that, she taught at the Main Street School, then at Broadview Junior High School in Danbury.

“I taught English and later science,” she reflects, noting that it was uncommon for women to teach science back then.

Edgett herself had some great teachers and inspiring role models, among them teacher Ruth A. Haas. The second president of Danbury State Teacher’s College, Haas was the first woman to head a public college in Connecticut. Edgett has known every one of the school’s principals or presidents since its founding in 1903.

“I’ve seen a lot of changes in the Danbury area,” she says, “but I’m most impressed by the way the university has grown. It’s quite impressive now.”

As is Edgett’s career as an educator. “I had a former student visit recently,” she says, “and she brought one of her old report cards. I had given her all As. It was in pristine condition. Her mother had kept it for her all those years.”

Even after retirement in 1971, Edgett maintained a deep commitment to the Danbury community and was actively engaged in its life for decades. To this day, she maintains membership in the Northern Fairfield County Retired Teachers Association and is a participating member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Not too long ago, Edgett, who some would call a luminary in her own right, received a special accolade from her alma mater. In 2001, during WestConn’s centennial celebration, she was one of 80 alumni who received the Centennial Award for Excellence. Later that year, at WestConn’s commencement ceremony, she received the Alumni Award.

“It was such a surprise and a great honor,” Edgett says.

Mary Edgett cuts the first slice of cake for her guests.
The WestConn community celebrated the NCAA Division III Final Four appearance by the WCSU Women’s Soccer team with a rally in Warner Hall on the Midtown campus in December.

Led by Head Coach Joe Mingachos, the team won the regular season Little East Conference title with a 17-2-1 record. A 1-0 win over Hamilton College in the Division III sectional finals at Williams College earned the team a berth in the Final Four of the NCAA Women’s Soccer Championships in Orlando, Fla.

The Colonials lost 3-0 to eventual champion Wheaton College of Illinois, but the contest marked the first time any WestConn team had advanced to the NCAA semifinals.

“We are extremely proud of these athletes,” said WestConn President James W. Schmotter. “They are not only excellent athletes but also excellent students. They have done a great thing for WestConn, and we want to show our thanks by honoring them at this rally.”

WestConn’s athletic teams savor success

What a memorable season it was for WestConn’s athletic teams this past fall. Led by a pair of All-Americans, junior forward Catherine Nathans and senior goalkeeper Jenna Cappellieri, the WCSU Women’s Soccer Team captured the Little East Conference title, earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III national tournament and advanced all the way to the national semifinals before falling to Wheaton College of Illinois. The Colonials recorded a 21-3-1 overall record and went 6-1 in the conference. Nathans led WestConn with 17 goals and seven assists, and was named to the 2007 NSCAA/adidas Women’s NCAA Division III All-America first team. She became the first WestConn player to earn first team All-America recognition. Cappellieri received third team All-America honors after playing in all 25 of the Colonials’ games and allowing an average of just 0.63 goals per game. Nathans and Cappellieri both were named to the 2007 NSCAA/adidas Women’s NCAA Division III All-New England first team, while senior forward Kim Crayco earned third team All-New England honors and sophomore midfielder Cassie Barbaresi garnered fourth team All-New England honors. Crayco was second in scoring with 14 goals and two assists, while Barbaresi was third with seven goals and a team-best 14 assists.

The WestConn Men’s Soccer Team, meanwhile, went 6-11 overall and 1-6 in the Little East Conference. Sophomore Shane Edgley led the Colonials with seven goals and sophomore Michael Serra added two goals and five assists.

The WCSU Field Hockey Team posted a 4-12 overall record and went 3-8 in the Little East Conference. Sophomore Shane Edgley led the Colonials with 10 goals and received second-team All-Little East Conference honors for her efforts. Sophomore co-captain Meredith Stuart added four goals and five assists.

Women’s Soccer team honored with rally

“The WestConn’s Women’s Soccer team is not only driven by our personal and team goals but by the goals of all of the alumni that have dreamed before us. As a student, player, teammate, and friend I have been honored for four years to wear a jersey that reads Colonials.”

Senior soccer captain Kim Crayco ’08 from her speech at the NCAA semifinals banquet at the Epcot Center in Orlando, Fla.

by Richard Gregory ’97

WestConn’s athletic teams savor success

(Left) Team member Molly Desjarlais pins a corsage on her grandmother.

(Bottom) Members of WestConn’s Women’s Soccer Team at the ceremony.
Peter Algarin '00
Master of Health Administration

A graduate assistant athletic trainer from 1997-2000, Peter Algarin came back to his alma mater in 2004 to a full-time training position within the department of intercollegiate athletics. Algarin drew on his WestConn education when he was a coordinator of sports medicine at Bridgeport's public high schools. In addition, he was head athletic trainer for the Bridgeport Bluefish of the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball and for the Bridgeport Barrage of Major League Lacrosse.

