

the Cupola

Fall 2013



2012-13 DONOR HONOR ROLL

A magazine for alumni and friends of Western Connecticut State University

Recent developments at Western



James W. Schmotter,
President

As the class of 2017 passed “Through the Gates” on August 25, the 2013 fall semester at Western began with energy and enthusiasm. On that occasion, we recognized again why this university exists: to create Connecticut’s future through the education of tomorrow’s citizenry and workforce.

The beginning of the semester also reminded us that we compete for students in an ever more competitive admissions marketplace. After years of high growth, enrollment at Western has flattened and experienced declines in some academic areas. To address this and to better position the university to compete, we have reorganized our enrollment management efforts into a new structure led by Associate Vice President Charles Spiridon. This new organization, the Division of Enrollment Services, includes our offices of Admissions, Student Financial Services, Registration, Advising and Publications and Design. Its goal is to elevate Western’s image, academic support for students, and overall customer service. This will increase our effectiveness in both recruiting students and ensuring that they graduate. An early sign of progress in student support: an increase in retention of first-year students from 69 percent to 74.8 percent over the past year.

Two examples of the kind of student success we intend to expand across the university are the Honors Program and our football program. Western now enrolls more than 200 Honors students who are pursuing majors in all of our four schools. This group brings demonstrated academic success at Connecticut’s best high schools and has a collective GPA of 3.71. They change the dynamics of the courses they take and, through their intellectual energy and achievements, heighten the university’s visibility. Recent Honors graduates are enrolled in some of the nation’s best professional schools and doctoral programs.

Football exhibits similar growth. Under the leadership of new coach Joe Loth, participation has swelled from 90 last year to 130 this fall. Coach Loth stresses academic success equally with on-field performance. His philosophy fits perfectly the NCAA Division III model that Western espouses. And, at publication, our Colonials are off to a great start, 5-2 in their first seven games.

All the best from campus,

Managing Editor

Paul Steinmetz '07
Interim Vice President, Institutional Advancement

Writers

Sherri Hill
Writer/Editor, University Relations

Robin Provey '12
University Relations

Robert Taylor
University Relations

Art Director

Jason Davis '97
Director, University Publications & Design

Layout & Design

Ellen Myhill '90, '01
Assistant Director, University Publications & Design

Photography

Peggy Stewart '97
Campus Photographer, University Publications & Design

The Cupola is an official bulletin of Western Connecticut State University and is published annually by Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, CT 06810. The magazine is distributed free of charge to alumni, friends, faculty and staff. Periodical postage paid at Danbury, Conn., and additional mailing offices.

Change of address: Send change of address to Office of Institutional Advancement, WCSU, 181 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810, or e-mail wolfs@wcsu.edu. For duplicate mailings, send both mailing labels to the address above.

Contents: ©2013 Western Connecticut State University. Opinions expressed in The Cupola are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the opinions of its editors or policies of Western Connecticut State University.

Postmaster: Send address corrections to Office of Institutional Advancement, WCSU, 181 White Street, Danbury, CT 06810.

WCSU Foundation

Theresa Eberhard Asch '64, '72
Chair

Ronald Pugliese '74
Vice Chair

Paul Steinmetz '07
Secretary/Treasurer

Anthony Caraluzzi
Director Emeritus

Thomas Crucitti '69

Isabelle T. Farrington '43
Director Emerita

Joseph L. Giaquinto, Jr. '70

Daniel Goble

Erland Hagman

Campaign Committee Chair

Josie Hamer

Tracy M. Horosky '93

M. Farooq Kathwari

Constantine Macricostas,
Director Emeritus

David Nurnberger '72

Corey Paris '14

Cory Plock '98

*Budget & Investment
Committee Chair*

MaryJean Rebeiro '87

Robert J. Reby

Bernard Reidy '63

Paul Reis

Sarah Ribeiro

Gerard Robilotti

Audit Committee Chair

Kathleen Romagnano

Scott Sanderude

James W. Schmotter

Nabil Takla

Jack Tyransky

Dane Unger

Robert Yamin '79

Roy Young

Alumni Association

Elisa Beckett '05

John Brodacki '00

Lois Crucitti '71 & '98

Thomas Crucitti '69

Life Member

Helen Curtin Rosenspire '07

Secretary

William Druschell '04

Josh Flores '05

Sharon Fusco '67

Life Member

Joseph Giaquinto '70

Tammy Hammershoy '97

Executive Director

Jan Maria Jagush '75 & '81

President

David Kozlowski '99

Gary Lucente '72

Alan Mattei '72 & '77

Rute Mendes '99

Elaine Salem '64

Lorraine Sautner '89

Kay Schreiber '79

Life Member

Bob Scribner '95

Vice President

Francesca "Romina" Turek '07

Richard Stabile '89

Immediate Past President

Diana Wellman '64

Treasurer

the Cupola

A magazine for alumni and friends of Western Connecticut State University



4

Our Donors

9

Visionaries & Legacy Society

10

200% Club

13

Foundations & Corporations

14

Ana Márquez-Greene Music Scholarship

19

New Donors

20

Endowed & Restricted Scholarship Funds

23

Memorial & Honorary Gifts

24

Friends & Parents, Faculty & Staff

26

Gifts-in-kind

27

Alumni Donors by Class

31

Alumni Golf Tournament

8

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama

12

SVPA building on schedule,
honored with design
excellence award



14

A Tribute to Newtown

Our Donors



Theresa Eberhard Asch,
Chair
WCSU Foundation, Inc.

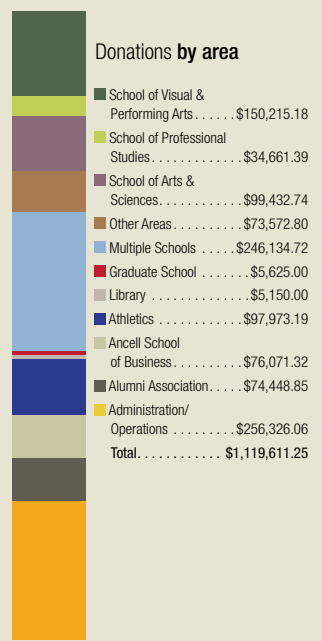
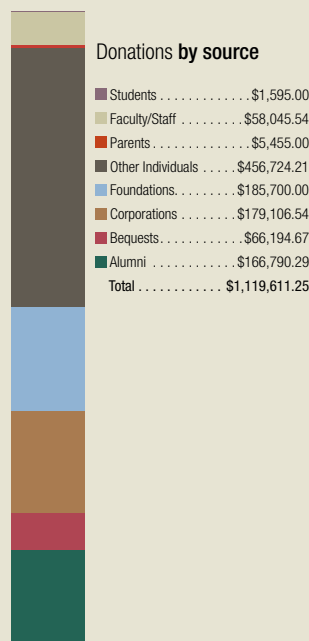
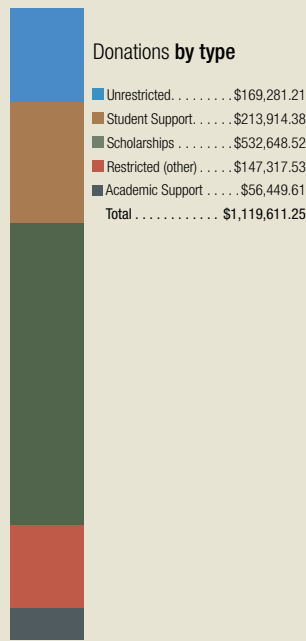
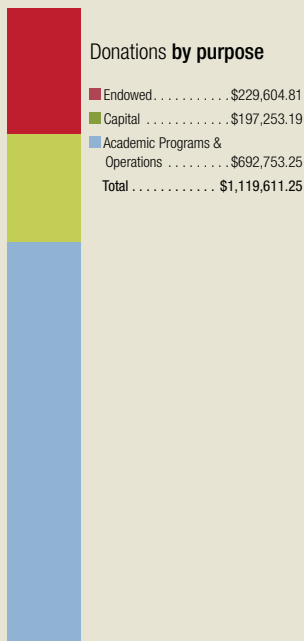
The annual Honor Roll of Donors recognizes the generosity of those who have supported Western with gifts in the past year.

You will recognize many familiar names in this list as well as some new friends whose gifts have enabled the WCSU Foundation to provide scholarships, support faculty and student research, and promote partnerships with other organizations that benefit the university and the community.

Your investment allows Western to provide the best possible education to students who will graduate and become productive citizens as business people, artists and professionals creating the future of the region and the state.

We are grateful for your decision to contribute to an improved WCSU and hope we can continue to count on your pledge in the next year. Thank you for supporting the WCSU Foundation.

Theresa Eberhard Asch



P President's Club (\$1,000+)

Members of this group have made an annual financial commitment of at least \$1,000 to the WCSU Foundation without placing restrictions on the purpose of their gifts. These donations are allocated to the university's greatest needs as determined by the president. President's Club donors have placed their trust in the WCSU mission and remain some of our most faithful advocates.



Members of the President's Club gather in the Gallery at Higgins Hall for a reception.

F Fairfield Hall Society (\$500-\$999)

With their support, these members enhance our students' collegiate experience and invest in our faculty's ever-evolving needs.

W WestConn Society (\$250-\$499)

The earliest established giving arm of the WCSU Foundation, this group has for decades supported innovative programs, outreach opportunities and enrichment initiatives.

C Century Club (\$100-\$249)

By far the largest participating giving group, these alumni, parents and friends provide an invaluable endorsement of a Western education.

L Loyalty Society

Members of this group have given to WCSU for at least five consecutive years, regardless of the amount. We count on these loyal donors who heartily believe in the university and do tremendous good through the simple act of contributing annually.

U Class of 2012 Senior Class Gift

Each year, the senior class leaves a legacy honoring their years at WCSU by donating to a scholarship for an incoming student. In this way, they pay tribute to the university by making it possible for a student, who otherwise might not be able, to enjoy the same opportunities they were afforded.



Graduating seniors enjoy commencement — the successful culmination of their academic endeavors.

The Office of Institutional Advancement has taken great care to ensure that the information contained in this Honor Roll is accurate and complete. However, errors do occur occasionally. If you were a contributor to WCSU between July 1, 2012, and June 30, 2013, and did not receive any goods or services for your contribution, but find your name missing, misspelled, listed under the wrong heading or not in the format that you requested, please accept our sincere apologies. Please note that in the alumni section, alumni are listed without spouses unless the spouse is an alumnus/a also, in which case he/she appears alone in his/her graduation year as well. Also, the total donation amount includes only those donations to the WCSU Foundation and Alumni Association that were tax-deductible. Please help us correct our records by contacting Lynne LeBarron at (203) 837-8188 or lebarron@wcsu.edu. A correction will be printed in next year's report.

Kennedy receives 2013 Entrepreneur of the Year Award

By Robert Taylor



The foundation of Constantine "Deno" Macricostas (above) and his wife, Marie, supports the annual Entrepreneur of the Year Award luncheon.

Below: Jim Kennedy

Jim Kennedy, founder and chief executive officer of The Network Support Company in Danbury, received the 2013 Macricostas Entrepreneur of the Year Award from Western on Oct. 10 at a luncheon at the Amber Room Colonnade in Danbury.

Kennedy, whose pioneering business ventures in computer and information technology services span more than three decades, was recognized for his entrepreneurial achievements as recipient of the annual WCSU award sponsored by the foundation of Brookfield industrialist and philanthropist Constantine "Deno" Macricostas and his wife Marie. "It certainly is an honor to know that others whom I respect believe I have done something worth celebrating," Kennedy said. "However, I know that everything I do is enabled by others, so I understand this is a group accomplishment."

Founded in 1996, The Network Support Company provides a broad range of customized service packages targeted for the specific needs of small and mid-sized businesses, including IT design, upgrade and management; cloud services; managed backup and disaster recovery services; security and firewall protection; technical engineering support; cabling; and Web development. From its Danbury headquarters and three branch offices in the eastern United States, the company serves clients in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Florida and 12 other states.

Kennedy's entrepreneurial drive as a technology pioneer provided the impetus for his co-founding

in 1983 of the Personal Computer Technology Group, the first computer rental firm to be established in Connecticut. Recipient of a degree in economics from Amherst College, Kennedy has been sought widely for conference presentations as an expert on emerging technologies in the hospitality industry, and has published several articles on this subject.

Kennedy engages actively in community service in the Danbury area, making important contributions in fields ranging from health care to business education. He serves as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Western Connecticut Health Network in Danbury and as a member of the WCSU Ancell School of Business Advisory Council and the Ability Beyond Disability IT Advisory Board. He is the founding chairman of the Samaritan Health Center, a nonprofit pediatric clinic that provides free services to more than 1,000 children each year whose families lack health insurance and would otherwise be unable to afford primary health care.

"Jim Kennedy's career is a classic example of how the entrepreneurial spirit builds enterprises, creates jobs and economically benefits our region," WCSU President James W. Schmotter observed. "Equally important is the leadership Jim has exercised in our community through his roles with Western Connecticut Health Network and a myriad of other organizations. We are all grateful to him for what he has done, always with humility and grace, for our community." ■





WCSU supporters Neil Marcus, Dianne Yamin and Robert Yamin enjoy themselves at a recent university event.



JLA Scholar earns President's Award

by Robin Provey

WCSU senior Melissa Mould is this year's recipient of the President's Award. A major in Justice and Law Administration, Mould's nearly-perfect GPA earned her this prestigious honor.

About the award, Mould said: "I felt a sense of accomplishment. I worked really hard and it was a crowning moment. And it's great that the university recognizes students who work hard."

Even though she had childhood aspirations of being in the CIA, Mould first came to the university as a nursing major. Then the Nature of Inquiry class in the Honors Program, taught by Dr. Chris Kukk, professor of Political Science, changed her life.

"Dr. Kukk's introduction speech in this class on his previous background in intelligence service was what changed my path in school to the JLA program," Mould said.

Mould is currently interning for the Federal Bureau of Investigation offices in New Haven.

Mould said the Honors Program taught her to look at issues with a variety of perspectives, which has been especially helpful in her internship.

The President's Award is presented once a year to a student chosen by the university president as an outstanding example of academic excellence. ■

Leadership

Please note that total giving includes donations to the WCSU Foundation and Alumni Association that were tax-deductible.

(\$25,000 and above)

Jerry B. Alford *
Isabelle T. Farrington '43 ☎
Dr. & Mrs. Erland Hagman ☎
Mulago Foundation
A. Searle Pinney *
James W. Schmotter &
Daphne A. Jameson ☎
Praxair Foundation, Inc.

