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President
James W. Schmotter

Change is Constant

The late comedian George Carlin once observed: “I put a dollar into one of those change machines. Nothing changed.”

Obviously Mr. Carlin spent little time around this university, because change is the very coin of our realm. In terms of academic accomplishments, physical and technological infrastructure and public visibility, the transformation of our university over the past decade has been dramatic. That’s why the theme of this issue, “Seen WestConn Lately?” is so relevant. Here are a few examples of what I mean.

Our budget and enrollment have grown steadily. In 2000, our operating budget was \$53 million; our total enrollment, 5,589. By 2005, respective comparisons were \$78 million and 5,884; by 2010, \$111 million and 6,617. Business and education have remained our most popular academic majors, but nursing enrollment has increased from 140 to 478 today.

Members of our university community increasingly distinguish themselves in competitive national arenas. The U.S. Department of State recently sponsored Professor of Music Eric Lewis and Associate Professor of Social Sciences and Director of the Honors Program Dr. Christopher Kukk on performance and research trips to Bosnia and China. Alumni Stephen Price '09 and Ashley Hyde '09 won prestigious Fulbright Awards for post-graduate study in, respectively, France and Jamaica. Associate Professor of Biological and Environmental Sciences Dr. Theodora Pinou won the Connecticut State University Board of Trustees 2010 Research Award. Our academic programs in education have been awarded accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education; national accreditation of programs in music and nursing have been affirmed; and the Ansell School of Business has been approved to apply for accreditation from AACSB International, a recognition held by the world’s elite business schools.

In the past five years, our Science Building, Fifth Avenue Parking Garage, and the magnificent restorations of our two oldest buildings, Fairfield Hall and Old Main, have transformed the Midtown campus. At Westside, the new Campus Center has become a community hub. Also, schematic design work is complete on the 132,000-square-foot School of Visual and Performing Arts instructional facility.

WestConn has indeed grown and matured over the years. But the fundamentals of our identity as a student-centered public university remain constant. To celebrate that history, we are renaming this publication “The Cupola,” a reminder of the tower on top of Fairfield Hall that has watched over WCSU students during their time on campus. Read the following pages with pride and pleasure. ■

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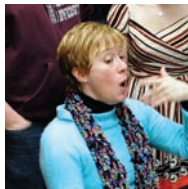
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Beginning with this issue, your AlumniNews has a new name, updated look and an expanded objective.

Our new campus magazine, the Cupola, will continue to highlight successful alumni and keep you informed about upcoming events on campus. We'll also keep you up to date about our new and exciting programs, plus introduce you to noteworthy faculty and students who are making a difference in our community.

What's different? We'll take more time to acknowledge our generous donors. We'll show you the ways in which their gifts of time, talent and treasure impact our students and faculty every day. We'll also suggest ways in which you might consider giving back to your alma mater.

We trust you'll like our new look and fresh intent. Our goal is to keep you and our extended family of friends and donors connected to Western Connecticut State University.

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By Connie Conway

Time changes everything. It molds environments, alters outlooks and educates minds.

This debut issue of *The Cupola* is a perfect example of change. In folding two publications into one — *AlumniNews* and *WestConnContributors* — design and content merge to create a new entity.

Similarly, WestConn’s decades of purposeful building, shaping and innovating, conceived and enabled by our most dedicated dreamers and doers, have yielded a 21st century university that merges long-held traditions with new-age relevance.

“When I first arrived at WestConn,” says James Schmotter, president of the school, “I knew there had been a lot of changes. But what I saw was a vibrant university, medium in size but very big in spirit and forward momentum. It was 2004, and the school had just proudly celebrated its centennial. I looked around and thought, OK. What’s next?”

That could be the university’s signature motif: Recognize and value the past, but embrace the future. If you’ve visited our campuses recently after being away for some time, you know what we mean.

“I hadn’t been back since graduation, when my wife and I attended a production at the Feldman

Arena on the Westside campus,” says WestConn alumnus Aaron Britton ’98. “The changes were pretty amazing. Not just at Westside. At Midtown, I remembered the muddy parking lot we used to call ‘The Pit.’ Now there’s a nice parking garage there, on White Street. The whole university just looks great.”

From the recent construction of our “green” Science Building at Midtown, to the new Westside Campus Center (and, on the horizon, new School of Visual and Performing Arts instructional facility) the infrastructure of this university has been in boom mode for quite some time.

We’ve been bullish on new programs, as well. Among the many: A groundbreaking Master of Arts in Teaching, a 15-months-to-your-master’s program that lets talented professionals quickly take to the classroom to teach Spanish, mathematics or biology; the Connecticut State University System’s only Bachelor of Arts in Musical Theatre; and a doctoral program in instructional leadership.

In addition, WestConn’s forward momentum extends to the community — local and global — in ways mirrored by extraordinary individuals like Associate Professor of Political Science Dr. Christopher Kukuk. The reason? Kukuk’s profound challenge to his students is “know your world and get involved.”

A Fulbright Scholar, Kukuk traveled to Estonia to teach at the University of Tartu in 2007. He bought back his impressions to share with students, encouraging them to broaden their perspectives on people and cultures different than their own. His commitment to his students was illustrated in a profile of him in the Fall 09 issue of *AlumniNews*.

“Having dedicated, effective teachers like Chris is so important to students,” says Admissions Director Steven Goetsch. “He’s not the only reason our enrollment is showing a big uptick in students with higher SAT scores, but he certainly is a great one.”

“The campus master plan created a framework for developing projects that would reinforce a sense of academic community in an atmosphere conducive to learning,” President Schmotter says, summing up how such an atmosphere nurtures this caliber of teacher and in-depth, productive programs.

Thus the “plan” has been a wonderful success, with more to come. If you haven’t seen us lately, we hope you’ll visit to see how we have grown and flourished over the past years — mainly due to the generosity, creative thinking and energetic carry-through of WestConn’s many dreamers and doers. ■



While waiting for security clearance for her job with the Justice Department, alumna Alison Healey (left) co-taught a class with friend and mentor Professor Emeritus of Justice and Law Administration (JLA) Dr. Harry Schramm (bottom right). That semester she attended a panel presentation sponsored by the JLA department.