“I have returned to an atmosphere where it’s like being with ‘family.’ I’m very proud to be back at WestConn.”

Tammie Battista '00
Bachelor of Business Administration

Tammie Battista has worked as assistant director of accounts payable since June 2004.

Kimberley (Foss) Bernstein '88
Bachelor of Arts in Communications & Theatre Arts

Kimberley Bernstein returned to WestConn in 2002, taking over as head women’s basketball coach following the retirement of her college coach, Jody Rajcula. Earlier, Bernstein spent a year as head coach at Southwestern University in Texas and six years at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York. In addition, she was assistant coach at several schools, including Quinnipiac University, Central Connecticut State University (CCSU), Pace University and the University of Hartford.

“WestConn allowed me to believe in myself and ultimately do what I love — to coach and impact young ladies in a positive and meaningful way.”
Peggy Boyle '06
Bachelor of Business Administration
Peggy Boyle has been in the human resource field for more than 17 years. Currently, she works as a Connecticut State University (CSU) administrative assistant in the human resources department. She also is enrolled in WestConn’s Master of Health Administration program.

“This is a great school and a great place to work.”

Theresa Buzaid '00, '07
Bachelor of Arts in History, Master of Arts in History
Theresa Buzaid, who originally worked as a university assistant in the Office of Publications & Design (UP&D), is now a CSU administrative assistant to the vice president for academic affairs and provost.

“WestConn is a wonderful place to work. Earning my degrees has been a dream come true.”

Isabel Carvalho '82
Bachelor of Arts in Social Work
Isabel Carvalho first worked as a clerk typist in the Registrar’s Office and then was promoted to assistant registrar. In 2006, she was asked to take on the position of director of Academic Advisement for Exploratory Studies. She and her husband, Arthur, have two children, Ian, 23, and Kristin, 18.

“WestConn was a great place to go to school. I obviously enjoyed it so much that I returned to work and have been here for 23 years!”

Anthony Ciarleglio '85
Master of Science in Administration
Anthony Ciarleglio began his WestConn career as assistant director of the Career Development Center. Currently, he is director of Cooperative Education. Happily married for more than 25 years to his college sweetheart, Janet, the Ciarleglios have two children: Matthew, an honors student at UConn and Joseph, a senior at Holy Cross High in Waterbury.

“It’s always gratifying, both personally and professionally, when alumni who participated in the WCSU Cooperative Education program stop by to tell me how their co-op experience was one of the best parts of their college days.”

Connie (Brancato) Conway '96
Bachelor of Arts in English
Connie Conway works for UP&D, writing radio, television and print ads; the text for brochures and viewbooks; and stories for AlumniNews. Her freelance work, though, takes her into different quarters. A writing coach for authors, Conway also writes and edits for a major metropolitan hospital, a medical publishing company and an architectural arts studio.

“I tell everyone I know who graduated years ago from this university, ‘Come back and see WestConn. You’ll be stunned by the beautiful changes at your alma mater!”

Fred Cratty '95, '97
Bachelor of Business Administration
Master of Health Administration
Fred Cratty began working in WestConn’s human resources department as a management trainee in 1995. In 1996, he was promoted to assistant director and was later named director of employee relations. He is married to WestConn Sweetheart Debra Zembrzuski '95 and they have a 6-year-old daughter, Taylor, and a 2-year-old son, Ethan. The Crattys live in Wolcott, Conn.

“I am very proud to be a graduate and now an employee of this university.”

Jane Davis '06
Bachelor of Business Administration
Jane Davis is assistant director of fiscal affairs.

Jason Davis '97
Bachelor of Arts in Art/Graphic Design
Prior to graduating from WestConn, Jason Davis worked as a university assistant for University Computing (UC), before accepting a position as a technical support specialist there. He later worked for Ethan Allen Inc., in its advertising department, then returned to WestConn as the director of UP&D. Davis and his wife, WestConn Sweetheart Amy (Tworek) '98, have three girls: Abigail, 4; Gretchen, 2; and Chelsea, 1.

“I can barely remember anything about high school. For me, it was my time at WestConn that truly shaped who I am.”

Marlene Davis '76, '89
Bachelor of Science in Education
Master of Science in Administration
Marlene Davis first worked in UC as a nontraditional student before landing a full-time position in the department. Since that time she's held various positions within UC and is currently a technical support analyst/trainer. In addition, Davis is an adjunct faculty member in the management information systems department.

“I enjoy working with the many truly dedicated WestConn professionals who share the goal of providing the best educational experience for the student.”
University Computing is a wonderful place to work. The job is challenging and my co-workers are the best.”