(\$10,000-\$24,999)

Anonymous ☎
Mary & Rudy Behrens ☎
W. Jason '81 & Ellen M. Hancock ☎
Paul Jones Trust
Latino Scholarship Fund, Inc.
Mario A. Mesi ☎
Richard & Elizabeth Sullivan ☎
The Barden Foundation, Inc.
The Morganti Group, Inc. ☎
Union Savings Bank ☎

(\$5,000-\$9,999)

AllClear ID, Inc.
Arrow Strategies ***
Kathleen A. Azzariti ☎
Bedoukian Research, Inc. ☎
Charles F. '82 & Corinne F. Fenwick
Melissa E. Fenwick*
Goldring Family Foundation, Inc.
Irfan Kathwari Foundation, Inc.
Dr. Samuel & Myra Mattes Ross '52 ☎
Praxair, Inc. ☎
Agostinho J. & Sarah Ribeiro ☎
The Walton Group
Tricentennial Committee
Dane L. Unger
Mark D. & Mary Ellen Unger
Verizon Foundation ***

(\$1,000-\$4,999)

Marc & Jan Aldrich ☎
William Petkanas & Missy Alexander ☎
Gail Andersen '91 ☎
William Baker '86 ☎
Barry R. & Esther R. '05 Boriss ☎
Branson Ultrasonics Corporation ☎
Scott C. Brunjes '85 ☎
Ronald Shaw &
Lorraine Capobianco '77 ☎
Anthony E., Jr. & Roberta Caraluzzi ☎
Cartus Corporation ☎
Chamrovich Family ☎
Anthony W., Jr. '89 &
Jeanette L. '90 Cirone ☎
Susan A. Cizek ☎
Joanne Clark
Elizabeth A. '54 & Andrew Comcowich ☎
Crystal Rock Holdings, Inc.
CSU American Association of
University Professors
Danbury Garden Club
Dimeo Construction Company ☎
Dana & Sarah Dolloff
Theresa Eberhard Asch '64 ☎
Enfield Police Department
Equale & Cirone, LLP ☎
Ethan Allen Global, Inc. ☎
Fairfield County Bank ☎
Fairfield Processing Corporation ☎
Dr. Robert P. & Ms. Barbara S.
Fornshell ☎
Michael & Jacqueline Friel ☎
Russell G. Fryer & Alicia Vera
Jane E. McBride & Alfred J. Gates ☎
GE Foundation Matching
Gifts Program ☎
Joseph L. Giaquinto, Jr. '70 ☎
Daniel & Patricia Goble ☎

Thomas Goelz & S. Jane von Trapp ☎
Hillel Goldman ☎
Daniel Goleman
Charles & Sharon L. Guck ☎
Hathaway Family Foundation ☎
Carol A. Hawkes ☎
David A. & Elizabeth C. Heneberry ☎
Richard '99 & Tracy '93 Horosky ☎
Jess & Grace House ☎
Howard K. Archdeacon Family
Foundation, Inc. ☎
Ruth-Ellen M. Hunt &
Anne-Marie Boutellier
Robert & Patricia Ivry ☎
Curtis & Alice Jones
Atty. Sanford & Ms. Constance
Kaufman ☎
Jean D. Kreizinger
Leahy's Fuels, Inc. ☎
Philip & Christine Lodewick ☎
Doris Lundberg '70
Neil & Lisi Marcus ☎
James & Linda A. Marquis ☎
Matrix Realty Group ☎
Hugh R. & June C. McCarney ☎
Albert S., Jr. '67 & Joan '68 Mead ☎
Brian Miller
Lewis, Jr. & Mary Ellen Mottley ☎
Mulvaney Mechanical, Inc. ☎
Glenn Nanavaty '86 ☎
Newtown Savings Bank ☎
Lea Neylan **
David W. '72 & Nancy L. '72
Nurnberger ☎
Richard Parmalee, Jr. '95 ☎
Paul Dinto Electrical Contractors, Inc.
Orn Pfeil
Walter R. Pierz
Pitney Bowes Foundation ***

Cory J. '98 & Lizette M. '00 Plock ☎
Lawrence '81 & Tamara Post ☎
Richard Proctor, Jr. ☎
Ronald J. '74 & Janice W. Pugliese ☎
Anthony J. & MaryJean '87 Rebeiro ☎
Paul J. & Mary Jane Reis ☎
William '62 & K. B. Robbins
Rosy Tomorrows, Inc. ☎
Jean-Guy Roy
Saint Mark Catholic Church
Mariana Sanchez de Ovando
Savings Bank of Danbury ☎
Sheraton Old San Juan Hotel & Casino
Ken '96 & Megan Silliman ☎
Correen Smith
Judith Somers ☎
Anthony & Marie Spina
Charles P. & Denise S. Spiridon ☎
Jonathan R. Stark '00 &
Charles F. Burke, Jr. ☎
Paul M. Steinmetz & Jenine I. Michaud
Carl M. & Barbara L. '59 Susnitzky ☎
Test-Con Incorporated ☎
The Barden Corporation ☎
The Gere Foundation
The Hartford Insurance Company
The NY-CONN Corporation ☎
The Taunton Press, Inc. ☎
Jack & Doris C. Tyransky ☎
United Way of Western Connecticut, Inc.
Nancy Vitale
Neil E. '52 ** & Carolyn C. '52
Wagner ☎
Waterford Police Department
WCSU Alumni Association ☎
Eric '64 & Diana '64 Wellman ** ☎
Estate of Lois C. Wolsch
Atty. Robert '79 &
Judge Dianne Yamin ☎

The Dalai Lama visits WCSU

By Robert Taylor



The Dalai Lama addressed audiences small and large during a two-day visit to WCSU. His talks filled the O'Neill Center and brought national attention to the university.

Below, His Holiness spoke to a group of invited guests before one of his lectures in the O'Neill Center on the Westside campus.

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, spiritual leader of the Tibetan Buddhist community and recipient of the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize for his commitment to international harmony and democratization in his native land, made a historic visit to WCSU to share his universal message of peace and compassion in two talks presented in October 2012.

The Dalai Lama delivered talks on "The Art of Compassion" on Oct. 18 and "Advice for Daily Life" on Oct. 19 before audiences each day of approximately 3,500 in the Feldman Arena of the O'Neill Center on the university's Westside campus in Danbury. Sporting a WCSU cap and speaking with grace, candor, humility and lively good humor, His Holiness established an easy and informal rapport with listeners throughout his talks and in his extended responses during the question-and-answer session that concluded each presentation.

WCSU President James W. Schmotter described the Dalai Lama's visit as "an important milestone in our university's history. These events have galvanized the entire university community, and signaled a new level of public stature for Western." Schmotter noted the opportunities that the Dalai Lama's visit presented for educational enrichment at the university and in the wider area community, "generating interdisciplinary dialogue among Western colleagues that can affect the university's intellectual life for years to come."

The historic visit by His Holiness to Danbury marked the culmination of a process that began in 2010 with discussions between representatives of WCSU and Do Ngak Kunphen Ling (DNKL) Tibetan Buddhist Center for Universal Peace in

Redding. Western and DNKL submitted separate letters of invitation in February 2010, and the Office of His Holiness the Dalai Lama formally accepted the invitation in December 2011.

"We could not have arranged this exciting event without the gracious assistance of the DNKL Buddhist center in Redding," Schmotter observed. "The further development of this cooperative relationship will be a long-lasting result of the visit."

The Dalai Lama is the spiritual leader of Tibet and has lived in exile since 1959 in the northern Indian city of Dharamsala. For more than half a century, the Dalai Lama has visited some 60 countries on six continents, meeting with political and religious leaders, addressing the United Nations, and delivering teachings and talks at colleges and other public forums worldwide.

The cooperation between WCSU and DNKL yielded a full slate of events during 2012 inspired by the central theme of "Creativity and Compassion." Prime Minister of Tibet Lobsang Sangay delivered a lecture on "Democracy in Exile" in February 2012 as part of the WCSU President's Lecture Series. Other programs ranged from presentations on Eastern medicine and Buddhist philosophy to the "World Music" chamber music concert featuring an original composition by Western Professor of Music Eric Lewis. Lewis and Dr. John Briggs, professor emeritus of writing, linguistics and creative process, initiated the early discussions with DNKL members that planted the seed for WCSU-DNKL cooperation in arranging the visit. ■

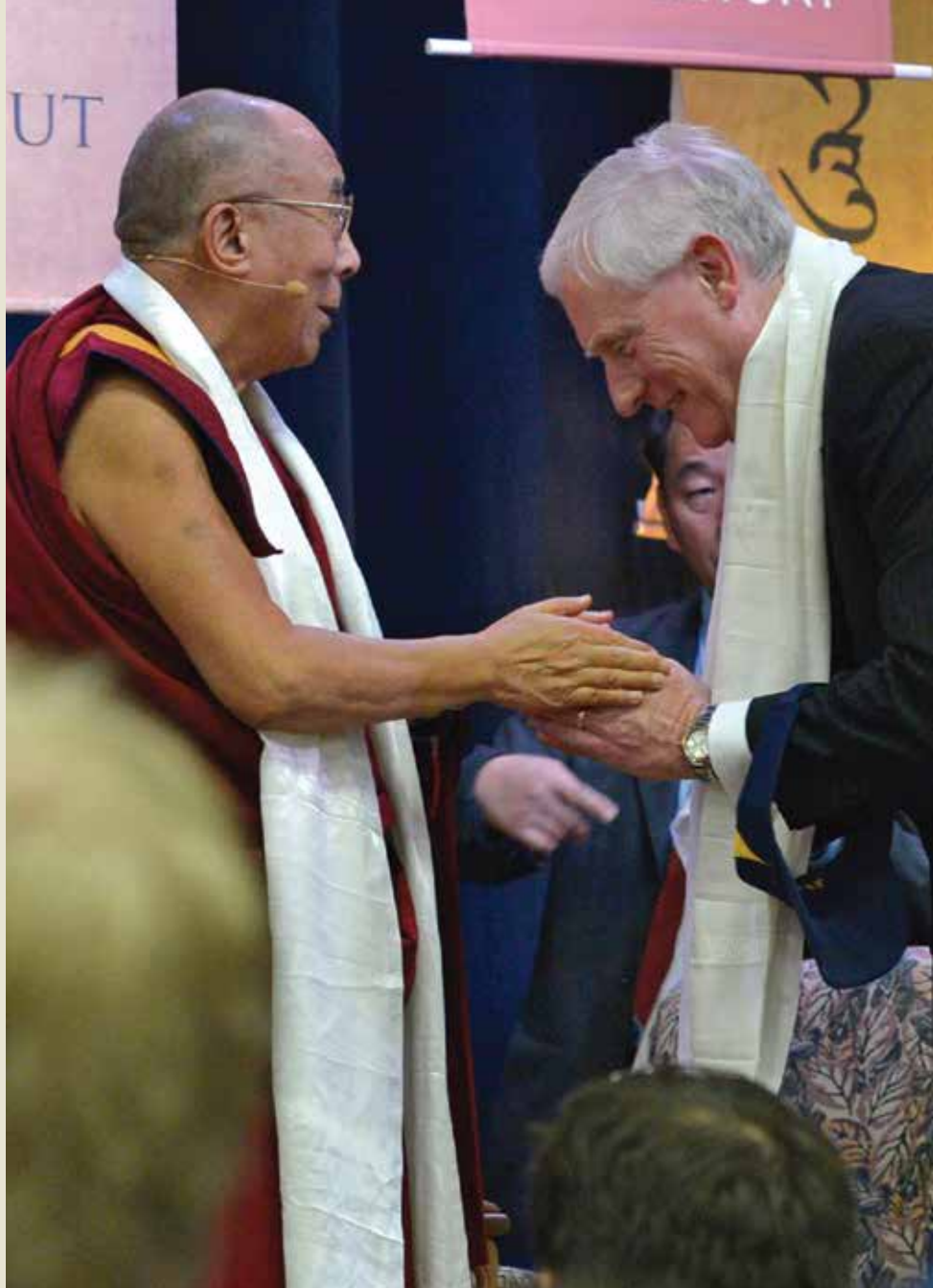


Visionaries

This giving group honors those whose cumulative giving over the years exceeds \$50,000. The extraordinary commitment that they have made to WCSU impacts every facet of our university and serves as an inspiration to others.

Anonymous 🏠
 Barnes & Noble College
 Booksellers, Inc. ©
 Boehringer Ingelheim Cares
 Foundation
 Boehringer Ingelheim Corp.
 Boehringer Ingelheim
 Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
 Branson Ultrasonics Corporation 🏠
 Anthony E., Jr. & Roberta
 Caraluzzi © 🏠
 Kathleen Cherry **
 Valery G. Cunningham *
 Ethan Allen Interiors, Inc. ©
 Isabelle T. Farrington '43 🏠
 Fiorita, Kornhaas & Company, P.C. 🏠
 Gino Arconti Family
 Harold Jonathan Greenwald *
 Dr. & Mrs. Erland Hagman ©
 W. Jason '81 & Ellen Hancock 🏠
 Hawley Construction 🏠
 Gary '78 & Cynthia Hawley 🏠
 Rose L. Heyman '29 *

Irfan Kathwari Foundation, Inc.
 John A. Johnston *
 Natalie F. Johnston '36 *
 Farooq & Farida Kathwari
 KBE Building Corporation
 Constantine & Marie Macricostas
 Mario A. Mesi 🏠
 Lewis, Jr. & Mary Ellen Mottley 🏠
 Mulago Foundation
 David W. '72 & Nancy L. '72
 Numbberger © 🏠
 Melvin Powers
 Powers Construction Company, Inc.
 Praxair Foundation, Inc.
 Savings Bank of Danbury 🏠
 Sodexo Inc. & Affiliates
 The Morganti Group, Inc. 🏠
 The Nellie Mae Education
 Foundation, Inc.
 Union Savings Bank © 🏠
 W.B. Connor Trust
 Roy & Virginia Young



Legacy Society

This giving group was established to recognize those individuals who have made a charitable provision for WCSU in their estate plans. By joining the Legacy Society, you can make a significant contribution to benefit generations to come at the university. Please contact the Development Office at (203) 837-8419 to learn more about joining this group.

Frances E. Allen '35 *
 Jerry B. Allford *
 Anonymous 🏠
 Mary & Rudy Behrens © 🏠
 Sharon M. Bradley '91 © 🏠
 Valery G. Cunningham *
 Richard E. Davis '76
 Melissa E. Fenwick *
 Marilyn Glen
 Harold Jonathan Greenwald *
 Nancy Gyurko *
 Rose L. Heyman '29 *
 Gail Hill-Williams '87

John A. Johnston *
 Natalie F. Johnston '36 *
 Joseph W. Keilty '60 *
 Joseph F. Kilcran '58 *
 George LaCava '53
 Marguerite Minck *
 Lea Neylan **
 A. Searle Pinney *
 Arthur Rosien '40 *
 Gail P. Shaker *
 The W. B. Connor Foundation, Inc. *
 Edward A. Tomaszewicz *
 Lois C. Wolsh *



Above: President Schmotter greets his Holiness the Dalai Lama.
 Below and left: An audience that included Richard Gere, students, supporters and community members responded to His Holiness' message.



WestConn Society honors Praxair Inc. with the 2013 Community Service Award

By Robin Provey

Praxair received the WCSU Foundation Community Service Award at the 32nd WestConn Society Luncheon held in April at the Matrix Corporate Center in Danbury. The Fortune 300 company is the largest industrial gases company in North and South America and one of the largest worldwide with more than 26,000 employees in 50 countries.

Praxair's mission has been "making the planet more productive" and, as proof of that, the company has made a firm commitment to community engagement and outreach. It is a company focused on establishing sustainable partnerships and lasting change. Employees engage in hands-on community work and development.

The annual WestConn Society Luncheon has been a tradition for more than three decades. The luncheon is a celebration of donors; their contributions make programs and scholarships possible at WCSU. Praxair was selected as recipient of the Community Service Award for its ongoing contributions to the university's students and those of surrounding communities through university-sponsored programs.

Scott Sanderude, Praxair vice president of global market development and marketing, accepted the award at the luncheon. A resident of Ridgefield for 15 years, Sanderude is no stranger to Western.

"I have been a member of the WCSU Foundation Board for some years, and I have seen firsthand the quality of this university. It is a pleasure to be accepting this award on behalf of Praxair today," Sanderude said. "At Praxair we don't just want to give grants; we want to be fully engaged employees and members of a community that makes an impact."

Despite its size and success, Praxair is a company that wants to extend customer service far beyond the purchasing of a product. The business is community-oriented and the volunteer efforts of its employees are recognized worldwide.

"The backbone of community engagement at Praxair is our employees," Sanderude said. "I believe this company has established many opportunities where business meets education. We want to continue giving students the opportunity to further knowledge." ■



Dr. Edwin Wong, associate professor of Biological and Environmental Sciences, engages students in the lab as part of the university's college readiness program called "Building a Bridge to Improve Student Success."

200% Club

Donors who at least double their gifts from one year to the next belong to this giving group. Their growing endorsement from year to year keeps pace with programmatic cost increases the university faces in its pursuit of excellence.