By Irene Sherlock

Alison Healey '04

Safe at home in the law

When university scholar Alison Healey graduated with a B.S. in Justice and Law Administration (JLA), her perfect 4.0 grade-point average earned her the Ansell School of Business Dean's Award, recognizing her as the top student in the university's business school.

By then she'd already been inducted into Alpha Phi Sigma, the national criminal justice society, and Psi Chi, the psychology honor society. She helped organize, then presented at, the Connecticut Collegiate Honor Council Conference. She was a student instructor in psychology and co-captain of the women's tennis team.

That she was accepted to nearly every law school to which she had applied surprised no one — except perhaps Healey.

"I was really quite amazed," she says of the many acceptances. These included the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia and the school from which she graduated, Harvard Law. "I wasn't sure where I'd get in and I wanted to be on the safe side, so I applied everywhere."

The "safe side" is where Healey is today. Seriously. She's an attorney in the National Security Division's Office of Intelligence at the Department of Justice, in Washington, D.C.

"I love my job," she says of her now six-month stint at the Justice Department. "I have a fantastic mentor, which is a tremendous asset in any job. And D.C. is an exciting place to be. I'm still finding my way around."

Healey, who was raised in Newtown, Conn., has had to find her way around any number of interesting cities. On two separate occasions, she taught graduate students the fundamentals of negotiation and leadership in — of all places — Paris, France.

"That was a wonderful experience," she says of the weekend workshops, noting their location was almost as appealing as the assignments themselves. "My mother is a teacher and I've always been aware of what an important job it is."

Healy graduated from law school in 2008. That same year, she received a Harvard Negotiation Research Fellowship in recognition of her exemplary academic research. In addition, she was acknowledged for her pro bono work.

As much as she likes to work, this dedicated young woman will admit she does kick back now and then to watch or play sports. Nevertheless, if you met her at a party, chances are you'd find yourself in an interesting discussion involving the ambivalent nature of constitutional law, not hobbies.

That's where the safety issue comes in. "I like the push and pull of the National Security Division," she says of her work. "Always, we have to weigh a citizen's civil liberties against issues of national security. It's an important responsibility that we in the division take extremely seriously."

She's come to appreciate the power of perspective after working on cases involving one side of the law and then the other. She was vice president and a basic training director of the Harvard Mediation Program. Clinical experience included work at an environmental law and policy clinic and at a sports law clinic. At the New England Innocence Project, an organization that works to exonerate individuals wrongly convicted of a crime, she investigated legal and factual circumstances and evidence available in a case.

"I've always loved criminal law," says Healey. "I'm not surprised I wound up at the Department of Justice. It's sort of my dream come true." ■

Read the full story on Alison Healey at wcsu.edu/alumni.



By Robin DeMerell



Musical theatre degree first in the state

As WestConn continues to expand and grow its reputation as one of the premier higher learning institutions in a multitude of disciplines, it's only natural that the university would be the first in the state to offer a bachelor of arts in musical theatre.

"We have been attracting a lot of theatre students with backgrounds in acting, singing and dancing," says Theatre Arts Department Chair Sal Trapani. "As we added musical theatre classes, students began clamoring for more musical theatre instruction. After a long process, we have come up with what we think is a groundbreaking and unique program."

With a specialized degree in collaboration with the university's music department, the musical theatre program gives students a comprehensive knowledge of and training in all aspects of musical theatre. The program includes acting, dance training, individual voice instruction, music theory, keyboard competency, auditioning techniques, voice and diction, and theatre history.

The program is unique, Trapani says, because it offers not only training and performance experience in New York City and internationally but also provides contact with industry professionals from musical powerhouses all over the world.

"WestConn has all the attributes of a small private institution," Trapani says. "The hallmarks of our program are professionalism and a commitment to excellence. This is an exciting time for us. The new degree program is going to make us less of a well-kept secret and more of a national force in musical theatre education."

Opportunities for students will include performances at the annual New York Showcase and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and travel to the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival and the Humana Festival in Louisville, Ky. ■

For more information about this program, contact Theatre Arts Department Chair Sal Trapani at trapanis@wcsu.edu.



(Top left) Lecturer of Theatre Arts Amy Jones coaches Anthony Paparello in a Musical Theatre Workshop, which trains performers for the musical theatre stage.

(Top right) Theatre Arts production of "City of Angels"
(Bottom) Jones leads her class in a production number.



By Robin DeMerrell

WestConn graduate awarded Fulbright scholarship

When Ashley Hyde '09 traveled to Cape Verde, Africa, she saw an opportunity to help others.

While on the trip, sponsored by the Humanitarian Travel Club, Hyde took part in assisting with medical aid, tutoring students and helping deportees reintegrate into society. "That trip really spurred my interest. There are an increasing number of people being deported and sent back to their homes," Hyde says. "They are sent back with no support. Housing and employment are a problem. There is a huge cultural stigma attached to being a deportee. No one in the community wants to help them."

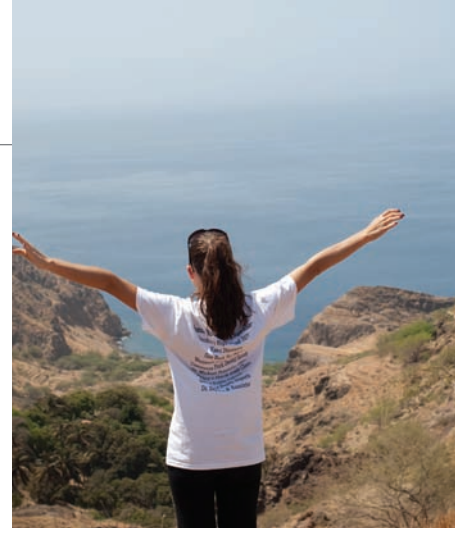
That interest in helping people abroad earned Hyde a Fulbright scholarship. Presently, she's in Jamaica for a year to conduct research on alternative methods of integration for deportees. After her study is completed, she will earn a Master of Science in public health or international relations from the University of West Indies, which will advise and oversee her project.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, the Fulbright program is the largest United States international exchange program offering opportunities for students, scholars and professionals to



undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching and teaching in elementary and secondary schools worldwide. There were approximately 6,000 grants awarded in 2008 to U.S. students, teachers, professionals and scholars to study, teach, lecture and conduct research in more than 155 countries and to their foreign counterparts to engage in similar academic activities in the U.S.