“Irene Duffy '87, '94
Bachelor of Business Administration/Management
Master of Science in Counseling/Community Counseling

Irene Duffy worked 18 years in the Registrar's Office, serving four years as registrar. Presently she is an assistant director of the Academic Advisement Center.

Frank Dye '63
Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education/Biology and Chemistry

Professor of Biological and Environmental Sciences Dr. Frank Dye is in his 41st year as a WestConn faculty member. A published author, Dye also is founding director of the Westside Nature Preserve. The Dyes are truly a WestConn family. Frank and his wife, Kathleen Mauk, '65 have two children: John '92 and Kathleen '95, '02. “For me, WestConn made college affordable and gave me the background to pursue my graduate degrees at Fordham.”

Margaret Galtieri '99
Bachelor of Business Administration

While earning her degree at WestConn, Marge Galtieri worked at the Nestle Company in New Milford as an NT administrator. She also worked for IBM/Microcast, General Electric Medical and The Hotchkiss School before accepting a position with UC. Galtieri’s husband, Russ, is a helicopter pilot and they have been married for 15 years. “For a small, close-knit university, WestConn offers many opportunities. We sure live up to the expression 'Stay Near, Go Far!'”

Janelle N. Grier '03
Bachelor of Arts in Social Work

Janelle Grier worked as a residential counselor for North Central Counseling Services in Enfield, Conn., for three years following graduation. She also was a case manager/parent educator for the Wheeler Clinic before accepting a job at her alma mater as assistant to the director of housing/resident director (RD). Grier earned a master’s in social work from Springfield College in 2007. “Many of my most memorable moments were spent here at WestConn, so returning as an employee was like coming home.”

Maribeth Griffin '86
Master of Arts in English

Maribeth Griffin worked as a graduate intern in the Office of Student Life. After graduation, she returned to Ohio to teach as an adjunct in the English department at Youngstown State University. After a year, WestConn called, offering a position in the housing department, where she'd worked summers while in graduate school. She became resident director of Fairfield Hall and held that position until 1993, after which she was promoted to associate director, then director of the Office of Housing and Residence Life. In 1999, Griffin adopted a baby, Elly, from China and has been a happy and busy mom since then. “The university has changed so much in the time I’ve been here that it’s like working at a new institution.”

Tammy Hammershoy-McInerney '97
Bachelor of Arts in English/Writing

During her professional life at WestConn, Tammy Hammershoy has worked in the Student Center/Student Life Office, the Office of Public Relations and University Computing. But her biggest professional challenge, she says — the most rewarding to date — is her current job as director of Alumni Relations. Married to WestConn Sweetheart Todd McInerney '97 since 2000, the couple have two children, Liam, 3, and Aine, 2. They live in New Milford, Conn. “Not only did WestConn provide me with an outstanding education, it has also helped me grow professionally. I love WestConn!”

Frank Herbert '74
Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Theatre

Professor of Theatre Arts Frank Herbert — the founding chair of the new theatre arts department — has taught at his alma mater since 1990. Previous to coming to WestConn, he worked at the Annenberg Center at the University of Pennsylvania, then Purchase College Conservatory. He also spent several years in New York as a production manager, scenic studio owner, designer and technician for off-Broadway and Broadway shows. In addition to teaching, Herbert works as technical director, designer and producer for the theatre department. Herbert earned an M.F.A. in Theatre from Sarah Lawrence College. He and his wife, Nancy, have two daughters, Kaitlin and Rebecca.
Since I joined the university's workforce, my career has skyrocketed. My daughters.

The couple has three children: Isaiah, 5, Kaya, 3, and Hannah, 1.

"WestConn remains the best university I have ever been associated with."

George Kain has been a presence on campus since 1979. First an adjunct lecturer in the Division of Justice and Law Administration (JLA), he continued in that capacity until he was hired full time in 1994. Kain also has worked as an adult probation officer and a judicial department administrator. In addition, he has been police commissioner for the town of Ridgefield since 1999. Kain completed his Ph.D. in Criminal Justice in 2006. His wife, Marilyn (Schmeidel) Kain ’81, ’85, is an adjunct lecturer in the JLA division.

"Many have come and gone, but the legacy of the tight-knit relationships we developed here at WestConn lives on."

Kevin Koschel recently returned to WestConn to work in UC before being offered his current position — property control and mail services manager in the administrative services department. He recently celebrated his 25th anniversary with his wife, Beth. The couple's eldest daughter is a theatre major at WestConn and their youngest daughter is a junior at Newtown High School. Koschel also runs his DJ company, and he and his wife recently bought a local Newtown business.

"I encourage everyone to come back and visit, see a show, attend a lecture."