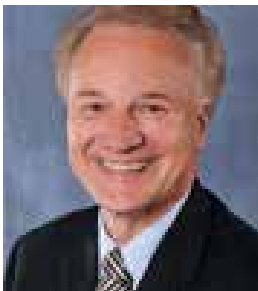
Aetna Foundation ***
 Simone Ahloowalia '10
 Mr. Herman Anderson, Jr. '55 &
 Ms. Ann Metzgar Anderson ☉
 Irene M. Anderson '48 ☉
 Joanne Meyers Baldauf '56 ☉
 Charles G. Ball, Jr. '64 &
 Donna C. Ball ☉
 Richard T. '64 & Marjorie Bellesheim ☉
 Dr. Theodore & Ms. Carleen Blum ☉
 Walter H. & Sharon M. '91 Bradley ☉
 Sharon Broderick '83
 Paul L. Cesca '75 ☉
 Eileen S. Coladarci '89
 Elizabeth A. '54 & Andrew
 Comcovich ☉
 Crystal Rock Holdings, Inc.
 William '67 & Pamela Dahncke ☉

Ugo & Joan Damia
 Danbury Garden Club
 David T. Dann '94 ☉
 Del-Tron Precision, Inc.
 John '99 & Patricia '66 Egan ☉
 Ethan Allen Global, Inc. ☉
 Flight Investments, Inc.
 Robert P. & Barbara S. Fornshell ☉
 Lynn French '74
 Sharon B. Girard, NCTM '76 ☉
 Daniel & Patricia Goble ☉
 Thomas Goelz & S. Jane von Trapp ☉
 Mark F. Graser '73 C ☉
 Susan J. '72 & Valentine R. Grobnagger
 Robert E. '63 & Patricia A.
 Groeschner ☉
 Dr. & Mrs. Erland Hagman ☉
 Mr. & Mrs. A. Haliczar ☉

Russell & Leila Hirshfield
 John L. & Lee Ann Jennett
 Joseph E., Jr. '68 &
 Jacqueline P. Kelly
 Aaron T. '97 & Jayna C. Larkin
 Claire Leheny '64
 William Lemak, Jr. '69 ☉
 Dennis P. '95 & Kathryn A. '98
 Leszko ☉
 Richard & Petria Lundwall
 Louise F. McDevitt
 Margaret Thorne Meisenhelder '61
 Robert J. & Christine M. Merrer
 Jeffrey R. Miller '85 ☉
 Maureen Mohammed '10 ☉
 Edward S. & Mary Anne Moore
 Sara F. Morgatto '78 ☉
 Dr. Allen & Ms. Roberta Calhoun Morton ☉
 Mulvaney Mechanical, Inc. ☉
 Robert, Jr. '62 & Joellen Murphy ☉
 Richard J. Myers '93
 Glenn Nanavaty '86 ☉
 Barbara '61 & Nick Nero ☉

Newtown Savings Bank ☉
 Shouhua Qi ☉
 Patricia Randolph
 Richard E. Reimold
 Mary H. Roberts '65, Jean H. Cashman
 & William C. Hibbard
 Olga Roman-Bates '76 ☉
 Valerie A. Roth '99 ☉
 Elaine A. Salem '64 ☉
 Darleen A. '73 & Scott W. Senete
 Dr. Laurel Shader & Jon Zonderman
 Monica P. '04 & Sergio Sousa ☉
 Andrew Staley '84 ☉
 Bruce M. '67 & Sherrill A. Stott ☉
 Richard & Elizabeth Sullivan ☉
 Melinda R. Tarsi '06
 Rita C. Thal ☉
 The Barden Corporation ☉
 Jennifer Carrubba Trombley '68 ☉
 Francis A. Wainwright, Jr. '71
 WCSU Alumni Association ☉

Meet our board members



Erland Hagman is a longtime local businessman who agreed to chair the WCSU Foundation's comprehensive campaign.



By Robin Provey

Erland Hagman believes that the university is a vital part of the community. A member of the WCSU Foundation Board of Directors, Hagman recently agreed to serve as the chairman of the WCSU Campaign Cabinet.

Hagman said he supports Western because of its critical community role, which includes providing opportunities for students long after they have earned their degrees.

"WCSU has a good foundation to grow its student size and student caliber," Hagman said. "And I want to be part of that success story."

Both of Hagman's daughters have attended Western, and he knows firsthand about the quality of a WCSU education.

"The curriculum, new campus and teachers are wonderful and provide a good value for a college investment. I want to support Western and all the good work they do for young minds," said Hagman, founder and owner of Ergotech Inc., a producer of ergonomically beneficial equipment in Danbury.

He earned an engineering degree from Lund University in his native Sweden, an MBA from Pace University and a Ph.D. from Northeastern University. He worked for other companies, including Asea Brown Boveri and Curtis Instruments, before launching his own firm. ■

NCAA President Mark Emmert to deliver President's Lecture

By Robert Taylor

Dr. Mark Emmert, president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, will appear at Western on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014, as a featured speaker in the WCSU President's Lecture Series.

Emmert became the fifth president of the NCAA in October 2010 after serving for six years as president of the University of Washington, where he also earned his bachelor's degree in political science in 1975.

Previously, he held top administrative positions as chief operating and academic officer at the University of Connecticut from 1995 to 1999, and as chancellor of Louisiana State University from 1999 to 2004. A Ph.D. recipient in public administration from Syracuse University, he began his higher education career as associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Colorado

from 1985 to 1992, and as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Montana State University from 1992 to 1995.

During his tenure as NCAA president, Emmert has dealt with a number of high-profile cases including the severe sanctions imposed upon the Penn State University football program in July 2012 following release of the Freeh Report investigating the scandal surrounding former assistant coach and convicted sex offender Jerry Sandusky. In a New York Times interview published shortly after the decision, Emmert observed, "Our business is to focus on whether or not the behavior of a program is supporting the integrity and the ethics and values of intercollegiate athletics." ■



SVPA building on schedule, honored with design excellence award

By Sherri Hill

Work is progressing on schedule for the WCSU School of Visual and Performing Arts Center on the university's Westside campus in Danbury. And as the impressive structure takes shape, construction design organizations have taken note.

The Cold-Formed Steel Engineers Institute (CFSEI) announced recently that ClarkDietrich Building Systems — the industry's leading manufacturer of a full-line of drywall studs and accessories, structural studs and joists, metal lath and accessories, shaft wall studs and track, interior finishing products, and connectors and accessories for commercial and residential construction — was honored for its role in the project with a Design Excellence Award at the 2013 CFSEI Annual Expo and Meeting in San Francisco, Calif. The Design Excellence category recognizes small and large projects that exemplify excellence in the structural

design of new or renovated structures utilizing cold-formed steel products.

According to a ClarkDietrich press release, "The 137,000-square-foot project presented several unique design challenges for the use of cold-formed steel including a 96-foot soaring wall, an interior 40-foot plenum, as well as trapezoidal and triangular windows."

Accepting the award, Robert Warr, P.E., LEED AP, director of Engineering Services for ClarkDietrich Engineering Services LLC, said, "Our work on this project truly represents the best of ClarkDietrich's offerings. We would like to extend a special thank you to CONN Acoustics in Newington for trusting us with their design needs. It is only with top-quality contractors like them that we are able to receive this distinguished accolade."

The eagerly awaited SVPA Center will house the university's music, theatre and art programs. WCSU Director of Facilities Planning and Engineering Peter Visentin said the project is about 65 percent complete and is on track for a February 2014 commissioning that will include testing of all mechanical, electrical, plumbing and lighting systems. Visentin said furnishings and equipment are scheduled to be loaded in during spring 2014, with the first classes to be held in the new facility in fall 2014. ■



The new Visual and Performing Arts instructional center will transform the Westside campus. Top: North light fills the sculpture studio. Middle: The building's central plaza will welcome visitors and tie together the music, theaters and art wings. Bottom: the building's exterior echoes the look of the nearby Campus Center, O'Neill Center and Westside Classroom Building.





WCSU theatre students earn rave reviews on international stage

By Sherri Hill

This summer marked a milestone for the Western Department of Theatre Arts. It was the 10th time faculty and students have traveled to Edinburgh, Scotland, to participate in the renowned Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the largest arts festival in the world. From July 31 through Aug. 11, more than two dozen WCSU students and recent graduates staged "Lysistrata: The Disco Vaudeville Rock 'N' Roll Musical" at the Gilded Balloon Teviot Debating Hall at Bistro Square in Edinburgh.

WCSU Professor of Theatre Arts and the show's director Sal Trapani said, "For our students, performing in Edinburgh is a life-changing experience in many ways. The shows are a chance for students to perform before a live audience and an opportunity for the public to see how talented our students are."

Not just the public sees our students perform, but international theatre reviewers do, too. And the feedback was fantastic.

A FringeReview post listed Western's production as one of the "Top ten overall recommended musicals."

Geoff of One4Review posted, "Over the years the Fringe has been graced by this company crossing the pond from America to stage their adaptation of historical pieces and given the twist of making [it] into a musical extravaganza. The classical story of Lysistrata is the chosen storyline this time, the tale of how she persuaded the women of Greece to withhold themselves from husbands and lovers in order to force peace negotiations, a ploy that obviously worked. The cast of 20-plus were excellent without exception and as usual there were some amazing singing voices, the set was simple but excellently dressed, and the original music by Sal Trapani enjoyable and fitting to the styles in this title. Trapani is also the writer, director and producer of the piece and his creativity is certainly done justice by this extremely talented young cast. They can sing and dance, tap, and the routines are well drilled."

While at the Festival Fringe, the students also were selected to perform in the chorus of David Greig's "The Events," which won the Carol Tambor Best of Edinburgh Award — the most prestigious award at the festival. "The Events" will be coming to Broadway in the near future. ■

contributed photo

Foundations & Corporations

Many companies offer a matching gift program for their employees as an incentive to contribute to nonprofit organizations, such as the WCSU Foundation. Please remember to ask your human resources department if your company offers a matching gift program. For more information and a list of matching gift companies, please visit <http://matchinggifts.com/wcsu/>, call (203) 837-8188 or email development@wcsu.edu.

9 Kellogg Street, LLC
 A & J Construction
 Ability Beyond Disability ♿
 Adherent Technologies, LLC
 Aetna Foundation ***
 Ann's Place, The Home of I Can
 Aquiline Holdings, LLC
 Arthur Murray Dance Studio
 AT&T Foundation ***
 B. J. Bertram Foundation, Inc.
 Barnes & Noble ©
 Berkshire Food Distributors, Inc.
 Colin West
 Brian's Guitars
 Capital Recovery Group, LLC
 Capitol Region Education Council
 (CREC-EA)
 CCSU American Association of
 University Professors

CCSU Music Department
 Church Hill Classics, Ltd.
 Citizen's Charitable Foundation ***
 City of Danbury Cultural Commission
 Danbury Downtown Special
 Services District
 Danbury High School
 Danbury Hospital Laboratorians
 Danbury Metal Finishing, Inc. © ♿
 Dawn's Vintage Jewelry
 De Moura & Son, LLC
 Del-Tron Precision, Inc.
 Department of Biological &
 Environmental Sciences ©
 Didona Associates Landscape Architects, LLC
 DRS Consolidated Controls
 Duke Energy Foundation Matching
 Gift Program ***
 Eaton Corporation ***

Élans
 Evergreen Endoscopy Center, LLC
 Fat Wedge University, LLC
 Florita, Kornhaas & Company, P.C. ♿
 Flight Investments, Inc.
 Gasser Law Firm, LLC
 General Reinsurance Corporation ***
 Goulash Place
 Green Funeral Home
 Highland Middle School
 Holton Travel/CWT
 IBM Matching Grants Program ♿ ***
 Integrity Motors, LLC
 International Union of Operating
 Engineers Local 478
 JGS Administrative Services
 John Jay College of Criminal Justice
 Jonas Productions, Inc.
 Kaiser's Truck Shop

Kane's Music Store-Studio
 Koo Restaurant
 Krusen Enterprises, Inc.
 Max & Goldman, LLC
 Media Works
 Michael R. Mader Co., Inc.
 Naylor School Staff & Community
 Nejame & Sons of Danbury, Inc.
 Norbert E. Mitchell Co., Inc. ©
 O&G Industries, Inc.
 Patrick Henry College
 Patti Dunne's School of
 Gymnastics, Inc.
 Pedicorp, P.C.
 Photonics, Inc.
 Portuguese Cultural Center
 Razdad Records, LLC
 Ronald N. Spice Professional
 Corporation
 Sanofi-Aventis ***
 Saratoga Springwater Company
 SCB International Materials, Inc. ©
 Tara Welty
 Sikorsky Financial Credit Union
 Sopranoplanet

Student Athlete Advisory Committee
 State University of New York
 T2 Biosystems, Inc.
 The Hartford Financial Services Group ***
 The Joseph & JoAnn Byck Foundation
 The Jowdy-Kane Funeral Home, Inc.
 The Lil' Mamas
 The Newtown Woman's Club
 The Wesley Family
 Trumpet Diva Products
 UCONN Health Center-CSDU
 Unity Scientific, LLC
 University of Rochester
 Ventura & Ribeiro, LLC
 Walter Wick Studio/Catahoula
 Productions Inc.
 Waste Management
 Waterbury Lodge of Elks 265
 Webster Bank, N.A.
 WestConn Class of 1947
 Western Connecticut Health Network
 WCSU Women's Basketball Team
 WCSU Human Resources Department
 YardApes, Inc.
 Ye Royal Order of Golf Twisters



A Tribute to Newtown

Ana Márquez-Greene Music Scholarship Fund at Western Connecticut State University

John Adams
 Laura M. Agudelo
 Christopher Albi
 Gale Albrecht
 Alan Alford
 AllClear ID, Inc.
 Kathleen Allen
 David & Patricia Ames
 Damian & Carol Amodeo
 Mr. Herman Anderson, Jr. '55 &
 Ms. Ann Metzgar Anderson © 🏠
 Barb, Jim, Matt & Drew Angelo
 Ray & Liz Archambault
 Beverly & Donald Aronovitch
 Arrow Strategies ***
 Paul Arslanian
 Patricia Ascione
 William Atkin
 Ann J. Atkinson
 Janice & Matt Audet

Elizabeth August
 Ryan Bachman '12
 Dawn A. '08 & Stephen R. Bailey 🏠
 Lynn D. Bailey
 Susan Barach
 Gale E. Barna '72
 Theresa Barnett
 Candace Barrington, CCSU-English Dept.
 Patricia Bartolo
 Adrienne Barton
 Alexia Basile
 John F. & Jouette M. Bassler
 Mary & John Battung
 Andrew Beals
 Henry L. & Dawn S. Begian
 Donna G. & Thomas A. Belmonte
 Robert & Phyllis Berman
 Keith Berry
 Maria Betro
 Stephanie L. & Justin Bidwell &
 Susan Baker

Robert D. Billings '10 © 🏠
 Colin West
 Edward C. & Marsha D. Birch
 Alan & Jane Birk
 Madalyn H. Biron
 Deidra Bish
 Jacob Bittner
 Thomas Blake
 David & Sondra Blanzaco
 Meg Bloom
 Gary Bocaccio '74 & Janet McKay '05 🏠
 Kevin Borgstedt
 Esther R. & Barry R. '05 Boriss © 🏠
 Ronald Borror
 Rebecca Bosworth-Clemens
 Robert A. & Cathryn A. Boyd
 Mike Bradley
 Devon Brady
 Louisa Bram
 Michael Brawer

Brian's Guitars
 Winifred Brickmeier
 Lindsey Briggs
 Sharon Broderick '83
 Jennifer Brown
 Essie Bruell
 Tiffany Buckley
 Joseph & Marcelle Budnick
 Meredith Bump
 Heather Burris
 Jack Burt
 Emile G. '75 & Theresa L. '00 Buzaid 🏠
 Theresa Caldarone
 Christina Caldwell
 Madeline Calhoun
 Marjorie Callaghan
 Reuel Camacho
 Alyson Camera '12
 Deborah Campbell
 Arin Canbolat

Joseph & Ellen Cangl
 Megan Cannella
 Capital Recovery Group, LLC
 Capitol Region Education Council (CREC-EA)
 Mojca Cardin
 Michael R. Carlo '08
 Nancy Carlson
 Steve Carner
 Barbara Carmignani
 Shari P. Carr
 Suzy Carroll
 Walter Carroll
 Jane Caruso
 John & Charlene Casamento
 Daniel G. Caseres
 Jerrod Cattet, Darren Litzie & Kevin
 Smith Jazz Trio
 CCSU American Association of University
 Professors
 CCSU Music Department

Ana Márquez-Greene Music Scholarship Fund (cont'd)



The WCSU community came together to mourn and to offer support in the aftermath of the December 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings a few miles from campus.