The 22-year-old Southbury resident learned about the Fulbright last year from Associate Professor of Political Science Dr. Chris Kukk, who suggested to



Before she was awarded a Fulbright, Ashley Hyde '09 traveled to Cape Verde, Africa (above), where she was touched by the plight of the locals (below), particularly deportees struggling to reintegrate back into society. It was during this trip that she became committed to helping underprivileged populations of the world.

Hyde that she apply for the scholarship. Hyde has a B.S. in Anthropology with a minor in international studies. As an undergraduate, she received an award for Academic Excellence in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences and an Associate Honors Degree.

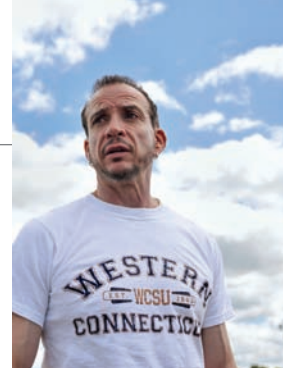
Hyde is the latest WestConn graduate to receive a Fulbright; 2009 graduate Stephen Price was awarded a Fulbright last year to study music in France. ■

Read the full story on Ashley Hyde at wcsu.edu/alumni.

profile



By Irene Sherlock



Assistant Professor of Communication Dr. JC Barone (above and left) gives last-minute instructions to students before aerial videography for a documentary about the Newburgh-Beacon Bay area in New York.

JC Barone Teacher, entrepreneur, video producer

It's been a long time since Dr. JC Barone has suffered from career existential angst. He does not question the meaning of his professional life. It's all about media, specifically digital media, and how the culture makes use of it.

"There's never been a time when we've been this connected to one another," says Barone, assistant professor of communication. "Much of it involves digital media and we keep raising the bar on ways to make this happen."

Digital media refers to all kinds of electronic media, content created in digital (as opposed to analog) format that's accessed via the computer, phone or Internet.

Barone ticks them off. "E-mail, text, Mp3 files, podcasts. People are sharing photos on iPhone. Now video has exploded. We're blogging, creating websites, sometimes with audio and animation."

The Internet, says Barone, has transformed the way we share, transfer and store information. "Digital media allows us to communicate almost immediately in specific, even artful, ways."

Barone has taught at WestConn since 2008, the year the communication department introduced its

new Bachelor of Arts in Media Arts program, with concentrations in media production and media studies.

"JC has been a shot in the arm for our media arts program," says Department Chair and Professor of Communication Dr. Bill Petkanas. "He has a tremendous amount of talent and — most importantly — the ability to inspire. Frankly, the quality of work his students are producing is really amazing."

Last year, Barone's students earned second place in the Student-Produced Video Commercial for Alcohol Awareness Public Service Announcement Competition. The message asked viewers to consider the consequences of serving alcohol to minors. "I was happy to see their talent rewarded and recognized by members of the profession," Barone says.

An independent video writer, producer and director of commercial, corporate and educational media for more than 20 years, Barone is the recipient of four prestigious Telly Awards, as well as the Communicator Award of Distinction and the Videographer Award of Distinction.

"Dr. Barone is incredibly knowledgeable," says Kevin Jones, a student in his media production course last semester. "He's committed to his students and goes the extra mile to help whenever he can."

In addition to his work at WestConn, Barone owns and operates Barone Media, a production company that creates web material and communication and public speaking videos for Pearson Education, the global leader in educational publishing.

Students are invited to participate in Pearson projects. They're paid and sometimes even earn credit. Mostly they get invaluable hands-on experience that they can take out into the world when they graduate.

Barone also donates time and talent to a variety of community service projects, many of which involve WestConn students. Recently, he and students wrapped up work on a Quadricentennial documentary for the Newburgh-Beacon Bay area, a grant-funded video that documents the history of the region. ■

Read the full story on JC Barone at wcsu.edu/alumni.

institutional advancement

Professor's legacy of helping students continues

By Robin DeMerell



(Top left) Professor Emeritus of Biology and executor of the Greenwald estate Dr. Jean Kreizinger presented a check to Interim Vice President of Institutional Advancement Fredric Wheeler for the H. Jonathan Greenwald and Dorothy Greenwald Scholarship Fund.

(inset) Dr. H. Jonathan Greenwald at WCSU

Dr. H. Jonathan Greenwald made his mark on WestConn almost at the moment he set foot on campus back in 1959. He helped create the university's Humanistic Studies program and chaired the philosophy department.

Now, nearly two years after his death, the university is benefiting again from Greenwald's generosity. Greenwald, who lived in Newtown, left more than \$220,000 to the university in the H. Jonathan Greenwald and Dorothy Greenwald Scholarship Fund. The fund specifically provides scholarships for students in the music program at WestConn.

"In these times of financial challenge, the scholarships that Professor Greenwald's generosity makes possible are especially important," says university President James W. Schmotter. "His is a lasting legacy that we will remember at every concert and performance by our talented music students."

Born in 1915, Greenwald, who grew up in Missouri, served in World War II after joining the U.S. Army

Air Corps as a radio and radar operator. He once looked forward to a career as a violinist; but after breaking his fingers playing football, he headed in a different direction. He earned his undergraduate degree from University of Kansas, a master's degree in education from the University of Vermont and a doctorate in psychology and education from Harvard University. He began a career as a freelance photographer and then began teaching at the Rhode Island School of Design in 1954, where he was a chairman of art education. Before coming to WestConn, he worked for the state of Rhode Island as an art consultant. He retired from the university in 1985 and continued his passion for photography and traveled widely in Europe and exhibited in galleries in Connecticut. His wife Dorothy also was devoted to music.