Hired in 2003 as a member of the environmental and facilities services team, Pano Koukopoulos is responsible for hazardous materials/hazardous waste management on campus. He also is involved with health, safety and emergency response issues. Koukopoulos serves as a lieutenant in the Woodbury Fire Department and is an adjunct instructor in WestConn's biology department, CCSU's industrial technology department and at the Connecticut Fire Academy in hazardous materials. In 1996, Koukopoulos married former bio-lab partner Christina Scalzo. The couple has three daughters.

"Since I joined the university's workforce, my career has skyrocketed. Also, this is where I met my bride. Thanks, Dr. Dye!"

Christine Laedke has worked as a student employee for the vice president of finance and administration, a university assistant in institutional services, and assistant to the coordinator of university events. Presently, she is the assistant to the director of facilities scheduling and promotion. Laedke and her husband, WestConn Sweetheart Paul ’03, have a 2-year-old son, Joseph.

"A visit to either the Midtown or the Westside campus is sure to impress alumni who haven’t been back in a while."

As an undergraduate, Tara Leighton worked in the Office of Housing and Residence Life. After graduation, she taught music in the Danbury Public School system. But then she read about a position at WestConn and decided to apply for the job. Presently, she is in her second year as assistant to the director of housing/RA in Litchfield Hall and loving every minute of it.

"WestConn is very special to me and I am thrilled to be working here."

Dennis Leszko has been a presence on campus since 1979. First an adjunct faculty member, Leszko also is enrolled in the University of Hartford's Ed.D. program. Last year, he was a delegate for the Kappa Alpha Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. She and her husband, Nick, have two boys, Nicholas, 6, and Jan-Erik, 2.

"I continue to grow and learn in my new nursing faculty role at WestConn. It's a very supportive environment."

Kevin Koschel ’84
Bachelor of Business Administration

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"I encourage everyone to come back and visit, see a show, attend a lecture."

Tara Leighton ’04
Bachelor of Science in Music Education

As an undergraduate, Tara Leighton worked in the Office of Housing and Residence Life. After graduation, she taught music in the Danbury Public School system. But then she read about a position at WestConn and decided to apply for the job. Presently, she is in her second year as assistant to the director of housing/RA in Litchfield Hall and loving every minute of it.

"WestConn is very special to me and I am thrilled to be working here."

Dennis Leszko ’95
Bachelor of Arts in Music

As assistant director for student activities, one of Dennis Leszko’s duties is to advise the Program Activities Council, the very same club for which he was president more than a decade ago. Leszko earned a master’s degree at Sacred Heart University. He has produced concerts for the Hartford Symphony Orchestra, New Haven Symphony Orchestra and was the executive director of the Lima Symphony Orchestra. He and his wife, WestConn Sweetheart Kathryn (Anderson) ’97, have two daughters, Mackenzie, 6, and Caroline, 3.

"The transformation the university has undergone is simply amazing. I am proud to say I work at WestConn."

Jeanette H. (Bjurback) Lupinacci ’04
Master of Science in Nursing

Jeanette H. (Bjurback) Lupinacci first worked at the university as a visiting assistant professor of nursing in a grant-funded position co-sponsored by Danbury Hospital and WestConn’s Department of Nursing. Now a full-time faculty member, Lupinacci also is enrolled in the University of Hartford’s Ed.D. program. Last year, she was a delegate for the Kappa Alpha Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. She and her husband, Nick, have two boys, Nicholas, 6, and Jan-Erik, 2.

"I continue to grow and learn in my new nursing faculty role at WestConn. It’s a very supportive environment."

Homecoming 2007

(l-r): As the national anthem ended, Josh Aviles and Travis Melchior lifted their helmets at the Homecoming 2007 football game.
19 Mary (Hoburg) Mazza ’00
Bachelor of Business Administration
Mary Mazza has worked as assistant director-fixed assets in the Office of Fiscal Affairs since 2005.

11 Elizabeth McDonough ’73
Bachelor of Arts in English
Since 2006, Elizabeth McDonough has worked as assistant to WestConn’s President James W. Schmotter. Previous to that, she was director of the Danbury Library for 20 years.

“Wow! If you haven’t seen WestConn in a while you’ll be amazed at the transformation.”

6 Elaine (Lagarto) Miller ’75
Bachelor of Science in Education
Elaine Miller first worked as a student employee and part-time administrator before coming on full time at WestConn’s Continuing Education division. She says her greatest joy came from serving as the coordinator for the non-credit University Center for Adult Education for 17 years. Presently, she works as associate registrar. When Miller retires in 2008, she plans to pursue her passion for photography and computer graphics.

“WestConn has provided me with an education, a career and many very special lifelong relationships.”

38 Edward Mulvihill ’94
Bachelor of Science in Justice & Law Administration
Edward Mulvihill has worn many hats in his career in higher education. Presently, he is assistant director of housing and residence life for operations. Mulvihill earned a Master of Science in Organizational Management from Eastern Connecticut State University in 2001. He and his wife, Alese, live with their daughter, Keira, in Southern Connecticut.