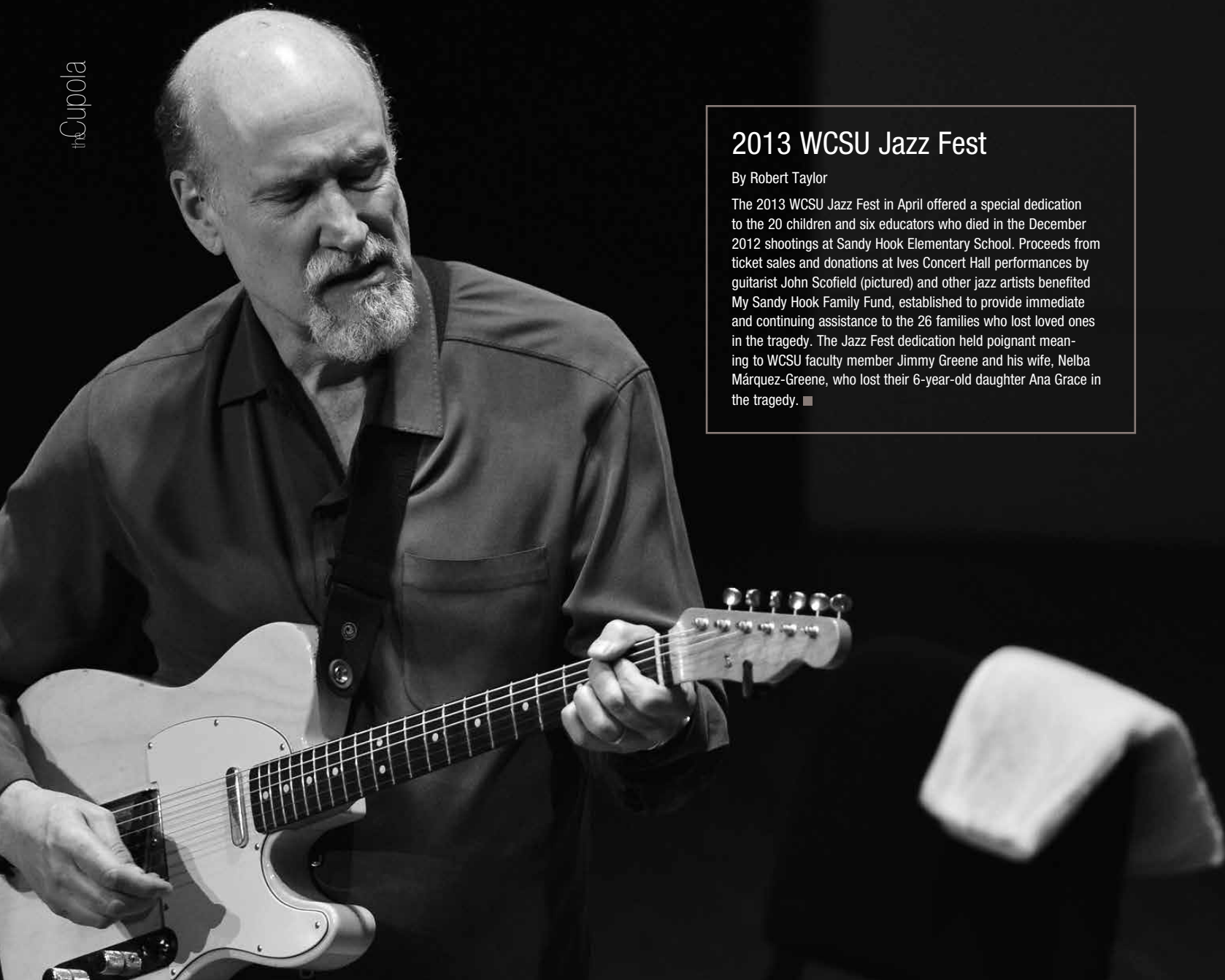
The university hosted a memorial service the week following the tragedy attended by 2,500 in the William A. O'Neill Center. Newtown First Selectman Patricia Llodra and Dr. Janet Robinson, Newtown superintendent of schools, helped lead the service.

The United Way of Western Connecticut conducted several workshops on campus to help residents, first-responders and victims' family members and friends work their way through the issues that arose from the shootings. Speakers included the principal of Columbine High School and the founder of Voices of September 11th. Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani presented the conference keynote speech. As pictured above, Giuliani met with WCSU President James W. Schmotter.

Below, Vice President Joe Biden visited campus as the keynote speaker at a conference on issues involving gun violence and mental health. The conference, hosted by U.S. Sens. Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy and U.S. Rep. Elizabeth Esty, attracted 400 residents, state and local politicians, mental health experts and faith leaders. The discussions focused on ways to reduce gun violence, protect children and make our communities safer. After the conference, Biden met with families of shooting victims as well as survivors of other gun violence in Connecticut. ■



- Sharon & Mark Chamberlin
- Christine Chan
- William Charlap
- Cecile Charpentier & Diane Turek
- Vincent Chericó
- Noreen Cherry
- Kelly Chidester
- Sharon Churchill
- Richard Clymer
- Donna Coelho
- Karen Cohan
- Klara Coku
- Marianne Colacray
- Eileen S. Coladarci '89
- Sheryl DC Cole
- Lucia Colletti
- Neeta & Brian Connally
- Mary Conroy
- Constance K. Conway '96 ☺ 🏠
- John Cord
- Timothy & Diane Covello
- Frederic W. '95 & Debra A. '95 Cratty 🏠
- Brenda M. Craven
- Lisa Cruse
- Christopher P. Cullen
- Thomas & Jane Curley
- Anessa Curtin
- Robert '75 & Jeanne '74 D'Angelo
- Steven Day
- Thomas, Patricia & Eric DeAngelis
- Jessica Decatur
- Thomas DeChiaro
- Gary DeFranceschi
- Bernard A. & Denise DeMonte
- Alyssa DeMatteo
- Jessica DeMelis
- Cory W. '81 & Anna F. '82 Denninger
- Diamond Mind
- Nancy Diana
- Brian & Shelly Diana
- Didona Associates Landscape Architects, LLC
- Cynthia Dill
- Dr. James J. Donegan & Michele Ganon
- Brooks & Paula Dorn
- Deborah A. Dougherty '96
- Ronald '74 & Rita Drozdenko '73 🏠
- DRS Consolidated Controls
- Erin H. Dubuque
- Ronald C. & Marienne B. Dubuque
- Duke Energy Foundation Matching Gift Program ***
- Nora Duncan
- Peter Dunn
- Cathy Durrett
- Nicole Dussere
- Carrie Dye
- Kim Dzierzawski
- Eaton Corporation ***
- Cynthia Eckhardt
- Nancy Edwards
- William D. '93 & Danelle Egan
- Scott Elston
- Negin Emad
- Mary Emerine
- Enfield Police Department
- Adam Epstein
- David A. Epstein & Sari K. Friedman
- Steve & Melanie Evans
- Mary Everrett
- David G. & Ann Fahey
- Don '89 & Janet Fantozzi
- Susan & Gerald Faris
- James, Jr. '08 & Teresa Fasanella
- Feather Stone Art Studio
- Tamala Ferguson
- Barbara Fernandes
- Corey Ferrell
- Wendy Fieser
- Robin Flanagan
- Kari Flint
- Jennifer Flory
- Linda Forbes
- Leslie '08 & Shelley Forker,
- A Dancer's Palette, LLC
- Tom & Linda Fowler
- Bob & Gail Frahm
- Steven Frank
- Margaret Freedman
- Jill Funderburke
- Marilyn O. '92 & Joseph Galanti
- Jim Heetmann & Mary '12 Gallagher
- Maureen Gamache
- Holly & Michael Garavel
- Robert M. Garavel '73
- Ellen Gauthier
- GE Foundation Matching Gifts Program ☺ ***
- General Reinsurance Corporation ***
- Mark J. Gentry & Margaret R. Weeks
- Jason B. & Patricia A. George
- Ronald & Sheila Gerber
- Aaron L. & Sandra P. Gersten
- Charles Gibson
- Debbie Gilbert
- Paula Gilberto
- Patricia A. & Thomas J. Gill
- Joseph & Moriah Gillis
- Sharon B. Girard, NCTM '76 🏠
- Nan Glass
- Daniel P. Goble ☺
- Mike Godette
- Mike & Pam Godette
- Brendan Goedde
- Thomas Goelz & S. Jane von Trapp ☺
- Jessica Goldberg
- Mitchell Goldblatt
- Bruce Goldstein
- Albert '66 & Kathleen Gomes
- Nereyda Gonzalez
- Marilyn Goodnite
- Phyllis & Barry Gordon
- Stacey Gordon
- Rita Graicerstein
- Nicholas Greco
- Bibi Green
- Lea Green
- Linnie E. Green
- Kia Green Anderson
- Roger & Sylvia Greenberg
- Timothy K. & Lisa M. Greene
- Mary Griesbacker
- Maribeth Griffin '87
- Amy Grolling
- Bill, Rhoda, Michelle & Robert Guider
- Len Gutman
- Walter & Claudia Gwardyak
- Ruth Gyure
- Nancy Haensch '10
- David & Kathleen Halek 🏠
- Thomas P., Jr. '69 & Lynn Halligan
- Jeff Hamilton
- Brandon Hanna
- Kristen Hannold
- Mr. & Mrs. Benny Hansen
- Gavrielle Hara-Salzberg
- David & Merle Harris
- David & Patricia Harris
- James P., Sr. & Adeline Harris
- Tracey Hartford
- Seth & Elizabeth Hartwell
- Christine Harvey
- Lisa Hasko
- Irina Hawk
- Carolyn Heagle '13
- Teresa Healy
- James & Mona Heath
- Fredric Heilbronner
- Maggi Heilwell
- Frank M. Herbert '74
- Alison Herrero
- Gail Herson
- Jane Herzog
- Karen Hess
- Peter Hess
- Mace Hibbard
- Lois Hicks-Wozniak
- Highland Middle School
- Jay & Marjorie Hirshfield
- Russell & Leila Hirshfield
- Brian Ho
- Kia Hodge
- Lisa Hollister
- Patrice Hough '96
- Robert & Barbara Howard
- Robert & Metaxia Hubbard
- Huber Family
- Melissa Hudson
- Paula Huey Fox
- Lucy Hurston
- Thomas Imre '08
- In Spirit Ministries
- Irfan Kathwari Foundation, Inc.
- Zachary Isaacs
- Todor Ivanov
- Patricia W. & Robert Ivry 🏠
- Valerie N. Jaeger '13
- Gabrielle Jazwiecki
- JGS Administrative Services
- Jean Jianos Gray
- Patricia H. Johnson & Katrina E. Healey
- W. John & Jessica Johnson
- Jonas Productions, Inc.
- Rosy Kapur
- Deb Kapushinski
- Jeffrey Katz
- William & Sandra Katz
- Judith Katzman
- Bernard & Beth Donna Kavalier
- Chelsea Kent
- Thomas D. & Rebecca Kenyon
- Elizabeth Kimmel
- Jeffrey B. Kinnard
- Elizabeth Klingner
- Michael Klinger
- Steven J. & Kathleen A. Kloeblen
- Katie Ko
- Frank & Judith Kooistra
- Stephen Kot
- Karen & Michael Koza 🏠
- Bettye G. Kramer
- Ruth S. Krems
- Tara L. Kuther '93
- Emma Lamar
- Kwana Lamar-Reinosa
- William & Rebecca Lamorey
- Deanna Lanzilli
- Tricia Lash
- Tara Lavan
- Leahy's Fuels, Inc. ☺
- Lynne M. LeBarron
- Robyn LeBeau
- Susan Lee
- Elizabeth Legnani
- Rebecca Leibowitz
- Lisa A. Lengel '11
- Michela Lerman
- Alyse Lessard
- Jenna Levitt
- Benjamin Levy & Katherine Hut
- Leslie Lindenauer
- Andrea Llauguet
- Victoria Loebell
- Donald J. Logie, Jr.
- Philip Lom
- Gabriel Lomas
- John C. & Rose Lombardi
- Judith C. Long
- Love Life Counseling
- Matthew C. Lupoli '08
- Richard Luszczyk '96
- Marion Lynch
- Max Lyons
- Thomas MacGregor
- Shahin Madison
- Emily B. Majors
- Jameelah Malik
- Judy Malitz
- James & Elizabeth Malley
- Sharon Malone
- Wilbur Mansfield, Jr. & Carol MacLanathan '49



2013 WCSU Jazz Fest

By Robert Taylor

The 2013 WCSU Jazz Fest in April offered a special dedication to the 20 children and six educators who died in the December 2012 shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Proceeds from ticket sales and donations at Ives Concert Hall performances by guitarist John Scofield (pictured) and other jazz artists benefited My Sandy Hook Family Fund, established to provide immediate and continuing assistance to the 26 families who lost loved ones in the tragedy. The Jazz Fest dedication held poignant meaning to WCSU faculty member Jimmy Greene and his wife, Nelba Márquez-Greene, who lost their 6-year-old daughter Ana Grace in the tragedy. ■

Ana Márquez-Greene Music Scholarship Fund (cont'd)

James C., Jr. & Dorothy A. Marciano
Jennifer Marinos
Nadia Marroquin
Shelley Marshall
Greg Martin
Adrienne Maslin
Lori A. Matthews '97 &
John M. Jennings
Louis & Carolyn McAdams
Lisa McAndrews
Jane McBride Gates & Alfred J. Gates ©
Nathan McCartney
Jacqueline G. McComic
Danielle McDonnell
Janice McFadden
Cynthia McGinty
Erin McGivney
Todd McInerney '97 &
Tammy Hammershoy-McInerney '97 ♣
Diane McNulty
Grant Meachum
Media Works
Gregory Meghani '11
Craig & Annette Mehltau
Veronica Menefee
16 Jean Mensing

Laura Messina '12
Amy Metzger
Michael R. Mader Co., Inc.
Elizabeth R. Miller
Andrew F. Mills '10
Moses Mims
Barry Mittag
Olympus Mons, Jeff Moro & Gregory Moro
Arton I. Monsanto, Jr. &
Stephanie E. Monsanto
Alicia Moran
Tim Moran
Alyson Moreno
Bethany Morrison
Christopher '95 & Amanda '93 Morrison
Robert Morrison
Mother/Daughter Christmas Group
Dan & Julie Moynihan
Matthew Mulvey
Jeanette Murdock
Michael Murphy
Margaret Murray
Richard J. Myers '93
Carl Myhill
Gregory & Ellen D. '90, '01 Myhill ♣
Vijay Nair

Naylor School Staff & Community
Lori Nicoli
Stephen & Robin Niemitz
Gilbert & Jobynne Normandeau
Alexandra Oakley
Patrick O'Brien
Jim Ockenden
Susan O'Connor
Patricia M. O'Neill '71
Susan & Volkan Orhon
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
Oluwole & Vanessa Owoye
Ernest H., Jr. & Louise E. Pagliaro
Joan M. Palladino
Michael Paolini
Priscilla Parillo
Diane Pasquaretta
Terri Patkin
Patti Dunne's School of Gymnastics, Inc.
David E. & Maureen J. Patton
Jodilyn Peck
Margaret Murray
Richard J. Myers '93
David Pelaggi
John E. & Susan G. '76 Pelchat
Frank C. & Roxanna M. Penn
Rachel Pennellatore

Charles Pepper & Regina Bellavia
Ervin & Jo Ann Petersen
Erin Pettegrew
Veronica Pierce
Marvin & Jacquelynne Pilo
Lisa Pizzoferrato
Marjorie Portnow
Donald & Eva A. Porzio
Marwan Powers
Robin Preston
Judith Prieto
Armand Prisco
Shouhua Qi ♣
Cindy Raedle
Razdaz Records, LLC
Catty Rebar
Renae Reese
James Rhyne
David & Sandra Ricci
Catherine Riihimaki
Rafael & Shirley P. Rivera
Olga Rivera-Irizarry
Lynda Robinson
Michelle I. Rock '96
Andrew Rodgers '82
Marc Lawrence & Roni Rodman

Jeannette Ronson
Zachary W. Rosenberg '12
Todd & Elizabeth Rosenthal
Brian Rosier
Irene Rosnes
William B. & Madeline G. Rotella
Jean-Guy Roy
William, Jr. & Suzanne Rubbico
David Ruffels
Nora Ruffels
Saint Mark Catholic Church
Charles & Laura Salituro
Kathleen Salvaty
Joseph Sander
Sanofi-Aventis ***
Aydeley Santiago-Taiman '12
Jeanne Sarmiento
Takumi & Adrienne Sato
Samantha Savvidou
Edith Schatz
Eileen Schaub '13
Gregory & Joan A. Schmidt
Tara Welty
Jane Schroeder
Alice Schwartz
Janet Schwartz

WCSU faculty member Jimmy Greene receives Governor's Arts Award

By Robert Taylor

Jazz artist and WCSU faculty member Jimmy Greene was among three 2013 recipients of the Governor's Arts Award honored at a presentation ceremony and concert on June 15 during the International Festival for Arts and Ideas in New Haven. Greene, an internationally acclaimed saxophonist, composer and bandleader, led a performance by the Jimmy Greene Quartet at the New Haven festival.

The Governor's Arts Award recognizes outstanding service to the arts in Connecticut. "I am supremely honored to receive the Governor's Arts Award for 2013," Greene said. "I am blessed to have learned at the feet of such giants of the arts in Connecticut and to have lived most of my life here. There is a vibrant, inspirational community of musicians and artists here in Connecticut, and I am proud to be a small part of it."

Greene, a Hartford area native and graduate of the Hartt School at the University of Hartford, joined the WCSU faculty in August 2012 as an assistant professor of music and assistant coordinator of jazz studies. Since his debut in 1997 on the New York jazz scene, he has gained a reputation as a prolific recording artist, leading sideman, widely traveled concert performer and innovative composer of jazz scores.