A violin made in Germany that belonged to Greenwald is a permanent part of the university's music department and is a "community" violin used by musicians at university performances. ■

For more information on establishing a scholarship at WestConn, call the Office of Institutional Advancement at (203) 837-8279.

What is the WCSU Foundation?

Classified as a tax-exempt 501 (c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service, the WCSU Foundation effectively raises funds and manages charitable gifts for the support of the university. The Foundation operates under the leadership of a board made up of respected community professionals.

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For more information on giving to the WCSU Foundation, call the Office of Institutional Advancement at (203) 837-8298.



Grammy Award-winning jazz composer and artist Maria Schneider (left) headlined this year's 24th annual ball, Gala in the Key of Jazz, held in a festival tent on the grounds of the university's Middtown campus. To her left is Ball Committee Chair and Interim Director of Development Karen Wright.



• WestConn Society honors local accounting firm at luncheon

(Top) WestConn honored the Danbury accounting firm Fiorita, Kornhaas and Company for exemplary professional and public service at the 29th annual WestConn Society luncheon in March. Founded in 1973, Fiorita, Kornhaas and Company provides a diverse range of financial services ranging from tax preparation, business accounting and audits to personal financial, retirement and estate planning, corporate mergers and acquisitions, and litigation support. Pictured are (l-r) President James W. Schmotter, presenting the WCSU Foundation Community Service Award to certified public accountants and principle partners of the firm, Joseph A. Fiorita Jr. and Robert J. Kornhaas Jr.

(Upper right) In attendance at the WestConn Society luncheon was (l-r) Robert Kornhaas' sister, Marybeth Vandergrift, and parents Marie and Robert Kornhaas.

(Bottom, right) Also attending the luncheon was John Kline, president of Union Savings Bank in Danbury.



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(l-r) Honorees Noel Hord and Anita Rice, respectively co-founder of the Hord Foundation, Inc., and vice chair of its board, accepted their award from President James W. Schmotter, as did fellow honoree Abner Burgos-Rodriguez, president of the Latino Scholarship Fund. The two local philanthropic organizations were honored at this year’s Gala.



(l-r) Attending the Gala were Peter Kalman and his wife, Ileana Velazquez, founders of the Latino Scholarship Fund; also, Reverend Phyllis Leopold and George Mulvaney, president and CEO of Mulvaney Mechanical, Inc.



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homecoming 2010

homecoming day Saturday, Oct. 23

All events below are held on the Westside campus.

- **Homecoming Tailgate Party**, 10 a.m., O'Neill Center parking lot. Cost. Open to the public. Must be 21 years or older.
- **Homecoming Football Game**: Colonials vs. Montclair State, Noon, Westside Athletic Complex. Cost.
- **Alumni Hospitality Tent**, featuring music at half-time.
- **Street Fair**, 2 p.m., free and open to the public.
- **WCSU Field Hockey vs. Salem State**, 6 p.m., Westside Athletic Complex
- **WCSU Volleyball**: Colonial Classic, Feldman Arena
WCSU vs. Colby Sawyer, 9 a.m.
WCSU vs. Rivier, 4:30 p.m.

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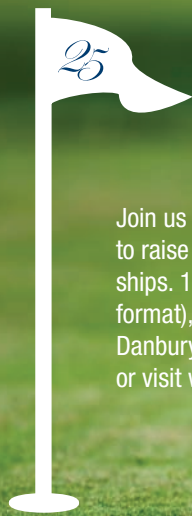
Alumni Nursing 40th Reunion: Join nursing alumni as they celebrate the 40th anniversary of the nursing department. Brunch reception and tours of the nursing department and labs start at 11:30 a.m., Midtown campus. Reunion reception: 4 to 6 p.m., Westside Classroom Building, Room 218, Westside campus. \$40/person. For more information or to make a reservation, call (203) 837-8298.

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Class of 1960 Golden Reunion Celebration: Take a trip down memory lane with the class of 1960 as they celebrate their 50th class reunion. 5:30 p.m. cocktail hour/7 p.m. dinner, Alumni Hall, Midtown campus. \$50/person. For more info or to make a reservation, call (203) 837-8298.

For the latest information about Homecoming 2010, visit wcsu.edu/homecoming.

homecoming week



25th Anniversary Golf Tournament

Monday, Oct. 18

Join us for a great day of golf while helping to raise money for WCSU student scholarships. 10 a.m. shotgun start (scramble format), Richter Park, 100 Aunt Hack Rd., Danbury, Conn. To RSVP, call (203) 837-8298 or visit wcsu.edu/alumni.

Sunday, Oct. 17

Campus-to-Campus 5K

For more information, call (203) 837-8609.



Tuesday, Oct. 19
Informational session about Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria Trip



Preview our Summer 2011 Travel Tour of the Northwest and Canada. Sponsored by the Alumni Association. 5:30 p.m., Warner Hall, Midtown campus. Snacks and refreshments provided.



Friday, Oct. 22

Fairfield Hall Tea & Tour

1 p.m., Fairfield Hall, Midtown campus

Midtown campus Tour

2 p.m., Midtown campus



calendar



Friday, Oct. 1

Culinary Delights: Trip to Culinary Institute of America (CIA)

Treat your palate to the culinary arts on our fourth annual trip to the CIA, the world's premier culinary college. Join fellow alumni and friends for dinner at the Ristorante Caterina de' Medici, which offers Italy's authentic flavors in a magnificent Tuscan villa setting. \$91/person includes dinner, gratuity, round-trip transportation and tour of the CIA. Bus departs from University Hall at 2:30 p.m. For more information or to make a reservation, call (203) 837-8298 or visit wcsu.edu/alumni.