“It’s great to be back at WestConn — a great place to be.”

26 Ellen (Dannatt) Myhill ’90, ’01
Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics
Bachelor of Arts in Art/Graphic Design
Ellen Myhill was a student intern in UP&D in the spring of her senior year — the second time around. Two years later she was hired as a temporary employee, then offered permanent employment as a graphic designer in UP&D. After earning her first degree in mathematics, she landed a job in the accounting field at an insurance agency. However, instead of crunching numbers, she found herself designing reports, caring more about the color of things, which indicated to her she might try something more creative than accounting.

“I often say that WestConn is a place where you can discover what you should be doing.”

32 Juan Obreros ’07
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
Juan Obreros was a student worker in the Office of Institutional Advancement in 2006. After graduation, he was hired as a user support specialist in that department.

“I am very happy that I’m still an active part of the WestConn family.”

8 Lisa G. Peck ’93, ’98
Bachelor of Arts in English, Master of Arts in English
While earning her graduate degree, Lisa Peck was a graduate assistant, teaching English composition to freshmen. She also worked in UP&D as a writer and editor. After graduation, she was employed as an academic adviser in the accelerated degree programs at (Teikyo) Post University in Waterbury. After nearly five years at Post, she returned to her alma mater as assistant director in the Academic Advisement Center, where she works, primarily, with exploratory/undecided students. Peck recently established the Pi Zeta Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, a national adult learner honor society. She also serves as chair of the Advising Adult Learner Commission for the National Academic Advising Association for 2007-09.

“My passion is working with adult learners and I serve as adviser to a student organization, the Older Wiser Learners.”

Homecoming 2007
Alumni Sharon Fusco ’67 (far left) and Jack Quinlan ’67 (far right) flank Homecoming 2007 King John Wilson and Queen Haizel Cabral in celebrating the selection of the royal court.
Mark Pisano ’04
Bachelor of Business Administration

Mark Pisano works as a client/server systems support assistant for UC.
“I enjoyed my time here as a student and being employed here is even more rewarding because of the special tie to the university.”

Barbara Piscopo ’77
Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics

Barbara Piscopo has been teaching at her alma mater since 1985. She has served several times as department chair and coordinator of the undergraduate nursing program and RN-BSN programs in the department. Piscopo earned an Ed.D. from Columbia University Teachers College.

“WestConn provided the beginning of a wonderful educational experience and allowed me to return as faculty in the nursing department.”

Mary Rieke ’94
Bachelor of Arts in History

Mary Rieke earned a Master of Library Science degree from St. John’s University. As a graduate student, she did an internship in WestConn’s Haas Library, where she helped organize Dr. Truman Warner’s papers that had been donated to the library. She has worked as an assistant archivist in the Haas Library since 1998.

“I can’t say enough about the professors in the history department. The research assignments of Drs. Detzer, Janick, Leopold and Roman brought me back to my first love — books!”

Deanna (Cibery) Schaab ’96, ’02
Bachelor of Arts in English
Master of Science in Justice & Law Administration

First a student worker in the Office of Public Safety, Deanna Schaab is now access control & one card manager, managing the campus card identification system and facility security programs. Schaab says that she is fortunate to work with an excellent group of people in the WestConnect Card Office. Schaab is married to WestConn Sweetheart Kurt, who is attending the university. They are the parents of two boys, Logan, 5, and Ahren, 3.

“As a student I was apprehensive about being part of a small university community; however, ironically, it was that sense of a small community that made me want to stay at WestConn not only as a student, but as a professional.”

Birte Selvaraj ’96
Bachelor of Arts in English, summa cum laude

Birte Selvaraj has worked as a clerk typist in the biology department and a secretary in the Ancell School of Business. Presently, she is an administrative assistant in the Division of Student Affairs. Married since 1993, she and her husband, Raj, have two children: son Kiran Markus, 8, and daughter Sunita Annika, 6. In her free time Selvaraj loves to read, watch movies, travel and take photographs, and write her own novels. She is a brown belt in the Korean martial art Tang Soo Do.

“WestConn is a great place to work and study and I can’t imagine working anywhere else.”

Priyanka Shah ’04
Master of Business Administration

Since 2002, Priyanka Shah has worked for UC as a client server programmer, developing Web applications for the university, which include the parking permit system, police violation system and online phone directory. In addition to her M.B.A., Shah earned a Master of Science in Computer Science from Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU). Shah and her husband, Deven, have a son, Vinav, 1.

Amy L. (Proulx) Shanks ’97
Bachelor of Science in Education

Since 2006, Amy Shanks has worked as WestConn’s coordinator of recreation, intramurals and club sports programs. After graduating, she was a volleyball and basketball coach and a special education instructor for a local high school. She left teaching and worked for a time as assistant branch manager of a bank. Soon, however, she realized that sports education was her true vocation and began searching for a career that would combine the two disciplines. She found her dream job at WestConn.