Greene also was featured with an impressive array of renowned jazz performers including trumpet virtuoso Wallace Roney and guitar legend and bandleader John Scofield at the 18th annual WCSU

Jazz Fest from April 25 through 27. The WCSU professor performed at the Jazz Fest opening concert in the "Friends of Jimmy Greene" program on April 25 with pianist Xavier Davis, saxophonist Kris Allen, drummer Quincy Davis, trombonist Steve Davis, and trumpeter, arranger and composer David Weiss with other members of his David Weiss Sextet. Roney, a celebrated trumpeter who learned his craft from jazz greats including Miles Davis, performed as guest artist with the WCSU Jazz Orchestra on April 26. Scofield, acclaimed as one of the foremost jazz guitar performers and composers of the past half-century, was joined by drummer Bill Stewart and bass player Steve Swallow in concert as the John Scofield Trio on April 27. ■



Assistant Music Professor Jimmy Greene performed with several fellow professionals to raise money for My Sandy Hook Family Fund.

WCSU to award first scholarship in honor of Ana Grace Márquez-Greene



In memory of Ana Grace Márquez-Greene, a 6-year-old victim of the December shootings at

Sandy Hook Elementary School, Western awarded a four-year scholarship to an incoming freshman this fall and will continue to support music students every year thereafter.

Ana was the daughter of Jimmy Greene, a saxophonist and music professor at Western, and Nelba Márquez-Greene, a family therapist. She is also survived by a brother, Isaiah. Just days after the murder of their daughter, the Greens asked WCSU to create a scholarship fund as a way to honor Ana's life.

The fund has so far raised more than \$75,000, the majority donated by individuals touched by Ana's story. Many businesses matched donations given by their employees and several groups from across the country held fundraisers for the scholarship.

"This scholarship will allow us to memorialize Ana each year and also help a music student attend the university and concentrate on his or her studies instead of financial concerns," said Dr. Dan Goble, dean of the School of Visual and Performing Arts. "It is the right way to honor Ana." ■

— Paul Steinmetz

Rachel Schwell
Gregor Scott
Sandra Seaton
Elyse Shapiro
Sondra Shapiro
Susan & Ron Sharp
Marjorie Sheehan
Michael Sheehan & Denise Saldana
Shaye Sheehan
Sheraton Old San Juan Hotel & Casino
Melinda Shilansky
Nathan Shirk
Jeff Siegel
David Siegelbaum
Elise Silkowski
Mary, Cara & Shanna Silverberg
Carol Sims
Kelly Siranko
Kenneth & Gail Siranko
Michael & Lois H. Skelly
Elaine Skiba
Gary Skiba
Andrea Skinner
David J. Skora
Correen Smith
David & Judith Smith

Edward & Janet Smith
Gina Smith
Jody L. Smith
Laurie Smith
Michael Smith
William Smith
Julie Snyder
Mark Snyder
Sopranoplanet
Stephen Spiegler
The Rev. Linda M. Spiers
Eric Spoldi '09
Mary Ellen Stefanides
F. Richard Steinberg
Kenneth M. & Karin S. Stetson
John H. & Mary S. Stevens
Craig & Peggy '97 Stewart ■
William Stone
Amanda Storm
Kelly Strazza '10
Paul Stroud
Student Athlete Advisory Committee
Doug Suisman
State University of New York
Marie Svalstedt
Richard Swierat

Gale Swiontkowski
Annette Tait
Claudette M. Talmadge
Diane Taylor
William P. & Elizabeth E. Teich
Laura Telman '09
Lisa Temkin Carrozza
Dennis & Margaret Teravainen
Frederick E. Tesch ■
The Garr Family
The Hartford Insurance Company
The Kanton Family
The Lil' Mamas
The Ohio State University
The Wesley Family
Shirley Thorson '79
Gwendolyn J. Tibbals
Janice Tirinzonie
Marc Titus
Sal Trapani
Trumpet Diva Products
Nancy Trunnell
Fran Tucci
Sarah Turechek
John F.K. Tyner, Valerie J. Bryan, Jesse,
Daniel & Breton Tyner-Bryan

UConn Health Center-CSDU
United Jazz International, LLC
United Way of Western Connecticut, Inc.
Robert & Linda Vaden-Goad
Mary A. Vagnini
Marianna Vagnini-Dadamo '12
Catherine Vanaria, Connecticut
Photographics/Still River Editions
Vandercook College of Music
Porsha Vass
Carol Vaughn
Seri Venkat
Nicole R. Vermeersch & Terri A. Lentner
Verwey Family
Nicolas Vianes
Mr. & Mrs. Edward M. Vipler
Christine Visconti
Elizabeth Vitale
Nancy Vitale
Kerry Walker
Joshua C. & Paula N. Walsh
Walter Wick Studio/Catahoula
Productions Inc.
Spencer D. Warncke & Teresa A. Belmonte
Susan Warner
Monte Wasch

Waste Management
Waterbury Lodge of Elks 265
Waterford Police Department
Carolyn Watts
Josh Weinstein
Ezra Weiss
Michael Weiss
WCSU Women's Basketball Team
WCSU Human Resources Department
Dirck Westervelt
Peggy Whelan
Christine White
Joanne White
Donna Williams
Leslie Williams
Valerie Williams
Michael Winick & Family
Thomas & Diane Woodward
Elizabeth B. & Daniel T. Wright
Dawson & Julie M. Young
'POCO', Mary Young & Denise Harrington
David & Nancy Zacher
Brenda Zickerman
Karen Ziminski
Jacob Zonderman
Rene Zweig

Tomorrow's leaders start here at Western

By Robin Provey



In its fifth successful year, the Hancock Student Leadership Program is starting the academic year with a diverse and dynamic group of future leaders.

“We are especially pleased with the diversity of this year’s cohort,” said Dr. R. Averell Manes, professor of Political Science and Conflict Studies and director of the Hancock Student Leadership Program. “I am looking forward to watching these young future leaders thrive in professional environments, serving as WCSU ambassadors to the community.”

The Leadership Shadowing Field Experience and Leadership Project incorporates leadership styles and philosophies, management skills, accountability and organizational change.

From September through December, five selected students are shadowing area professionals, an experience that places them at an advantage in the workplace after graduation. The program gives students real-world experience in their chosen fields and in what it takes to be a leader.

Jessica Coraizaca-Macancela, a secondary education Spanish major from Danbury, is shadowing Dr. William Glass, deputy superintendent of Danbury schools; Katelyn Gavagan of Torrington, who is majoring in music education, is shadowing Margaret Capen, a board-certified music therapist at the Southbury Training School; Everett Redente,

a social work major from Danbury, will work as a legal assistant for the Transgender Rights Project; and Dena Virzera, a justice and law administration major from Brookfield, will shadow Assistant State’s Attorney Sharmese Hodge.

As part of the program, they are also reading four leadership texts: “Quiet” by Susan Cain, “Tipping Point” by Malcolm Gladwell, “The Medici Effect” by Frans Johansson, and “Lean In” by Sheryl Sandberg.

“I look forward to hearing about their experiences and watching them grow more fully into the realization that they are leaders,” Manes said. “This year, we will be conducting some follow-up research with our previous four cohorts and look forward to hearing how the program helped shape their lives.”

The HSLP is a joint program offered by the divisions of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs at WCSU and is partially funded by the Hancock Scholarship Fund. Ellen M. Hancock and W. Jason Hancock donated \$1 million to Western in 2001 to establish the Jason and Ellen Hancock Student Endowment Fund. The fund’s annual income provides need-based student scholarships, student leadership initiatives and initiatives to integrate the creative arts with technology. ■

A generous gift from W. Jason Hancock, above, and Ellen M. Hancock provides support for the Hancock Student Leadership Program.

Below: Student Jessica Coraizaca-Macancela is a Hancock Scholar who is interning with administrators in the Danbury schools.



New Donors

This giving group includes those who donated for the first time in 2012-13. We welcome you to the fold and hope you will renew your support each year.

9 Kellogg Street, LLC
 Ana Alcantara 🏠
 Anna Alessandria
 William Petkanas & Missy Alexander ☺
 Alexandria Almeida '13 🏠
 Baltazar Almeida
 Rodney A. Anderson
 Sandra Anderson Howell & Charles Howell
 Ann's Place, The Home of I Can
 Aquiline Holdings, LLC
 Michael A. & Christine A. Arace
 William Arndt
 Kevin Atnes '02
 B. J. Bertram Foundation, Inc.
 Eric Baribeau '99
 Eric Barnes
 Barnes & Noble ☺
 Hilda Barrett
 Richard Baumer
 Kai-Dee Beach '13
 Richard Donna G. Becker
 & Thomas A. Belmonte
 Bethel Middle School
 Jigar S. Bhavsar '13 🏠
 Ted Billett 🏠
 John Bird ☺
 Kay Bousquet
 Solomon T. Bramble '13 🏠
 Jack D. & Sharon Brown
 Desmond Cabrera '00
 Manrico Caglioni & Susan Dufour
 Theresa Caldarone
 Madeline Calhoun
 Marjorie Callaghan
 Renee Capasso
 Eileen T. Carmody 🏠
 Ronald J. & Florence A. Caron
 Christine L. & Richard L. Carpenter
 Lilian Casey
 Stacy Castro '13 🏠
 Lawrence A. & Marcia Cavanaugh
 Nellie Chaparro ☺
 Margaret M. Chappuis '96 ☺
 Elice Chase & Robert Young
 Erica Cherry
 City of Danbury Cultural Commission
 Joanne Clark
 Michael J. & Joan E. Cominsky
 Sally & Mark V. Connolly
 Tracey A. Cunningham '98
 Andrew E. Curran, Jr. & Anna K. Zaccardo
 Edward A. & Judith H. Czajka
 Danbury Downtown Special
 Services District
 Danbury High School
 Dawn's Vintage Jewelry
 De Moura & Son, LLC
 Crystal J. Deller '13
 Department of Biological &
 Environmental Sciences ☺
 Marie Desmons
 Carsten DiCarlo
 Carol J. '80 & Michael P. Dietz
 Dimeo Construction Company ☺
 Dana & Sarah Dolloff
 Peter M. Dombrowski, Jr. &
 Roxanna Kundra-Dombrowski
 Ann Marie Dunn '89
 R. Sandelman & M. Eckstein
 Èlans
 Janet Esposito, LCSW
 A. Searle Pinney *
 Lois C. Wolsch *
 Melissa E. Fenwick*
 John M. & Dorothy M. Evans
 Karyl Evans
 Evergreen Endoscopy Center, LLC

Suzanne Fand
 Fat Wedge University, LLC
 Thomas M. Feeley '98
 Tina M. Ferrarotti '13 🏠
 Dennis Fischer
 D'Andre L. Fontanelle 🏠
 Sharon A. Forbes
 Dallas M. & Judith I. Fuller
 Andrew G. Gadwah '13 🏠
 Kenneth Gallagher '05
 Gasser Law Firm, LLC
 General Dynamics Friends of
 Kyle Wellman
 Kath Gillen
 George R. III & Joan A. Godfrey
 Steven N. Golden '13 🏠
 Bill Golder & Anne Radak-Golder
 Daniel Goleman
 Monica E. Gorman '90
 Todd M. Gorski '03
 Marilyn E. Gosse & Fabian Gusovsky
 Goulash Place
 Gould Family Investment Trust
 Green Funeral Home
 Daniel S. Greene
 Christine E. Grieco-Mellon
 Daniel H. & Marcia M. Grise
 Frederick J. & Marie A. Hallas
 Donna Hansen Santoro
 Bradley Harrington
 'POCO', Mary Young &
 Denise Harrington
 V. Ross Harrison
 Hathaway Family Foundation ☺
 Maureen E. Hennessey '13 🏠
 Shelby N. Hilario '12
 Kelsey M. Hiri 🏠
 Robert & Gretchen Hoffman Naylor
 Peter & Doris Holmstedt
 Holton Travel/CWT
 Jose Martins
 Jess & Grace House ☺
 Robert Hu '13 🏠
 Jennifer L. Hull '08
 Margaret Hull Thompson '78 ☺
 Jacob W. Humerick '13 🏠
 Ruth-Ellen M. Hunt &
 Anne-Marie Bouteiller
 Viola E. Huntoon ☺
 Integrity Motors, LLC
 Ryan S. Iodice '13 🏠
 Hector Irizarry
 John Jay College of Criminal Justice
 Frances Johnson '12
 Stephanie L. Jones '12 🏠
 Martin T. '05 & Jo-Ann Jordan
 Sarata Kabre '13 🏠
 Kaiser's Truck Shop
 Brenda Kaltenstein
 Kane's Music Store-Studio
 John P. Katsulas
 Phyllis Kenes
 Adam B. Kennett '02
 Thomas Kenney, Jr.
 Vincent Kmetz '08
 Koo Restaurant
 Joseph E. & Marsha Korczynski
 Marie Kornhaas
 Gary J. & Marsha Kressin
 Krusen Enterprises, Inc.
 Brianne M. LaCombe '12 🏠
 Barbara G. Laine
 Henry C., Jr. & Diane Lang
 Wallace & Ruth Lee
 Rhonda Leone
 Ryan M. Lopez '13 🏠
 Patricia Lynch '12
 Holly Maggio



Verne Sedlacek, president and CEO of Commonfund, delivered the 2012 President's Lecture and has appeared since as a guest lecturer at the Ansell School of Business.

Susan St. Clair Mahaffey
 Ronald, Jr. & Lynn Maia ☺
 James Malloy
 Neil & Lisi Marcus ☺
 Kimberlitz Y. Martinez '13 🏠
 Jose Martins
 Lynette M. & Stephen A. Mathias
 Matrix Realty Group ☺
 Rachel E. May 🏠
 Drew N. Mazur '13 🏠
 Gretchen D. McCray '85
 James L. & Phyllis G. McDonald
 Frank McGrath
 Brian McNamara
 Theresa Mercedes
 Aaliyah A. Miller '09 &
 Karim M. Hadjsalem
 Brian Miller
 Sally Mishico
 Alan R. & Priscilla M. Morehouse
 William Morgan
 Mulago Foundation
 Anne L. & Timothy E. Mygatt
 Edmund J. Nahom
 Joseph Nash '13 🏠
 Nejame & Sons of Danbury, Inc.
 Antonio Neves
 Edward Newton
 Thomas Nolan
 J. Bryan Noonan '88
 Glori Norwitt
 O&G Industries, Inc.
 Maryanne O'Donoghue
 Jesse M. Ofgang '11
 Christopher W. O'Rielly '12
 Jenny Ortiz '13 🏠
 Virginia E. Orzell '13 🏠
 Andrew M. Pacewicz 🏠
 David N. & Theresa F. Palmer
 Jeremy & Holly Palmer
 Daniel Passarelli '00
 Patrick Henry College
 Paul Jones Trust

Barbara J. & Michael K. Pecor
 Larry Pereira, Esq.
 Sasha D. Perry '13 🏠
 Shannon A. Person '13 🏠
 James B. Pesantez 🏠
 Matthew J. Peters '13 🏠
 Robert P. & Ralene M. Petrovich
 Orn Pfeil
 Edward Plaza
 Stanley & Rita Pohutsky
 Elizabeth A. Polaco '13 🏠
 Stanley J. & Carole J. Polcyn
 Portuguese Cultural Center
 Charles H. & Audrey M. Prince
 Timothy D. Randall '13 🏠
 Danish Rehman '13 🏠
 Hans Reiss
 Rousel C. Reyes 🏠
 Andrew K. Reynolds 🏠
 Frank R. & Diane E. Robinson
 Jessica L. Rockwell '09 🏠
 Candida Rodrigues
 Ronald N. Spice Professional Corporation
 Daniel F. Rovelli '77 &
 Ana Paula R. Machado
 Alessandra R. Sabene '12 🏠
 Mariana Sanchez de Ovando
 Peter Santoro, Jr.
 Saratoga Springwater Company
 Jessica A. Sciuto '13 🏠
 Rosemarie Scott '11
 Bill Shaughnessy
 Sikorsky Financial Credit Union
 Joseph P. Simonelli '12 🏠
 Mikailah M. Simons '13 🏠
 JoAnn S. Smith '88
 Michael N. Stadnyk '13 🏠
 Abra L. Stanley & James C. Leonard
 Svanhild Steffensen
 Albert W. & Janet Stockalis
 Arthur W. & Meredith H. Stowe
 Caroline B. Strange '13 🏠

Kenneth M. Strange III
 Mary Jane Strasser
 Tiffani-Nichole Sykes 🏠
 T2 Biosystems, Inc.
 Gregg Taylor '10
 Test-Con Incorporated ☺
 The Barden Corporation ☺
 The Gere Foundation
 The Hartford Financial Services Group ***
 The Joseph & JoAnn Byck Foundation
 The Jowdy-Kane Funeral Home, Inc.
 Denisha R. Thomas 🏠
 Alyssa S. Thompson '13 🏠
 Jazmyn L. Thompson '13 🏠
 Tin A. Thu '13 🏠
 Luis Tomas
 Cynthia Torony Smith '78
 Benjamin T. Townsend '13 🏠
 Tricentennial Committee
 William P. Trycinski '63
 Bernice L. Turner &
 Katherine B. Sullivan
 Dane L. Unger
 Mark D. & Mary Ellen Unger
 Unity Scientific, LLC
 Barbara M. Urban '97 🏠
 Nancy S. Van Camp ☺
 Kim Voket '84
 Charles J. Volpe, Jr. '83 ☺
 H. John III '12 & Patricia M. Voorhees
 Eric Voytek '10
 Kyle T. & Lauren M. Wellman
 Gary D. & Shirley A. Wessel
 Russell D. Westerholm '12 🏠
 David H. Woessner &
 Valerie A. Newman-Woessner
 Beverly S. Wyckoff '63
 YardApes, Inc.
 Ye Royal Order of Golf Twisters
 Catherine Yeadon
 Elizabeth S. Young '13 🏠
 Ruth L. Zisman

Endowed & Restricted Scholarship Funds

The endowment is an investment fund that remains intact. Donors designate their gifts to many areas, including scholarships, student and faculty research, lectureships, faculty chairs, programs, athletics and the arts, to name a few. The funds generate income that is both reinvested and partially spent according to the bylaws of the WCSU Foundation. Endowed funds provide a foundation upon which WCSU can grow and be perpetuated. It is supported by foundations, corporations and individual donors.