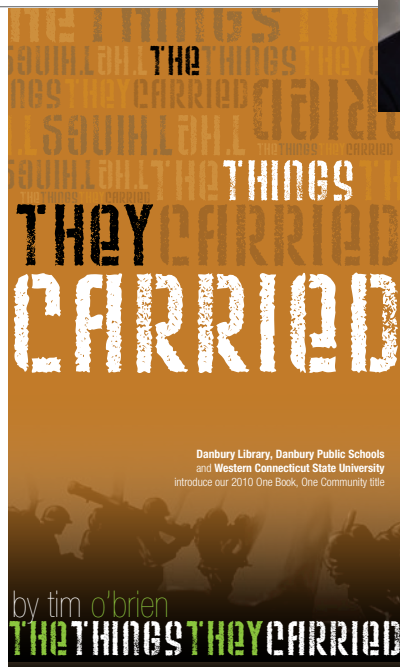


Wednesday, Oct. 6

Entrepreneurship Day

Entrepreneur of the Year luncheon honoring Paul Dinto. 11:30 a.m., Westside Campus Center Ballroom, Westside campus. \$50 plate/\$500 for table of 10. For reservations, call (203) 837-8341.

Macricostas Lecture Series featured speaker: Barry Moltz. 7:30 p.m., Student Center Theater, Midtown campus. Free and open to the public. For more information, call (203) 837-8341.



Tuesday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Author Tim O'Brien discusses his best-seller, *The Things They Carried*, sponsored by One Book, One Community Ives Concert Hall, Midtown campus. This event is free and open to the public.

A finalist for both the 1990 Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award, as well as a New York Times Book of the Century, *The Things They Carried* describes events and experiences that happen in the lives of the narrator, Tim, and his fellow Vietnam grunts. The book also meditates on the meaning of truth and how truth is filtered through and altered by the telling and writing of these stories that center on the Vietnam War.

Oct. 1

Trip to Culinary Institute of America
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Oct. 6

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Macricostas Lecture Series
Featured speaker: Barry Moltz
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Oct. 6

WCSU Alumni Association Meeting
6 p.m., Alumni Hall, Midtown campus.

Oct. 19

Informational session about Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria Trip
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Nov. 3 (7 p.m.), Nov. 4 (7 p.m.),
Nov. 5 & 6 (8 p.m.), Nov. 7 (3 p.m.),
Nov. 12 & 13 (8 p.m.), Nov. 14 (3 p.m.),
Nov. 19 & 20 (8 p.m.), Nov. 20 (2 p.m.)

Theatre Production —

"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas"
Presented by the theatre arts department. Performances are at 8 p.m. (unless otherwise indicated). Gala follows performance opening night. Berkshire Theatre, Midtown campus. Tickets: \$17; \$12 for seniors and students. WCSU students free with valid I.D. Box office: (203) 837-8732.

Nov. 5

Alumni Dinner Theatre
"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas"
See ad on this page.

Nov. 7

Holiday Wine Tasting
See ad on this page.



Friday, Nov. 5

Alumni Dinner Theatre:

"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas"

Dinner: 5:30 p.m., Warner Hall, Midtown campus. Show: 8 p.m., Berkshire Theatre, Midtown campus. Cost. For more information, call the Alumni Office at (203) 837-8298.



Sunday, Dec. 5

12th Annual Holiday Wine Tasting

4 to 7 p.m. Westside Campus Center Grand Ballroom, Westside campus. \$50/person. For more information, call Helen Bechard at (203) 837-8800.

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A. This year's President's Lecture Series featured Dr. Story Musgrave, the lead spacewalker on the first shuttle flight to repair the Hubble Space Telescope. Pictured at the President's Reception are (l-r) Musgrave, President James W. Schmotter and Terry Eberhard Asch '64, '72. Hubble Week was a symposium celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Hubble space telescope.



Meet our new president

Jan Maria Jagush '75, '81 recently was elected president of the Alumni Association. A teacher at Bethel Middle School and an Alumni Association board member since 2004, Jagush has always been an active supporter of WCSU. She is thrilled to begin her two-year appointment and pledges to work hard for her alma mater.

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Would you like to help plan your class reunion? E-mail the Alumni Office at alumni@wcsu.edu or call (203) 837-8290.



B. Recipients at this year's Alumni Association Scholarship Dinner.

C. Alumni and friends attended the National Parks Tour in July.

D. Attendees at the Alumni Nursing Society Reception in May.

E. Members of the Class of 1957+ held their informal annual reunion on July 21 at Michael's II Café in Danbury, Conn.

F. Attendees at the Connecticut Music Educator's Association Conference in April.

G. Guests enjoy the bouncy house at the Alumni Spring Weekend in May.



By Irene Sherlock

When creating a wish list, Associate Professor of Nursing Dr. Karen Daley believes in thinking big. However, she does caution to prioritize one's dreams. Start with what's practical and doable, she suggests. That's what she did when she got to WestConn.

"I took one look at the nursing facilities and thought, 'What can I do to improve things for the department and for our students?'"

She's referring to what was then the humble state of the nursing lab, which in 2001 hadn't been updated in many years. With the support of Chief Information Officer Lorraine Capobianco, the department received new equipment and updated technology. "We implemented human patient simulation (HPS) into the lab and the curriculum. Today's students respond to knowledge delivered through a digital medium."

Daley is referring to "SimMan," the latest in state-of-the-art medical simulators designed to teach

'Making it real' with Dr. Karen Daley

critical thinking and decision-making skills to health care providers. "Students love it because it incorporates technology and it's interactive," she says. "Nurses have to make split-second decisions on the job. HPS allows students to learn, make mistakes, re-think and re-do things. This kind of problem-solving builds not only competence, but also confidence."

Not only is Daley primarily responsible for the acquisition of SimMan technology, she also spearheaded the expansion, development and upgrade of resources for the nursing labs and the Nursing Resource Center. As chair of the Learning Resources Committee, she lobbied for new lab space in Higgins Hall and for an additional SimMan Lab and Assessment Lab, as well as a technology classroom and a pediatrics/obstetrics area with additional equipment. An intensive care unit simulation lab was added in 2007.

Daley has co-authored a book on her HPS experience at WestConn. "Simulation Scenarios for



(Above) Dr. Karen Daley and nursing students at the 2010 Graduate Commencement ceremony

(Left) Dr. Karen Daley and "SimMan"

Nurse Educators: Making it Real," is a step-by-step guide to developing, incorporating and integrating simulated scenarios into nursing curricula. The book is co-authored by Suzanne Hertzell Campbell, a colleague from Fairfield University, and the two currently are at work on a second edition.