“As a student-athlete I was a part of the women’s basketball program. Note that I am a faculty member, I hope that by sharing my experiences I can be a positive influence on current and future students.”

Irene Sherlock ’84, ’91
Bachelor of Arts in English, Master of Arts in English

Irene Sherlock has worked at WestConn for 21 years, first in the Admissions Office before landing a job in UP&D where she is associate director and managing editor of the AlumniNews. She holds an M.F.A. from Goddard College, an M.S. from SCSU and teaches writing on the undergraduate and graduate level in WestConn’s professional writing department. Her creative work has been published in numerous literary journals and anthologies; her essays have aired on National Public Radio.

“There’s nothing better than teaching at your alma mater.”

Joseph Sousa ’06
Bachelor of Science in Music Education

2006 was a great year for Joe Sousa. He graduated and landed a full-time position as IT lab support and training assistant in UC where he worked as a student. He married WestConn Sweetheart Lisa Cutrone ’07 the following year. In 2008, life is still good for Sousa. In addition to his job at WestConn, Sousa plays trumpet for various gigs and currently is a member of the Westchester Symphonic Winds in Tarrytown, N.Y.

“The university provided me with a great education at an affordable price. You can’t beat that!”
Paul Steinmetz ’07
Master of Business Administration
Paul Steinmetz has worked as director of university relations since February 2006. When not in his public relations role, Steinmetz and wife, Jenine, concentrate on their four children: Max, 21; Samantha, 17; Jesse, 14, and Mahelet, 5.

“Without WestConn, I would not have gotten a graduate degree. It was not possible for me to go anywhere else. But I was lucky; I can’t imagine getting a better education than I got from my WestConn professors.”

Melissa (Ortiz) Stephens ’97, ’07
Bachelor of Science in Justice & Law Administration
Master of Science in Counselor Education/Community Counseling
Melissa Stephens began working in the Financial Aid Office in 1995 as a student employee. Presently she is the department’s assistant director. Stephens is an active member of the WestConn community, serving as faculty adviser for several organizations, including Lambda Theta Alpha, Sigma Chi and the Latin American Student Organization. She serves as a member of the commencement dais and reads aloud the names of the graduates as they march proudly across the stage to receive their degree. Stephens is a member of Women of WestConn, the Community of Practice of Project Impact, and an E-board member of SUOAF-AFSCME for which she previously was a trustee. She and her husband, Charles, have two boys, Peyton Alexander, 8, and Justin Tyler, 5.

Heather Stone ’94
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Heather Stone is in her second season as head softball coach at WestConn. Last year the team finished 28-13 and won the Eastern College Athletic Conference Championship for the second time in program history. Prior to coming to WestConn, Stone worked at the United States Merchant Marine Academy as the head softball and volleyball coach for six years. What she enjoys most in life is spending time with her 4-year-old daughter, MacQuarrie.

“WestConn’s new school of Visual and Performing Arts rocks!”

William Strickland ’83
Bachelor of Science in Justice & Law Administration
William Strickland worked in financial aid and veterans affairs as a clerk before taking a position in the University Police department as a processing technician in 1997. Now that his son, Noah, is 22, Strickland, who is single, has more time for hobbies, which includes buying and collecting stamps on eBay.

“Our justice and law program is the best in the area.”

Tony Zatzick ’04
Master of Fine Arts in Art
Tony Zatzick has worked as an M.F.A. assistant since 2005. When he’s not shepherding art students through the administrative process, Zatzick is painting, showing and selling his artwork. He is a certified Kundalini yoga instructor and will be teaching a class at WestConn in spring 2008.

“WestConn’s new school of Visual and Performing Arts rocks!”

Jane (Shevlin) Walsh ’96
Bachelor of Arts in English
As a student, Jane Walsh worked for UC; but since 2001, she has been ‘Jane-of-all-trades,’ ably supporting the team in UP&D. There she creates brochures, stationery, newsletters and academic literature such as the university’s Student Handbook. Walsh also is a licensed massage therapist and works part time in a local spa. She also works freelance as a designer and editor. Married to WestConn Sweetheart Mike Walsh ’98, ’07 since 1999, the couple have two children, Jack, 3, and Madeleine, 18 months.

“If I had to do it all over again, I would still choose WestConn.”