Restricted funds are named funds that are not invested as endowment; instead, donors contribute annually to the scholarships.

Alumni Association Scholarship

Anna Alessandria
Rodney A. Anderson
Sandra Anderson Howell & Charles Howell
Michael A. & Christine A. Arace
B. J. Bertram Foundation, Inc.
Richard T. '64 & Marjorie Bellesheim ☞
Jack D. & Sharon Brown
Wesley A. Brown
Eileen S. Coladarsi '89
Sally & Mark V. Connolly
Kevin A. '77 & Kathleen C. '79 Cragin
Lloyd & Nicoletta K. Cutsumpas ☞
Edward A. & Judith H. Czajka
Robert E. & Lynda DeLuryea
Caroline S. Dickinson
James P. Durkin '81
Theresa Eberhard Asch '64 ☞ ☞
Sharon A. Forbes
Robert P. & Barbara S. Fornshell ☞ ☞
Dallas M. & Judith I. Fuller
General Dynamics Friends of
Kyle Wellman
George R. III & Joan A. Godfrey
Bill Golder & Anne Radak-Golder
Marilyn E. Gosse & Fabian Gusovsky
Gould Family Investment Trust
Daniel S. Greene
Daniel H. & Marcia M. Grise
Susan J. '72 & Valentine R.
Grobagger
Deborah L. Grover '76 &
Thomas E. Schade
Anna V. Guastaferrri '93
Frederick J. & Marie A. Hallas
Chester A. & Patricia Ann Harmon
V. Ross Harrison
Jack & Catherine Hickey-Williams
Robert & Gretchen Hoffman Naylor
Ruth-Ellen M. Hunt &
Anne-Marie Bouteiller
Jan Maria Jagush '75 ☞ ☞
Dr. Herbert Janick, Jr.

Kaiser's Truck Shop
Joseph E., Jr. '68 & Jacqueline P. Kelly
Joseph E. & Marsha Korczynski
Barbara G. Laine
John A. Leopold ☞
Lynette M. & Stephen A. Mathias
Louise F. McDevitt
James L. & Phyllis G. McDonald
Albert S., Jr. '67 & Joan '68 Mead ☞ ☞
Althea R. '81 & Vincent J. Mellillo
Robert J. & Christine M. Merrer
Sally Mishico
Paul A. '69 & Emilia F. '69 Montalto ☞ ☞
Edward S. & Mary Anne Moore
Alan R. & Priscilla M. Morehouse
Anne L. & Timothy E. Mygatt
Edmund J. Nahom
Edward Newton
David W. '72 & Nancy L. '72
Nurnberger ☞ ☞
David N. & Theresa F. Palmer
Jeremy & Holly Palmer
Stanley & Rita Pohutsky
Charles H. & Audrey M. Prince
Donna M. Ramey
Frank R. & Diane E. Robinson
Edwin A. & Harriet '61 Rosenberg
Pamela Roth
Elaine A. Salem '64 ☞ ☞
Savings Bank of Danbury ☞ ☞
Craig & Peggy '97 Stewart ☞
Arthur W. & Meredith H. Stowe
Randolph P. & Maisi W. Summ
T2 Biosystems, Inc.
Rita C. Thal ☞ ☞
Bernice L. Turner &
Katherine B. Sullivan
John K. & Lisa W. '64 Van Nostrand
Neil E. '52 ** & Carolyn C. '52 Wagner ☞ ☞
WCSU Alumni Association ☞
Eric '64 ** & Diana '64 Wellman ☞
Kyle T. & Lauren M. Wellman
Gary D. & Shirley A. Wessel

David H. Woessner &
Valerie A. Newman-Woessner
James R. & Mary Ann Wohlever
Robert J. & Joan T. Wolfe '65
Ye Royal Order of Golf Twisters

Alumni Reunion Scholarship Fund

Marie E. Abbot '62
Denis & Marie '62 Ancil
C. Thomas '62 & Eileen '64 Donahue
Louis Filippelli '62
Marie C. Gervasini '57 ☞ ☞
Peter '86 & Deborah '81 Gregory
Robin & Carol '57 Kelly
Patricia Kelly '60
Lawrence & Lucille '62 Lausten
Nancy E. Lenihan '43 ☞
James B. Leonard '59
George A. Mann '62 ☞
Doris Mason '43 ☞
Ellen J. Masterson '62 ☞ ☞
Robert, Jr. '62 & Joellen Murphy ☞
Ronald E. Naves, Sr. '57
Richard M. '62 &
Jennie B. '49 O'Grady
E. Thomas Ohara '56
Grace A. Parisi '67
Robert & Joan '57 Perugini
Harry & Valerie '62 Plant
Edward J. Raynor III '62
Albert & Barbara '62 Romboni ☞
Eugene '57 & Nancy '57 Sabados
Mary M. Vaghi '56
Priscilla O. Wallace '62
William F., Jr. '61 & Lois Heckler
Weiss '61 ☞

Ana Márquez-Greene Endowed Music Scholarship

See page 14-16

Anonymous Donor Art Grant

Anonymous ☞

Anonymous Donor Visual Arts Scholarship

Anonymous ☞

Baker Communications Group Scholarship in Journalism

William Baker '86 ☞

Berkshire Food Scholarship

Berkshire Food Distributors, Inc.

Carl F. Norden Science Scholarship

The Barden Foundation, Inc.

Clarisse and Henry Arnold Scholarship

Mulago Foundation

Communication Department's Emeritus Faculty Scholarship

Hugh R. & June C. McCarney ☞

Constantine S. Macricostas Entrepreneur of the Year Fund

Ability Beyond Disability ☞
Ann's Place, The Home of I Can
Jose P. '76 & Maria Boa
Church Hill Classics, Ltd.
Del-Tron Precision, Inc.
Equale & Ciron, LLP ☞
Antonio & Etelevina Figueiredo
Daniel P. Goble ☞
John C. '75 & Deborah A. '75
Goggliettino ☞ ☞
International Union of Operating
Engineers Local 478
Leahy's Fuels, Inc. ☞
Jane McBride Gates &
Alfred J. Gates ☞
Newtown Savings Bank ☞ ☞
Thomas Nolan
David W. '72 & Nancy L. '72
Nurnberger ☞ ☞
Sikorsky Financial Credit Union
The Jowdy-Kane Funeral Home, Inc.
Union Savings Bank ☞ ☞
Roy & Virginia Young

Craig Allen Lundwall Memorial Scholarship Fund

Peter & Doris Holmstedt
Richard & Petria Lundwall
Arthur & Dotti Templeton

Danbury Garden Club Scholarship

Danbury Garden Club

Dr. Harold Schramm Scholarship

Irene M. Patalano '99

Dr. Joseph B. Cherry Memorial Nursing Scholarship Endowment

Henry & Lorraine Blansfield
John & Patricia Boyer
Steven & Sandra Brown
Erica Cherry
Evergreen Endoscopy Center, LLC
James & Elizabeth Hayden
Thomas & Theresa Leghorn
James Malloy
Frank McGrath
Patricia Randolph
Ronald N. Spice Professional
Corporation
Henry, Jr. & Helen Savage
William & Jo Ann Stevens
YardApes, Inc.

Dr. Mel Goldstein Endowed Scholarship in Meteorology

David M. Plews '78 ☞

Falguni Hauser Memorial Award

Hugh R. & June C. McCarney ☞

Fresh Start Scholarship

Gary Boccacio '74 &
Janet McKay '05 ☞
Margaret M. Boyle '06
Ronald J. & Florence A. Caron
Lawrence A. & Marcia Cavanaugh
Michael J. & Joan E. Cominski
John M. & Dorothy M. Evans
Charles D. Ferris III & Shirley C. '86 Ferris
Jean D. Kreizinger
Patricia Lynch '12
Robert P. & Ralene M. Petrovich
Stanley J. & Carole J. Polcyn
Paul M. Steinmetz '07 & Jenine I. Michaud ☞
Albert W. & Janet Stockalis
The Newtown Woman's Club
James H., Jr. '81 & Susan H. Wolf

Friends of Music - Scholarship

Dr. Laurel & Jon Zonderman
Mildred L. & Morton M. Siegel ☞ ☞
Nancy L. '85 & Kenneth A. Wildman



Feast of the Seven Fishes

The second John F. Azzariti Memorial Lecture, presented in honor of Azzariti by his wife, Katie, and WCSU, featured a "Feast of Seven Fishes" a traditional holiday event celebrated in Italy. World languages instructor Patrizia Farina presented a lecture on the historical meaning of the tradition, after which a meal featuring cod, smelts, squid and eel was served. WCSU theatre arts students serenaded the audience with Christmas carols sung in Italian.

**Gail P. Shaker Memorial
Endowed Scholarship**
Aetna Foundation ***
Lea Neylan **

**Isabelle T. Farrington
Scholarship Fund**
Isabelle T. Farrington '43 ☺ 🏠

James Furman Music Award
Nancy L. '85 & Kenneth A. Wildman

James Somers Opera Scholarship
Judith Somers 🏠

**James Wohlever Award in
Computer Science**
James R. & Mary Ann Wohlever

**Jerry B. Allford Memorial
Scholarship**
Jerry B. Allford

**John F. Azzariti Memorial
Endowed Scholarship**
9 Kellogg Street, LLC
Anonymous
Mary & Rudy Behrens ☺ 🏠
Michael & Andreea Bellach
Stephen & Barbara Blank
Roy '67 & Christine Bouffard
Kay Bousquet
Mannico Caglioni & Susan Dufour
Paul & Marilyn Caravetta
Lilian Casey
Marilynn L. Chisholm '64 🏠

Jon & Joan Clow
Ugo & Joan Damia
Carsten DiCarlo
Frank R. & Jacqueline M. '98 DiCerbo
Jerome & Maxine Driscoll
Janet Esposito, LCSW
Suzanne Fand
Bill & Rosemary Fasano
J. '83 & Patricia Font
Kath Gillen

Jane W. Harrison '04
Loretta & Peter Heller
Claire M. Hines '82
Brenda Kaltenstein
Fred & Joanne Kaltenstein
Phyllis Kenes
Marie Kornhaas

Roger & Constance LaGratta
Wallace & Ruth Lee
Fern Lewison-Walker
John & Josephine '82 Luicci
Dennis & Sheila Macauley
Holly Maggio

Anthony & Joanne Massi
Louis & Cheryl Massimo
Louise F. McDevitt
Theresa Mercedes
Edward S. & Mary Anne Moore
John & Bonnie Morgan
William Morgan

Thomas & Mary Ann Murtha 🏠
Robert & Teresa O'Hara
Matthew & Marlene Patren
Peter D'Amico

Donald & Mary Preziosi
Bernard E. '63 & Nancy V. Reidy
Hans Reiss
Michael & Linda Rizzo

Gerard & Martha Robilotti 🏠
Sheila N. Roy '85
Elizabeth K. Salame '82
Pasquale & Sandra Sarracco

Norma Schlager
Michael '47 & Anne Skandera
Barbara Smith
JoAnn S. Smith '88

Patrick & Sandra Smith
Hercules & Mary Sotos
Svanhild Steffensen
Edward & Janice Stevenson

The Joseph & JoAnn Byck Foundation
Charles & Carolyn Troccoli
Michael & Maria Veilleux
Suzanne Wilcox
Robert J. & Joan T. '65 Wolfe
Anna Zancan '79

**John Tamas Memorial
Scholarship Endowment**
Marc & Jan Aldrich 🏠
Gail Andersen '91 🏠

**John V. Friel History Scholarship for
Nontraditional Students**
Michael & Jacqueline Friel 🏠

**Jonathan D. Mottley Memorial
Scholarship**
Bill & Betsy Frago
Lewis, Jr. & Mary Ellen Mottley 🏠

Judy Grandahl Memorial Fund
Paul P. '74 & Elaine J. Dinto '74

Kannengeiser Scholarship
Douglas & Sharon Cheney 🏠
Mario A. Mesi 🏠
Sharon M. Swanhall

**Kenneth R. Fryer Memorial
Scholarship**
Russell G. Fryer & Alicia Vera

Latino Scholarship Fund
Latino Scholarship Fund, Inc.

Lois C. Wolsch Memorial Scholarship
Lois C. Wolsch *

**Margaret Grimes Visual Arts
Scholarship**
Betsy B. Davidson '10
Aaliyah A. Miller '09 &
Karim M. Hadsjalem
David J. Skora

**Martha Bernstein & Patty Ivry
Women's Social Work Scholarship**
Evan R. Bernstein '98
Rozanne & Robert Bernstein

Mary & Rudy Behrens Music Fund
Mary & Rudy Behrens ☺ 🏠

**Mary Edgett Scholarship
Endowment**
Bernadette A. DeMunde '64

**Melissa E. Fenwick & Harold B.
Schramm JLA Endowed Scholarship**
Charles F. '82 & Corinne F. Fenwick
Melissa E. Fenwick *
Charles P. & Mary C. Mullaney 🏠
Nejame & Sons of Danbury, Inc.
Saratoga Springwater Company

**Morton Family Scholarship for
Academic Excellence Endowment**
Dr. Allen & Ms. Roberta Calhoun Morton 🏠

**Myra Mattes Ross Endowed
Scholarship**
Dr. Samuel Ross & Ms. Myra Mattes
Ross '52 ☺ 🏠

**New Beginnings Nursing Master
Scholarship**
Mario A. Mesi 🏠

**New Beginnings Nursing
Scholarship**
Mario A. Mesi 🏠

**New Horizons Leadership
Scholarship**
Mario A. Mesi 🏠



Robert Yamin, Ray Boa and Robert Kornhaas enjoy an event in the president's suite.

**New Horizons Student
Scholarship**

Robert S. McWilliam
Mario A. Mesi 🏠
Wesley F. Rouse, Jr.
Gordon Shannnonhouse

Nursing Scholarship
Adherent Technologies, LLC
Paul Jones Trust

Pay It Forward Scholarship
Patricia W. & Robert Ivry 🏠

**Peggy Will Koschel Memorial
Endowed Scholarship**
Danbury Hospital Laboratorians

**Peter M. Stewart Memorial
Endowed Scholarship**
Aaron T. '97 & Jayna C. Larkin
Owen T. & Theresa M. Larkin
Gregory & Ellen D. '90, '01 Myhill 🏠
Craig & Peggy '97 Stewart 🏠
Atty. Robert '79 & Judge Dianne
Yamin ☺ 🏠

Praxair Scholarship
Praxair Foundation, Inc.