In addition to her teaching and clinical duties, Daley acts as thesis adviser and as the Master of Science in Nursing program's coordinator.

"Karen has very high academic standards," says Assistant Professor of Nursing Robin Goodrich, who co-teaches this course with Daley. "She's flexible and creative and willing to be innovative if it'll help students. She's aware of current issues in nursing practice and education and is always thinking of ways to improve the curriculum. As an educator, she's the absolute best there is."

Daley's students know that in order to become a registered nurse, they must not only pass the NCLEX, but must satisfy what's known as Daley's "stretcher test."

"I ask students, if I were to come in on a stretcher, would I be comfortable and confident with them as my nurse." She smiles. "It takes a long time before they answer yes and that's a good thing. We want them to understand exactly what's at stake." ■

Read the full story on Dr. Karen Daley at wcsu.edu/alumni.

profile



Western Archivist Brian Stevens and student Gessiko Al Hayek study history books donated to WestConn's Archives and Special Collections Library by the Brooklyn Historical Society.

By Irene Sherlock

The archivist's world at WestConn

In the three years since he's been here, Archivist and Special Collections Librarian Brian Stevens has been organizing and cataloguing the minutia that encompasses WestConn's history.

Tucked into the basement of the Ruth A. Haas library on the Midtown campus, the department of archives and special collections has material dating from as far back as 1615. In addition to books and articles, the department houses administrative records, faculty papers, school publications, visual materials and other media created by the university. "We also have original works from the Danbury Normal School's library," Stevens says.

Holdings also include items not affiliated with WCSU, such as local government and organizational records, visual materials, maps, journals and other media that document the history of the Danbury region.

"Former Danbury Mayor Dyer is in the process of donating his personal and professional papers to us," says Stevens, referring to James (Jimmy) Dyer '72. "We have books written by faculty, students and alumni, and a number of rare and antique books, articles and other objects that have been donated to the school."

In addition to meeting with people who wish to donate memorabilia and other valuables to the university, the department is always ready to help with a number of other things. "Every year for Homecoming, we're asked to research a particular graduation year," he says. Or maybe someone has lost their 1954 yearbook and longs to photocopy a page from their past. But for the most part, says Stevens, the department is a resource for historians, students and researchers who want to tap into the university's warehouse of information.

"Truman Warner's is still our most popular digitized collection," Stevens says. A former professor of anthropology, Warner was a long-time teacher at WestConn and a board member and former president of the Scott-Fanton Museum, now known as the Danbury Museum and Historical Society. ■

To access WestConn's archives, go to library.wcsu.edu/web.

Read the full story on Brian Stevens at wcsu.edu/alumni.

class notes

1970s

John Wayne Connor '71 retired as principal of the Northwestern Regional High School in Winsted, Conn.

Dianne (Rafferty) Bailey '72 is enjoying her retirement with husband of 38 years, Phil. They enjoy sailing, traveling and volunteering for Habitat for Humanity and Hospice. Their daughter, Dr. Kate Gardner, is a school psychologist and has two children: Bennett, 4, and Elena, 5 months. Their other daughter, Courtney, left corporate work to raise sons Jack, 3, and Carter, 10 months.

WestConn Sweethearts John '73 and Linda '72 Girko celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in August and plan to take a cruise vacation through northern Europe.

Charlotte Cuneo '74 is a PACU (Recovery Room) nurse at Boston Medical Center, a Reiki master teacher and a registered polarity practitioner. She also is enrolled in an aromatherapy certification program endorsed by the American Holistic Nurses Association.

Timothy E. Ring '74 is a clinical psychologist who specializes in trauma. He was part of the U.S. medical team responding to the earthquake in Haiti. He appears in a documentary about this experience. View his video on YouTube: "Dr. Tim Ring, Haiti."

Brenda Fegley '78 recently celebrated 30 years of marriage with **WestConn Sweetheart Daniel '82**. She has been a nurse for 32 years. Since earning her B.S. degree, Fegley has worked at Masonicare in Newtown, Conn.

1990s

Allen MacDonald '91 received his M.B.A. from the University of Connecticut in April 2010.

Matthew Gallagher '93 is an adjunct professor of English and drama at Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) and at the University of Hartford (UHart). Last spring at ECSU, his playwriting students staged a night of original scenes. This past summer at UHart, he participated in a weeklong seminar on the environment. One of his original songs, "Warm Texas Rain," was named one of the Top 50 Amateur Songs of the Year by American Songwriter magazine. He also continues to act and write plays. "My best to everyone in WestConn's great English department!"

Erica Risberg '91, '96 is starting a voiceover business in Seattle and plans to work nationally. She is currently doing audio tours at yodio.com. Go to voicesoverseattle.com or e-mail ericasvos@clearwire.net.

Mary Consoli '95 is president of the Danbury Nurses Union and member of the Connecticut Nurses Association. She is chair of St. Gregory the Great Parish (Danbury) Nurse Program, the church where she started an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) program and coordinated with the St. Gregory the Great school nurse for an AED program at the school.

Shawn O'Brien '98 earned a master's degree in exercise science from Southern Connecticut State University in 2005. In 2007, he opened Excel Fitness in West Hartford, Conn., a business that has been recognized as a "Best of" in Hartford Magazine in 2008, 2009 and 2010. O'Brien has mentored for Big Brothers/Big Sisters for nine years and has coached for the Special Olympics. He resides in West Hartford, Conn.

Tim Abbott '99 is an attending anesthesiologist at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, Mass.

Heather Studley '99 is a medicine service line educator at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Before that, she was a clinical nurse educator and a staff nurse.

2000s

Nima Rezvan '00 is an executive mortgage banker with Concorde Funding Group Ltd. in Greenwich, Conn.

Anna Maria Heredia '01, who relocated to Arizona in October 2008, is an academic adviser at Arizona State University working with exploratory (undecided) students. She is a member of the inaugural cohort for an accelerated program, an Ed.D. in Higher and Postsecondary Education, which she hopes to complete in three years.