(1-r): Director of University Relations Paul Steinmetz ’07 prepares remarks with Vice President for Institutional Advancement Dr. G. Koryoe Anim-Wright and WTNH Channel 8 anchorwoman Jocelyn Maminta before the event honoring Dr. Mel Goldstein, professor emeritus of meteorology and WTNH meteorologist.
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Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008
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Around the Big Apple

Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008

Join us for a dinner cruise aboard World Yacht, New York’s premier dining cruise line, and take in the spectacular views of New York City at night. 7 p.m., Pier 81 West 41st St., New York, N.Y. $100 per person (discounts available for groups of 10 or more). Transportation from WCSU will be available for an additional $20. To R.S.V.P., call (203) 837-8290.

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Join us for 10 days in beautiful Italy!

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For more information, call Kay Schreiber ’79 at (203) 790-8342.

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Richter Park, Danbury

Call (203) 837-8290 to reserve your foursome.

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1950s
John G. Greene ’58 is a military historian who loves to talk about his favorite subject. He studied military history when he lived in Germany, France and Belgium, completing a 40-year career in education. John joined the Army Reserve in 1954 and retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1989. He invites alumni to come to Waterloo, Belgium, for a battlefield and museum tour.

1960s
Beatrice (Salvatore) Pimpinella ’61 has lived in Orlando, Fla., for the past 25 years. She has two children, Angel and Tony, and five grandchildren: JoAnna, 19; Gina, 16; Alexia, 16; Angelo, 10; and Elena, 7. She is active in her church’s women’s club and misses her old classmates. She hopes to come back to campus in the future.

Ralph A. Toscano ’61 retired from the Danbury Board of Education after 42 years of service.

Joanne (Bonacci) Gregory ’62 retired after 33 years of teaching.

Ellen (Turkowski) Masterson ’62 retired in 2000. Since then, she and her husband, Joseph, have enjoyed many trips exploring the United States and Europe. Their seven grandchildren have kept them busy, too. She often volunteers as a mystery reader in their schools. Their youngest daughter, Brenda, relocated to Las Vegas, Nev., and they have fun visiting her. Ellen remains a volunteer at church and civic groups.

Robyn (Anderson) Eberhard-DeCillis ’64 retired from the Patchogue-Medford School District in June 2006, and is enjoying retirement by traveling and spending several months in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Robert Pettinicchi ’64 is a retired music educator. He and his wife, Lisa, who were married in June, are members of the Second Company of the Governor’s Foot Guard Band, which is based in New Haven, Conn.

Homecoming 2007
Brianna Chasanoﬀ ’03 plays at the Midtown Coffeehouse during Homecoming week.

1970s
Rosemary Dorrico Madia ’71 is newly retired and loving it. She enjoys traveling and spending time with her family.

WestConn Sweethearts Gerri (Cracco) ’75 and George Slowikowski ’71 met at WestConn and married in 1985. They have three boys — currently in middle school, high school and college. Gerri has been an intensive care nurse at Yale New Haven Surgical ICU for 28 years. She recently returned to school to become a certiﬁed wound, ostomy and continence therapist.

Wendy Brown Thatcher-Hall ’71 is happily married with four children, three stepchildren and 14 grandchildren. Her passion is teaching music and working to improve the lives of children through education.

Sharon B. (Henderson) Girard ’76 became a Nationally Certiﬁed Teacher of Music in July from Music Teacher’s National Association.

Susan Howell ’76 received a new job as an LPN and will soon be an RN.


Joseph N. DiCioccio ’78 retired in 2007 from Mahopac Central Schools after serving 34 years as a math teacher and department chair.

Jane Treglia March ’79 is a singer and songwriter.

Kay M. Schreiber ’79 works in community relations at the Midwestern Connecticut Council on Alcoholism.

1980s
Betsy A. Bielefeld ’81 is a sixth grade teacher and cross country coach. She recently climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa and ran the Vermont Key Bank Marathon for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Patricia Salvatore Riley ’83 was recently elected to serve a four-year term as councilwoman in her hometown of Peekskill, N.Y. She also teaches music education at George Washington Elementary School in Mohagen Lake, N.Y., where she has worked for more than 20 years.

Michael James Matta ’84 works in the mentoring program for the Bethel School System and enjoys spending time with his students.

Eleanor A. DiCioccio ’86 received a new job as assistant principal at John Jay High School in Wiccopee, N.Y.

Julie Sorcek ’86 is the concert band director at Immaculate High School in Danbury, in addition to performing with her musical groups, Fairfield Crossing and The Reel Thing. Her Web site is www.myspace.com/julchek.

George L. Letts ’87 was promoted to corporate operations manager in January 2007 for Ethan Allen Global Inc.

1990s
Dawn Passano ’91 is a manager of ﬁnancial systems & reporting at Frontier Communications.

(right) WestConn’s ‘Centennial Baby’ Alexandra Chakar with parents Mirta and Charles ’94 (below) Legacy alumni Louise (Walsh) Reagan ’80 with son Matthew Reagan, a new WCSU student at orientation.