**Professor (Emeritus)
Edwin Rosenberg Scholarship**
Doris Lundberg '70

**Richard H. Sullivan Scholarship
Endowment**
Richard & Elizabeth Sullivan ☺ 🏠

**Richard Reimold Theatre Arts
Scholarship**
Richard E. Reimold

**Robert P. Kelleher
Endowed Scholarship**
Pitney Bowes Foundation ***

**Robert Schappert
Scholarship**
Robert Schappert 🏠

Roger Winward Scholarship
Robert Schappert 🏠

**Ronald S. Giordano
Endowed Scholarship**
Robert J. & Christine M. Merrer

**Ruth M. Dawson Endowed
Scholarship**
Dennis W. Dawson & Noreen Grice 🏠

**Scott Andrews Memorial
Scholarship**
Patricia W. & Robert Ivry 🏠

**Student Veterans Organization
Book Scholarship**
Dawn A. '08 & Stephen R. Bailey 🏠
Kenneth E. Post, Jr. '71

**Susan B. & Henry G. Tritter
Scholarship Endowment**
Henry G. & Susan B. '85 Tritter

**The Anthony W. Cirone, Jr.
Accounting Leadership Award**
Equale & Cirone, LLP 🏠

The Buley Painting Fund
Dana & Sarah Dolloff
Harwood & Tracy Johnson

The Helen E. Mizer Award
Aquiline Holdings, LLC
Nellie Chaparro ☺
Ellice Chase & Robert Young
Gary J. & Marsha Kressin
Henry C., Jr. & Diane Lang
Cissy & Ollie Olson
Rita C. Thal ☺ 🏠
Catherine Yeadon

**The Morganti Group
Scholarship Endowment**
The Morganti Group, Inc. ☺ 🏠

**The President's Academic
Support Fund**
James Roach

The Walton Group Scholarship
The Walton Group

**The Wilton Financial Group,
NW Mutual Financial Network
Scholarship**
Walter R. Pierz

Theatre Department Scholarship
Dr. Michael Erlich 🏠

**Thomas & Monica Frizzell Endowed
Scholarship**
Union Savings Bank ☺ 🏠

**Tom & Lois Crucitti Nursing
Scholarship**
Thomas W. '69 & Lois A. '71 Crucitti 🏠

**Veronica Hagman Memorial
Scholarship Endowment**
Dr. & Mrs. Erland Hagman ☺
Verizon Foundation ***

Visual Performing Arts Scholarship
Marlene M. Davis '79
Thomas W. '95 & Suzanne Fuchs
Margaret E. '99 & Russ M. Galtieri
Richard Parmalee, Jr. '95 ☺ 🏠

**WCSU Alumni Association
Scholarship Fund**
Jeanne A. Lutze '73
Barbara '61 & Nick Nero ☺
William '62 & K. B. Robbins
Douglas D. Salmon '62
James P. '73 & Sharon M. Slattery

**WCSU Foundation
Scholarship Fund**
Simone Ahloowalla '10
Branson Ultrasonics Corporation ☺ 🏠
Robin & Carol '57 Kelly
Patricia Kelly '60
Claire Leheny '64
Mildred Lucas
Jesse M. Ofgang '11
James '70 & Dianna J. '69 Poodiack
Paul W. Romaniello '64

WCSU's Jane Goodall Center hosts talk by Cousteau

By Sherri Hill



Innovative scientist Jane Goodall endorsed the founding of the Jane Goodall Center at WCSU 10 years ago.

Below: In addition to presenting a lecture in Ives Concert Hall, explorer Fabien Cousteau discussed issues with student members of the Roots and Shoots Club.

With a newly designed website and an ambitious agenda, The Jane Goodall Center for Excellence in Environmental Studies (JGC) kicked off the fall semester on Sept. 19 with a lecture by deep-ocean explorer Fabien Cousteau. Before the talk, Cousteau mingled at a VIP reception with donors who had made gifts to support the work of the JGC.

The grandson of famed oceanographer Jacques Cousteau, Fabien engaged the WCSU audience with an explanation of his plans for "Mission 31," a research endeavor that will enable him and several other aquanauts to examine not just the physical and psychological effects of underwater living, but the impact of climate change. "Mission 31" comes 50 years after his grandfather spent 30 days living in an underwater village at the bottom of the Red Sea, and Cousteau will follow in his footsteps with a similar project twice as deep and one day longer that was scheduled to begin a mere 11 days after his appearance at Western.

Professor of Archaeology Dr. Laurie Weinstein chairs the Jane Goodall Center. She explained the history of the center and how guest speakers like Cousteau are selected.

"The Jane Goodall Center for Excellence in Environmental Studies was created at WCSU in 1995 when Dr. Goodall and Dr. William Cibes, then-president of the Connecticut State University System, signed a compact creating our center,"

Weinstein said. "Since that time, Jane has come to Western many times to lecture, teach and be a part of various symposia and activities on campus. The university also served as the national hub for Jane's Roots & Shoots educational program from 2005-12. As part of our continuing mission to protect the earth, promote awareness of environmental issues and connect Western students with the wider community, we decided to bring in well-known ocean conservationist Fabien Cousteau.

"Like many people, I grew up watching his grandfather's program, 'The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau,' and the travels of the Calypso. Jacques was one of the first conservationists to sound the horn about how human populations were destroying their environment. Fabien continues the conservationist work started by his grandfather and we are honored to have him here on campus."

Other fall events sponsored by the Jane Goodall Center for Excellence in Environmental Studies included a trip on Sept. 21 to the United Nations for International Day of Peace events, and a discussion about creating a permaculture garden on campus on Oct. 9 led by Ryan Harb, a certified permaculture designer and instructor, LEED accredited professional and permaculture faculty member at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. For more information about these events, visit wcsu.edu/goodall/events.asp. ■



Friends & Parents

Julio & Cidalia Aires
 Ana Alcantara 🏠
 Anna Alessandria
 Gary & Lucille Allen
 Baltazar Almeida
 Rodney A. Anderson
 Sandra Anderson Howell & Charles Howell
 Anonymous
 Michael A. & Christine A. Arace
 William Arndt
 Michael J. & Christel M. Autuori
 Monserate Baez-Falcon
 Steven A. & Pamela J. Bander ☺
 Eric Barnes
 Hilda Barrett
 Richard Baumer
 Charles C. & Cheryl L. Beck ☺
 Richard Becker
 Michael & Andrea Bellach
 Rozanne & Robert Bernstein
 Ted Billett 🏠
 John Bird ☺
 Stephen & Barbara Blank
 Henry & Lorraine Blansfield
 Dr. Theodore & Ms. Carleen Blum ☺ 🏠
 Antonio & Aldina Borges
 Kay Bousquet
 John & Patricia Boyer
 Jack D. & Sharon Brown
 Steven & Sandra Brown
 Wesley A. Brown
 Manrico Caglioni & Susan Dufour
 Madeline Calhoun
 Renee Capasso
 Paul & Marilyn Caravetta
 Eileen T. Carmody 🏠
 Ronald J. & Florence A. Caron
 Christine L. & Richard L. Carpenter
 Lilian Casey
 Lawrence A. & Marcia Cavanaugh
 Michael & Roseanne Chandler
 Nellie Chaparro ☺
 Elice Chase & Robert Young
 Douglas & Sharon Cheney 🏠
 Erica Cherry
 Alvaro & Maria Teresa Cipriano
 Jon & Joan Clow
 Michael J. & Joan E. Cominski
 Sally & Mark V. Connolly
 Phyllis R. Cooper ☺
 Israel Cruz ☺
 Carol M. Curry
 Susan B. Curtiss
 Lloyd & Nicolletta K. Cutsumpas ☺
 Edward A. & Judith H. Czajka
 Ugo & Joan Damia

Peter D'Amico ☺
 Robert E. & Lynda DeLuryea
 Jessica DeMelis
 Judith S. DeRario
 Carsten DiCarlo
 Caroline S. Dickinson
 Peter M. Dombrowski, Jr. & Roxanna Kundra-Dombrowski
 James & Nancy Donohue
 Jerome & Maxine Driscoll
 Robert E. & Marianne Dwan
 Dr. Neil Dworkin
 Dr. Michael Erlich 🏠
 Janet Esposito, LCSW
 Karyl Evans
 John M. & Dorothy M. Evans
 Keshia L. Evelyn-Gordon
 Daniel & Audrey Falaguerra
 Suzanne Fand
 Bill & Rosemary Fasano
 Antonio & Etelvina Figueiredo
 Dennis Fischer
 D'Andre L. Fontanelle 🏠
 Sharon A. Forbes
 Bill & Betsy Frago
 Dallas M. & Judith I. Fuller
 General Dynamics Friends of Kyle Wellman
 Patricia A. & Thomas J. Gill
 Kath Gillen
 George R. III & Joan A. Godfrey
 Bill Golder & Anne Radak-Golder
 Marilyn E. Gosse & Fabian Gusovsky
 Gould Family Investment Trust
 Daniel S. Greene
 Christine E. Grieco-Mellon
 Daniel H. & Marcia M. Grise
 Mr. & Mrs. A. Haliczzer ☺
 Frederick J. & Marie A. Hallas
 Donna Hansen Santoro
 Chester A. & Patricia Ann Harmon
 Bradley Harrington
 'POCO', Mary Young & Denise Harrington
 V. Ross Harrison
 James & Elizabeth Hayden
 Jack & Catherine Hickey-Williams
 Kelsey M. Hirt 🏠
 Robert & Gretchen Hoffman Naylor
 Peter & Doris Holmstedt
 Viola E. Huntoon ☺
 Hector Irizarry
 Rosemary Isacson ☺
 Ms. Myra Jacobs-Rubin & Dr. L. Robert Rubin
 Dr. Herbert Janick, Jr.
 John L. & Lee Ann Jennett
 Harwood & Tracy Johnson
 David & Mary Ellen Jordan

Richard & M. Kathleen Josephs ☺
 Brenda Kaltenstein
 Fred & Joanne Kaltenstein
 John P. Katsulias
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kelly
 Phyllis Kenes
 Thomas Kenney, Jr.
 Joseph E. & Marsha Korczynski
 Marie Kornhaas
 Gary J. & Marsha Kressin
 Thomas & Lori Lacaria
 Patrick & Susan Lacey
 Roger & Constance LaGratta
 Barbara G. Laine
 Henry C., Jr. & Diane Lang
 Owen T. & Theresa M. Larkin
 Wallace & Ruth Lee
 Thomas & Theresa Leghorn
 Rhonda Leone
 John A. Leopold ☺
 Fern Lewison-Walker
 Thomas F., Jr. & Jean M. Llewellyn
 Mildred Lucas
 Richard & Petria Lundwall
 Dennis & Sheila Macauley
 Valdemiro & Maria Machado
 Holly Maggio
 Susan St. Clair Mahaffey
 Ronald, Jr. & Lynn Maia ☺
 James Malloy
 Jose Martins
 Anthony & Joanne Masi
 Louis & Cheryl Massimo
 Di Masters ☺
 Lynette M. & Stephen A. Mathias
 Drs. Ann Mauks & Uwe Koepke
 Rachel E. May 🏠
 Louise F. McDewitt
 James L. & Phyllis G. McDonald
 Frank McGrath
 Brian McNamara
 Robert S. McWilliam
 Theresa Mercedes
 Robert J. & Christine M. Merrer
 Stephen & Lenore Millian
 Warren K., Sr. & Patricia A. Mino ☺
 Sally Mishico
 Edward S. & Mary Anne Moore
 Alan R. & Priscilla M. Morehouse
 Daniel & Hannelore Moreno
 John & Bonnie Morgan
 William Morgan
 Rory & Patty Murphy ☺
 Thomas & Mary Ann Murtha 🏠
 Anne L. & Timothy E. Mygatt
 Edmund J. Nahom

Antonio Neves
 Edward Newton
 Thomas Nolan
 Giori Norwitz
 Maryanne O'Donoghue
 Robert & Teresa O'Hara
 Cissy & Olie Olson
 Andrew M. Pacewicz 🏠
 David N. & Theresa F. Palmer
 Jeremy & Holly Palmer
 Mary Kate Parks
 Matthew & Marlene Patren
 Barbara J. & Michael K. Pecor
 Larry Pereira, Esq.
 James B. Pesantez 🏠
 Raymond E., Jr. & Lisa Petersen
 Robert P. & Ralene M. Petrovich
 Edward Plaza
 Stanley & Rita Pohutsky
 Stanley J. & Carole J. Polcyn
 Donald & Mary Preziosi
 Charles H. & Audrey M. Prince
 Norma B. & Marvin L. Prince ☺
 Catherine P. & Glenn Rabut
 Donna M. Ramey
 Patricia Randolph
 Richard E. Reimold
 Hans Reiss
 Antonio & Fernanda Resendes
 Rousel C. Reyes 🏠
 Andrew K. Reynolds 🏠
 Michael & Linda Rizzo
 James Roach
 Gerard & Martha Robiotti 🏠
 Frank R. & Diane E. Robinson
 Candida Rodrigues
 Gary & Charlotte Rogers
 Pamela Roth
 Wesley F. Rouse, Jr.
 R. Sandelman & M. Eckstein
 Peter Santoro, Jr.
 Pasquale & Sandra Sarracco
 Henry, Jr. & Helen Savage
 Robert Schappert 🏠
 Norma Schlager

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Schroeder
 Dr. Laurel Shader & Jon Zonderman
 Gordon Shannonhouse
 Bill Shaughnessy
 Mildred L. & Morton M. Siegel ☺ 🏠
 Patrick & Sandra Smith
 Barbara Smith
 Hercules & Mary Sotos
 Alfred Stanco & Barbara Lawson Stanco
 Abra L. Stanley & James C. Leonard
 Svanhild Steffensen
 John H., Jr. & Carol F. Stetson ☺
 William & Jo Ann Stevens
 Edward & Janice Stevenson
 Albert W. & Janet Stockalis
 Arthur W. & Meredith H. Stowe
 Kenneth M. Strange III
 Richard & Marie Sturdevant 🏠
 Randolph P. & Maisi W. Summ
 Sharon M. Swanhall
 Tiffani-Nichole Sykes 🏠
 Arthur & Dotti Templeton
 Rita C. Thal ☺ 🏠
 Denisha R. Thomas 🏠
 Luis Tomas
 Joseph & Patricia Townsend
 Charles & Carolyn Troccoli
 Bernice L. Turner & Katherine B. Sullivan
 Steve & Ellen Twitchell ☺
 Nancy S. Van Camp ☺
 Valentine & Helen Ventura
 Kyle T. & Lauren M. Wellman
 Gary D. & Shirley A. Wessel
 Suzanne Wilcox
 David H. Woessner & Valerie A. Newman-Woessner
 James R. & Mary Ann Wohlever
 Catherine Yeardon
 Roy & Virginia Young
 Andrew E. Curran, Jr. & Anna K. Zaccardo
 Ruth L. Zisman



Faculty & Staff

Each year, many university employees donate financially to the WCSU Foundation. These contributions underscore their commitment to enrich the university.