Larissa Lacman '02 recently was appointed staff attorney with the Connecticut Probate Court System. She previously was employed in-house by NCCI Holdings Inc., in Boca Raton, Fla. She received her law degree cum laude from Quinnipiac University School of Law in 2005.

Shelby Davis '08 is a producing director of Black Box Theater in Newtown, Conn. Since 1998, he has worked in the field as director, choreographer, stage manager, producer and publicist. He also directed a youth theater group and created a curriculum for a continuing education theater course. His favorite roles include "Sugar: The 'Some Like it Hot' Musical," "The Odd Couple" and "Whose Life is it Anyway?"

Megan Poulson '08 has worked at Yale-New Haven Hospital for three years. She recently was promoted to the position of clinical nurse two. During Christmas 2009, she became engaged to her boyfriend of 6 1/2 years. The two are buying a house in West Haven, Conn.

Regina Siergiej '09 is an assistant case manager at Marrakech, Inc. She also works as a mental health worker at Four Winds Hospital in Katonah, N.Y.

● **And baby makes...**

Stephanie and John Brodacki III '00 welcomed second daughter, Morgan Emily, on Feb. 13, 2010.

Adeline Gronkowski '02, and Paul Simone welcomed first child, daughter Lucille Lita, on May 2, 2010.

WestConn Sweethearts Kerilynn '94 and Gordon '90 Hallas, along with daughters Baylee, Brooke and Brynne, and son Brayden, welcomed daughter Bristol Elizabeth on July 20.

Mary McFeeley Lavado '90 and husband Neil welcomed son Liam Martins on January 18, 2010. He joins big sister Erin Blecha, 13, and Elizabeth, 2 1/2.

Katherine Petzold Leo '08 married Josh Leo in 2005 while earning credits toward her marketing degree. They welcomed son Jared Michael on July 23, 2009.

Julie Noreika '07 and Travis Fellone welcomed daughter Lilianna Grace on April 2, 2009.

WestConn Sweethearts Daniel '00 and Liesel '03 Reilly welcomed the birth of their first child, Piper Marie, on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010.

Melissa Grossman '04 and Scott Rockafellow welcomed daughter Emma Brooke on Dec. 7, 2009. She joins brother, Jacob Reese.

● **Wedding bells**

Nanda Moscovitch '06 and Dr. Katie Mitchell, April 4, 2009

Michelle Nelson '05 and Mark Huston, July 26, 2010. Michelle is an adjunct professor in the rhetoric and professional writing program at the University of Hartford.

Valerie Remokitis '99 and Michael Cesca, Sept. 12, 2009. The couple live in Naugatuck, Conn.

Tamara Stone '06 and Michael Burgess, Sept. 19, 2009

in memoriam

Frances E. Allen '35, Danbury, Conn., March 27, 2010
Barbara P. Antonetti '96, Georgetown, Conn.
Harrison H. Baker '61, Trumbull, Conn., March 13, 2010
Charles D. Banfi Jr. '79, Forest Hill, Md., Jan. 16, 2010
Peter A. Bartholomew '83, Danbury, Conn., Feb. 3, 2010
David B. Benson '84, Roswell, Ga., Feb. 22, 2010
Thomas J. Blonski '65, Essex Junction, Vt., April 8, 2008
Joseph J. Coelho '69, New Milford, Conn., Jan. 20, 2010
Dolores B. Crosley '74, Naugatuck, Conn., May 19, 2010
Phyllis M. Cullen '80, Melbourne Village, Fla.
Bernadette Cunningham '39, Watertown, N.Y., Jan. 8, 2010
Daniel J. Duda '91, New Fairfield, Conn.
Mary F. Edgett '24, Danbury, Conn., April 3, 2010
Edward C. Freer '95, Ridgefield, Conn.
Waldir L. Freitas '80, Danbury, Conn., Nov. 20, 2006
Louis C. Gaboardi '79, Danbury, Conn., March 5, 2010
Walter B. Hassell '57, Prospect, Conn., March 7, 2010
Donald J. Hassiak '93, New Milford, Conn., June 3, 2010
Martha J. Huester '84, Hoffman, N.C., Dec. 17, 2009
Levi Jackson '95, Bridgeport, Conn.
Virginia C. Jarrett '68, Vero Beach, Fla.
Marcia Judd '60, Franklin Village, Mich., April 19, 2010
Paul J. Nahous '83, Trinidad, August 24, 1989
Deborah S. Nilson '82, Ridgefield, Conn.
Ruth H. Smith '38, Hendersonville, N.C., Nov. 1, 2009
Bettie A. Snyder '73, Danbury, Conn., April 22, 2010
Ansley M. Starr '66, Columbia, S.C.
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Donald J. Woodin '54, New Milford, Conn., March 17, 2010
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WCSU faculty and staff

Eugene "Buddy" Cardwell Jr., retired custodian, Danbury, Conn., Feb. 3, 2010
Carolyn I. Fensterer, retired secretary for the communication and theatre arts department, Danbury, Conn., May 6, 2010
Alice Walsh Zanzal, retired secretary for the music department, Litchfield, Conn., Feb. 15, 2010



Mary Frances Edgett '24

Mary Frances Edgett died April 3, 2010. She was 107. A life-long Danbury resident, Edgett received her teaching certificate from what was then Danbury Normal School in 1924. She taught at Starrs Plain School, Main Street Elementary School and then Broadview Junior High School, from which she retired in 1971. Edgett received a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education in 1941 from the Teacher's College of Connecticut, which later became Central Connecticut State University. She did graduate work at the University of Hawaii. A scholarship has been established at WestConn in her name. For information about contributing to the WCSU Foundation Mary Edgett Scholarship, call (203) 837-8298. ■



Edward "Ted" J. Hines Jr.

Emeritus Professor of Physical Education Edward "Ted" J. Hines Jr., of Brookfield, Conn., died peacefully on July 2 at Danbury Hospital. Hines graduated from Springfield College with a degree in physical education and earned an M.A. in Education from Columbia University. He also received a sixth year advanced professional educators' degree in administration from Fairfield University.