Nicole (Rodrigue) Moshang ’93, an attorney for Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP, was named Rising Star 2007 in the area of environmental law by Pennsylvania Super Lawyers publication. Moshang holds a J.D. from Villanova University.

Monica Kim Roberts ’97 is a licensed marriage and family therapist.

2000s
Amy Cash Sereday ’00 has worked as a real estate paralegal since graduation. She married her husband, Stephen, in 2005 and resides in Torrington, Conn. Though she misses the stage, she keeps busy with her Italian greyhounds, which she and her husband train for both show and performance sports. Amy can be reached through her Web site at www.freewebs.com/rialtoigs.

Helene Dacey Scanlon ’01 is a member of the Romance Writers of America and chapter member of Central Florida Romance Writers. Visit her Web site at www.helene scanlon.com.

Jeff Smith ’04 recently completed a certiﬁcation program in school district administration.

Amy L. Piccirillo ’05 earned a master’s degree in secondary education from the University of Bridgeport and is teaching eighth grade science at Betsy Ross Arts Magnet School in New Haven, Conn.

Melinda Tarsi ’06 currently is a Ph.D. student in political science at UMass-Amherst. She also is a teaching assistant and assistant coach.
In memoriam

Imelda W. Attridge '69, South Salem, N.Y., Jan. 1, 2007
Celia G. Block '29, Piscataway, N.J., Dec. 7, 2002
Lucerna M. Bocciarelli '58, Branford, Conn.
Stella T. Bruno '23, East Haven, Conn., Jan. 1, 2005
Kathleen G. Carola '78, Colchester, Conn.
Mary (Minervini) Cofrancesco '56, Oakville, Conn., Nov. 7, 2007
Theodora F. Couture '86, Stuart, Fla., Jan. 12, 2007
Andrea (Carlson) Davis '73, Harwinton, Conn., July 26, 2007
Richard N. Erickson '71, Clarks Summit, Pa.
Abe Golub '81, Newtown, Conn., Oct. 4, 2007
Elizabeth T. Grinwalsky '35, Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 20, 2007
Mary M. Haddy '45, Danbury, Conn., June 10, 2007
Rudolph F. Hetzel '71, New Milford, Conn., Aug. 17, 2007
Joseph J. Horvath '69, Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 1, 2007
Richard Howland Hunt '72, Trumbull, Conn., June 10, 2007
Ann R. Huntoon '70, Ridgefield, Conn./Richmond, Va., Sept. 17, 2007
Genevieve V. Johnson '30, Fairfield, Conn.
Lorraine (Ellis) Jowdy '48, Danbury, Conn., June 23, 2007
Doris W. Kittle '32, Hiwassee, Ga.
Ruth E. Lovett '67, Morris, Conn., Nov. 22, 2007
Douglas J. Marchesi '87, Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 17, 2006
Elizabeth H. McGowan '45, Danbury, Conn., March 20, 2007
Carol (Peterson) Natale '54, Gales Ferry, Conn., Nov. 11, 2007
James E. Natale '54, Gales Ferry, Conn.
Clarice Osiecki '88, Danbury, Conn., Oct. 7, 2007
Julie M. Pelicas '95, Bethel, Conn./Dixon, Calif., June 16, 2007
Anthony Raucci '84, Methuen, Mass., Jan. 1, 2007
Peter J. Serio '78, Brookfield, Conn.
Andrew P. Stirnweiss '78, South Kent, Conn., Dec. 29, 2005
Mark J. Tarsi '81, Danbury, Conn.

WestConn Professor Emeritus of Humanistic Studies Dr. H. Jonathan Greenwald,

Newtown, Conn., Oct. 1, 2007

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- Wearable merchandise: $6.95 first item and $1.95 each additional item. 
- Diploma frame: $17.95; paperweight: $6.95; photo frame, desk set, desk box, and letter sorter: $8.95 each.

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Opportunities Abound at WestConn

1) Dr. Mel Goldstein, professor emeritus of meteorology and WTNH meteorologist, was honored last fall for his many years of exemplary and distinguished service to WCSU and the people of Connecticut.
2) New Yorker cartoonist Dana Fradon discussed his work at an event commemorating the 30th anniversary of the School of Arts & Sciences.
3) (l-r): Colleen Genovese, Jan Maria Jagush ’75, ’81 and Len Genovese ’74 at the Ninth Annual Holiday Wine Tasting to benefit student scholarships.
4) The SPS 30th Anniversary Student and Faculty “From Diversity Comes Opportunity” panel and discussion group featured award-winning New York Times writer Sonny Kleinfeld (l) and a discussion of his book, “His Oldest Friend.”
5) (l-r): Deborah and Mark Nolan chat with John Kline of Union Savings Bank at the “Glory of Venice” reception.
6) During Homecoming Week, WestConn President James W. Schmotter moderated a discussion about “Freedom of Expression.”