Hines was a gifted teacher who enjoyed every aspect of his career as an educator. He worked in elementary and secondary education before joining WestConn's faculty in 1965.

During his 40-year tenure at WestConn, Hines taught physical education and health courses, and coached varsity soccer and men's and women's tennis.

He earned many awards, including the Civic Award for the Danbury Old Timers, Outstanding Teacher of the Year and University Teacher of the Year. He was a member of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and ran the Danbury Town Park swim program for 20 years. Hines was inducted into the WCSU Athletic Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his wife, Claire; son, Ted, and his wife, Eileen Kelly; two daughters, Nicole Marmo and her husband, Anthony; and Allyson Pineault and her husband, Ray; also nine grandchildren. Contributions may be made in Hine's memory to the Western Connecticut State University Scholarship Fund, Office of Institutional Advancement, 181 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810. ■



By Richard Gregory '97

Melissa Teel

Bring it (all) on

If you were to strike up a conversation with WCSU basketball star Melissa Teel, you'd be more likely to find yourself talking about literature than layups.

That's because the same fiery passion and unrelenting work ethic that has made the 6-foot-2 center such a force on the basketball court for the Colonials has made her a star in the classroom as well. When she's not fighting for rebounds or blocking shots, Teel often has her nose buried in a book. A junior at WestConn, she's an education-English major, maintains a 3.0 GPA and hopes to pass along her love of literature as an English teacher. Alice Walker is one of her favorite authors.

"I've always been told that I have the teaching spirit and I never understood what that meant," says Teel, who hails from Hamden. "I get it now."

Of course, finding enough time to dedicate to both her academic workload and her athletic commitment is a delicate balancing act, one that Teel seems to have perfected, as she has excelled in both areas. "It's very hard, but it gets easier as time goes on," she says. "It's all about time management."

On the basketball court last winter, Teel was just about unstoppable. She started all 29 games and helped lead the Colonials (23-6) to the Little East Conference title and a berth in the Division III NCAA Tournament — not bad for a team picked to finish fourth in the conference's preseason coaches poll.

"We were the underdogs from the beginning of the season," Teel says. "No one expected us to do anything and that just added fuel to our fire. For everything to play out the way it did is a testament to what hard work and teamwork can do."

Teel set two single-season school records last year with 422 rebounds and 141 blocked shots. She scored 403 points and added 29 steals and 31 assists. She averaged a double-double with 13.9 points and 14.6 rebounds per game and her 4.9 blocks-per-game average was the best in the country's Division III.

Teel is already the program's all-time leader in blocked shots with 246 — 113 more than the previous leader — and she still has another season to add to that total. She also is sixth on the all-time rebounds list with 700.

She came up big in the big games, too. In WestConn's 61-46 triumph over Southern Maine in the conference championship game, Teel had 23 points, 13 rebounds, four blocks, three assists and a steal. In the Colonials' 59-41 victory over the University of New England in the first round of the NCAA New England Regionals, Teel had nine points, 19 rebounds, seven blocks and three steals.

The Colonials' season came to an end with a 65-43 loss to Bowdoin in the second round of the NCAAs — a tough way to end what had been such a special season for the team.

Teel has been showered with honors and accolades for her efforts. One of only 40 finalists for the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's All-America Team, she was named the New England Women's Basketball Association's Player of the Year, as well as the Little East Conference's Player of the Year. In addition, she was named the Most Outstanding Player in the LEC tournament and selected as WestConn's Female Athlete of the Year.

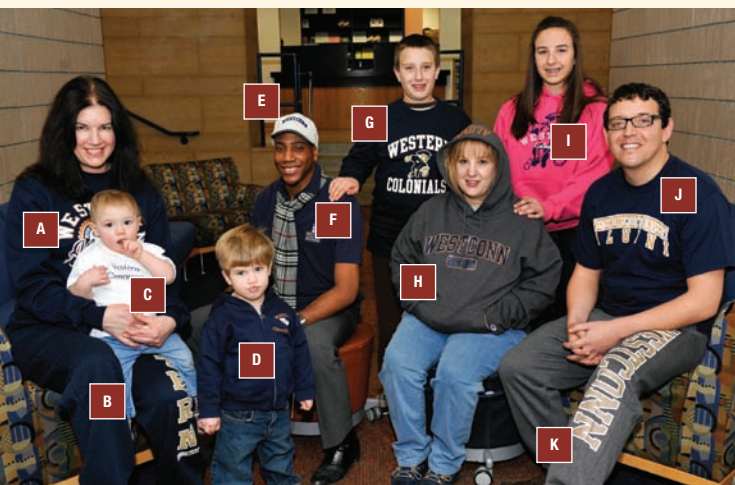
All that, and she still found time to study and make her way to the top of the academic ladder. ■



Melissa Teel with Professor of English Dr. Margaret Murray.

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(l-r): Rebecca Woodward '88; Logan & Zack Yeziarski (mom: Rebecca Woodward '88); Grieg Irving '09; Devin & Rebecca (Tozzoli) Diot '85, '01, Lindsay Diot (mom: Rebecca '85, '01); Juan Obreros '07.

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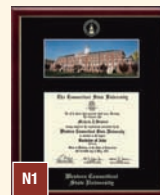
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A. Alumni participated in the academic procession during this year's Undergraduate Commencement ceremony.

B. Chief Executive Officer of the Girl Scouts of Connecticut Jennifer Smith Turner was the commencement speaker at this year's Graduate Commencement ceremony.

C. Multi-platinum recording artist Wyclef Jean, who founded the charity Yéle Haiti, was awarded an honorary doctorate after addressing undergraduates and their families at this year's Commencement ceremony.

D. The Hill family celebrated Cheryl A. Hill's (left) completion of her master's degree at this year's Graduate Commencement ceremony. Beside her is dad, Braxton '77, and sister, Gail Hill Williams '87.



E. More than 30 alumni participated in this year's academic procession. They included Golden Circle alumni, robed in gold, who graduated 50 or more years ago.