Missy Alexander ☺
 Ann J. Atkinson
 Patricia Bartolo
 Andrew Beals
 Walter B. Bernstein 🏠
 Robert D. Billings '10 ☺ 🏠
 Esther R. Boriss ☺ 🏠
 Margaret M. Boyle '06
 Theresa L. Buzaid '00 🏠
 Marjorie Callaghan
 Darby Cardonsky
 Nancy Carlson
 Susan Cizek ☺
 Richard Clymer
 Donna Coelho
 Neeta & Brian Connally
 Frederic W. Crary '95 🏠
 Christopher P. Cullen
 Marlene M. Davis '79
 Dennis W. Dawson 🏠

Thomas DeChiario
 Anonymous ☺
 Nancy Diana
 Dr. James J. Donegan
 Ronald Drozdenko '74 🏠
 Dr. Frank Dye '63 ☺ 🏠
 Robin Flanagan
 Linda Forbes
 Thomas W. Fuchs '95
 Mary Gallagher '12
 Margaret E. Galtieri '99, '12
 Maureen Gamache
 Jane McBride Gates ☺
 Maureen Casey Gemert ☺ 🏠
 Nicholas Greco
 Maribeth Griffin '87
 Sharon L. Guck ☺ 🏠
 Ruth Gyure
 Nancy Haensch '10
 David Halek 🏠

Josephine Hamer ☺ 🏠
 Todd McInerney '97 & Tammy Hammershoy-McInerney '97 🏠
 William P. Hawkins
 Frank M. Herbert '74
 Russell Hirschfield
 Jess House ☺
 Todor Ivanov
 Patricia W. Ivry 🏠
 Norine L. Jalbert ☺ 🏠
 Gabrielle Jazwiecki
 Karen Koza 🏠
 Tara L. Kuther '93
 Lynne M. LeBarron
 Lisa A. Lengel '11
 Dennis P. Leszko '95 ☺
 Leslie Lindenauer
 Gabriel Lomas
 Sean C. Loughran
 Shahin Madison
 Susan Maskel 🏠
 Pamela D. McDaniel
 William A. McDewitt '90 🏠
 Danielle McDonnell

Elizabeth McDonough '73 ☺
 Janice McFadden
 Janet McKay '05 🏠
 Barry Mittag
 Bethany Morrison
 Dr. Allen Morton 🏠
 Charles P. Mullaney 🏠
 Margaret Murray
 Ellen D. Myhill '90, '01 🏠
 Vijay Nair
 Patricia O'Neill
 Oluwole Owoye
 Joan M. Palladino
 Richard Parmalee, Jr. '95 ☺ 🏠
 Lisa G. Peck '93 ☺ 🏠
 Elizabeth L. Popiel
 Marjorie Portnow
 Judith Prieto
 Richard J. Proctor, Jr. ☺ 🏠
 Shouhua Qi 🏠
 Paul J. Reis ☺
 Anne Roberts ☺
 James W. Schmutter ☺ 🏠
 Elyse Shapiro

Jeff Siegel
 Elise Silkowski
 Gail Siranko
 Gary Skiba
 David J. Skora
 David Smith
 Mark Snyder
 Monica P. Sousa '04 🏠
 Charles P. Spiridon ☺ 🏠
 F. Richard Steinberg
 Paul M. Steinmetz '07 ☺
 Juan Stein-Obreros '07 🏠
 Peggy H. Stewart '97 🏠
 Marie Svalstedt
 Richard Swierat
 Gale Swiontkowski
 Lisa Temkin Carrozza
 Frederick E. Tesch 🏠
 Sal Trapani
 Robert & Linda Vaden-Goad
 Maria Veilleux
 Kerry Walker
 Dirck Westervelt
 Susan H. Wolf

Center for Compassion, Creativity and Innovation founded

By Robin Provey

A wise man once said that human beings should “widen our circle of compassion.” That wise man was Albert Einstein and he was referring to a societal effort to close the gaps that divide and overcome separateness.

Western supports the idea of people working together to share ideas and offer support whether to students, faculty or the community at large. That’s why the university officially became a “University of Compassion” in October 2012, as an acknowledgement during the visit of the Dalai Lama.

Now the university is home of the Center for Compassion, Creativity and Innovation, which means that serves the university as a research hub for the local community to link people and organizations together to alleviate some societal issues. Dr. Christopher Kukuk, professor of political science and director of the Honors Program, said the center could also be a hub for research to help other universities and cities cultivate compassion. Not only is this a boon to the campus community, but the City of Danbury has followed Western’s lead by becoming a “City of Compassion.”

Students who nurtured the notion of compassion on campus and in the community hail from the

WCSU Compassion and Creativity Club. The club is a grassroots effort in that “we were started from the ground up — we started with students,” Kukuk said.

This spring the University Senate voted to make WCSU the second university of compassion in the country which was followed by its recognition as the CCCI. Western is one of two universities in the country, recognized by Compassion Action Network as a compassionate university.

At the end of June, it became official when the Board of Regents approved the Center. The Center has a governing board and an advisory board of community members, mostly area business leaders.

“This will help us to weave compassion in more meaningful ways throughout the community,” Kukuk said. “When we became a university of compassion, not only were we hoping to have it become a more important part of our everyday activities on campus, but it’s spilled over into the community. In one way, we helped Danbury become a city of a compassion. Our students have brought compassion into the community by working on projects that have raised money for local charities.” ■



The second compassion conference featured several panels on human behavior and emotion. Above left, Scarlett Lewis, whose son was killed in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings, and Dr. Casey Jordan, professor of Justice and Law Administration, participate in a discussion on education. Below, Dr. Chris Kukuk, the center's director, thanks Augie Ribeiro, representing the Portuguese Cultural Center, where the conference was held.



WCSU graduate leads nonprofit helping state's new Americans

By Robert Taylor



contributed photo

WCSU graduate Angela Rossi Zurowski recalls the summer internship interview in 2005 that introduced her to the International Institute of Connecticut, the Bridgeport-based nonprofit organization she now directs in providing wide-ranging services to new immigrants and refugees statewide.

“The executive director handed me a post-it note with an address for an apartment building in Waterbury where a Somali Bantu refugee family had arrived the previous day,” Zurowski remarked. “She told me, ‘Go there and see if they need food — if they do, take them to the grocery store. If you like it, come back tomorrow and the job is yours.’ I did, and the rest is history.”

During the past eight years, the Waterbury resident has acquired an impressive breadth of skills and experience that provide strong foundations for her present leadership role at the institute. Her first IIC staff positions as caseworker and later director in the refugee resettlement services department prepared her to assume steadily widening responsibilities in coordinating website design and startup, grant application submissions, and community outreach and education activities. She undertook the demanding task of mastering the complexities of U.S. immigration law to provide representation for clients who otherwise could not afford legal counsel, and became director of programs and development prior to her

appointment in December 2010 as executive director of the IIC.

The institute, headquartered in Bridgeport with offices in Stamford, Derby and Hartford, annually serves more than 7,000 recently arrived foreign-born immigrants, refugees and victims of human trafficking who reside in Connecticut. IIC provides a wide range of programs including resettlement services, immigration and naturalization assistance, interpreter and translator support, English as a Second Language classes, job training and placement, and legal and personal counseling.

Zurowski earned her bachelor's degree in political science at Western in 2001 and has not forgotten the educational foundations she gained in courses taught by Dr. R. Averell Manes, professor of political science and associate chair of the WCSU Department of Social Sciences. “My classes with Dr. Manes in political science, conflict resolution and mediation pushed me to think outside the box, and critically analyze in a way that led to better decisions,” she observed. “I learned to love research and writing as a result of her brilliant teaching.”

“Angela has been very successful in living her values and working in a position that builds and improves the community and effectively uses her skills and knowledge,” Manes said. “Angela has become a community leader, a role model and a strong global citizen. She exemplifies how well an education from WCSU can prepare a student for a meaningful career.” ■



The Annual Campus-to-Campus 5K Road Race attracted hundreds of local runners, including the women's lacrosse team, which crossed the finish line together with Coach Jennifer Ouellet with her two young children, Mason (left) and Ryder (right).

Gifts-in-Kind

Alexion Pharmaceuticals
Armondo's
Augie's Numero #1 Restaurant
Bambu
Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, Inc.
Barnes & Noble WCSU Bookstore
Grant Bowman
Bradford Renaissance Portraits
Jeff Brall
Brio Tuscan Grille
Brooklyn Botanical Garden
Brushworks Salon
Dorothy Buley
Carmen Anthony Steakhouse
Castello Ristorante
Chelsea Piers
Chuck's Steak House
Church Hill Classics, Ltd.
Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo
Craig's Jewelry Store, Inc.
Thomas W. '69 & Lois A. '71 Crucitti
Danbury Square Wine & Liquor
Double Twister Ice Cream Shop
Driscoll's Florist
Kane's Music Store-Studio
Ethan Allen Interiors, Inc.
Fairways
Margaret E. '99 & Russ M. Galtieri
Golf Digest
Heritage Village Country Club
Ingersoll Auto of Danbury
Ives Concert Park
Ian Kelsey-Roome
Klickers
Lake Compounce
Maron Hotel & Suites
Mill Plain Package Store
Mohegan Sun Gaming Authority
New Britain Rock Cats Baseball
Ann Penfield
Richter Park Golf Course
Rizzuto's
Roma's Italian Deli
Safilo USA, Inc.
Sinappi's Pizza & Restaurant
Sodexo, Inc. & Affiliates
Stanziano's
Stew Leonard's
Stop & Shop
Jerome S. Thaler
The Children's Museum
TK's American Cafe, Inc.
Totally Tan Too
Two Steps Downtown Grille
UK Gourmet
Vera's Trattoria
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
Warner Theatre
WCSU Alumni Association
WCSU Office of Alumni Relations
WCSU President's Office
Westport Country Playhouse



WCSU Alumni Cruise 2013

The Western Connecticut State University Alumni Association sponsored a variety of local day trips in the spring and summer that were open to alumni and friends of the university. Among the most popular was a brunch cruise around New York that featured an up-close view of the Statue of Liberty.

Alumni Donors by Class

Class of 1939

Mary A. Mitchell ☺
Ruth P. Wilson

Class of 1942

Mortimer S. Johnson

Class of 1943

Isabelle T. Farrington
Nancy E. Lenihan
Doris Mason

Class of 1945

Vivian M. Henley
Edna M. Miller
Marian G. Schroeder

Class of 1946

Andree McColgan

Class of 1947

June Gleason Fahey
Margaret A. Reardon
Anne Skandera
Michael Skandera

Class of 1948

Irene M. Anderson
Esther I. Beresin
Eleanor M. Hegedus
Miriam R. Zimmer

Class of 1949

Carol MacLenathen
Jennie B. O'Grady
Virginia H. Walters

Class of 1950

Marita M. O'Neill

Class of 1951

James F. Brawley
Shirleymae Ela
Frances B. Perchal
Patricia H. Williams

Class of 1952

Myra Mattes Ross
Carolyn C. Wagner
Neil E. Wagner
Olga V. Zukowsky

Class of 1953

Dr. Vincent Cibbarelli
Julianne Gallagher
Barbara J. Menegay

Class of 1954

Elizabeth Ann Comcowich
Chuck F. Eddy III
Mary Jane Vulcano Newkirk
Jean M. Pellerin
Constance Quarrie

Class of 1955

Herman A. Anderson, Jr.
Robert Joseph Brayton
Ann C. Gill
Francis Pane

Class of 1956

Joanne Meyers Baldauf
Mary Anne M. Eddy
June Jones
Arthur W. McCormack
E. Thomas Ohara
Ronald H. Schmidt
Veronica O. Smith
Richard Teller
Mary M. Vaghi

Class of 1957

Herbert Crocker
Marie C. Gervasini
Douglas M. Jeffrey
Carol M. Kelly

Ernie Lehman

Ernie Lehman
Ronald E. Naves, Sr.
Margaret Pane
Joan D. Perugini
Eugene Sabados
Nancy J. Sabados

Class of 1958

Patricia A. Bowen

Class of 1959

James B. Leonard
Frances Smolskis Merante
Margaret M. Schneider
Barbara L. Susnitzky
Raymond J. Valus

Class of 1960

Claudia S. Anderson
Jon M. Anderson
Patricia L. Kelly
Myrna C. Spencer
Janet S. Valus
Carol K. Woodworth

Class of 1961

Dorothy C. Bass
James J. Mackey
Walter J. McCarroll
Margaret Thorne Meisenhelder
Barbara Nero
Beatrice Pimpinella
Harriet T. Rosenberg
Ronald F. Strand
Ralph A. Toscano
Lois Heckler Weiss
William F. Weiss, Jr.

Class of 1962

Marie E. Abbot
Marie Louise Ancil
Joanne Bonacci Gregory
C. Thomas Donahue
Louis E. Filippelli
Thomas R. Fulling
Lucille J. Lausten
George A. Mann
Ellen J. Masterson
Robert J. Murphy, Jr.
Richard M. O'Grady
Grace A. Parisi
Valerie Plant
Edward J. Raynor III
William G. Robbins
Barbara A. Romboni
Douglas D. Salmon
Priscilla O. Wallace

Class of 1963

Frank J. Dye
Robert E. Groeschner
Ellen A. Humphrey
Dean Alan R. Martin
Bernard E. Reidy
Nancy V. Reidy
Kenneth Saloom
Beverly Wyckoff
Barry A. Spencer
William P. Trycinski

Class of 1964

Susan P. Andrews
Charles G. Ball, Jr.
Richard T. Bellesheim
Marilynn L. Chisholm
Gioia M. Clyde
Bernadette A. DeMunde
Eileen Donahue
Theresa Eberhard Asch
Robyn Eberhard-DeCillis
Leona J. Fusco
Patrick J. Griffin
Helen Hughes Hamm
Joan Jegelewicz
Claire Leheny
L. Armand Menegay

Paul W. Romaniello
Elaine A. Salem
Lisa W. Van Nostrand
Diana Wellman
Eric Wellman
Donald H. Wilson

Class of 1965

Mary C. Cohen
Ruth F. Efron
John P. Ganio
Kathleen Mauks-Dye
Gail D. Minthorn
Fredrick A. Morlock
Ken Reed
Mary H. Roberts
August F. Serra
Nancy Butkus Taterosian
Joan T. Wolfe
Robert J. Wolfe
Daphne J. Yobbagy

Class of 1966

Lois-Jean Berry
Mary A. Deming
Patricia M. Egan
Albert Gomes
Theodore F. Johnson
Sydel S. Newman
Betty Jean Wasczyk

Class of 1967

Roy Bouffard
William C. Dahncke
John C. Duffany
Sharon A. Fusco
Albert S. Mead, Jr.
Bonnie L. Miller
John Osborne
Bruce M. Stott

Class of 1968

Robert L. Chakar, Sr.
Mary F. DeKlyn
Chester L. Gage, Jr.
William K. Girard
Imogene M. Jaykus
Michael P. Jaykus
Joseph E. Kelly, Jr.
Joan Mead P
Robert T. Orgovan
Herbert A. Perlman, Sr.
Jennifer Carrubba Trombley
John M. Yarochowicz

Class of 1969

James F. Botta
Thomas W. Crucitti
Thomas P. Halligan, Jr.
William Hibbard
Georgia Nichols Keogh
William S. Lemak, Jr.
Gary Lemme
Louis Manoni
Emilia F. Montalto
Paul A. Montalto
Camille T. Petrecca
Dianna J. Poodlack

Class of 1970

Louis N. Beck
Cameron Brundage
Tom Fogarty
Dorothy E. Franklin
Joseph L. Giaquinto, Jr.
Johanne Miller Hagan
Sandra M. Justin, Ph.D.
Doris I. Lundberg
Linda M. Miller
James A. Poodlack
Judith E. Stevens

Class of 1971

Ronald A. Arbitelle
Ronald P. Campanaro
Karen J. Chambrovich

Lois A. Crucitti

Lois A. Crucitti
Dorothy A. Francis
Patricia S. Gage
Michael Hagan
Joyce C. Harmon
Carolyn Hibbard
Evelyn J. Marshak
Pauline McBride
Dayle Wiedenheft Moulton
Patricia M. O'Neill
Paul Paquette
Susan M. Paquette
Beverly Pavasaris
Kenneth E. Post, Jr.
Marc G. Reynolds
James P. Richardson
Marcia Rumsey
John M. Russell
Erin C. Shupenis
Raymond G. Shupenis
Leah H. Turner
Michael R. Van Geons
Francis A. Wainwright, Jr.

Class of 1972

Gale E. Barna
Kathleen M. Crowley
LTC Richard David
Susan L. Grobnagger
Diane Hassell
Kathy Manoni
Robert G. Markham
Alan M. Mattei
David W. Numberger
Nancy L. Nurnberger
Anthony J. Saracino
Eileen M. Sudol
John Swicklas, Jr.

Class of 1973

Les Andrews
Joseph A. Arconti
Jane L. Casagrande
Rita Drozdenko
Bernadette Ganio
Robert M. Garavel
Mark F. Graser
Marilyn Cole Greene
Brendan J. Jugler
Joyce B. Jugler
Olga Stavros Leavitt
Jeanne A. Lutze
Garrett E. Lyke
Elizabeth McDonough
Susan K. Morris
Karl A. Olson
Eugene A. Quarrie
Darleen A. Senete
John A. Setaro
James P. Slattery
Allan J. Weir

Class of 1974

Gary Bocaccio
Brian J. Burgess
Coleman C. Bushnell
Jeanne D'Angelo
Elaine J. Dinto
Paul P. Dinto
Ronald Drozdenko
Lynn I. French
Alison U. Haber
Frank M. Herbert
Donald J. Kappel
Laurie Loveland
David Pavis
Roger F. Pollick
Ronald J. Pugliese
Edward H. Seagraves
Lorraine K. Seaton
Louis A. Troccolo

Class of 1975

Emile G. Buzaid
Paul L. Cesca
Maria C. H. Craye



Photo: Ben Mayer

WCSSU graduate turns brutal attack into chance to help others

By turning a horrific experience into an opportunity to help others, WCSSU graduate Kate Costabile shares her experience of being a rape victim through public speaking, and she plans to use her WCSSU degree to build a lifelong career of public service.

Costabile was just 13 years old when she was held at gunpoint and attacked. The police officers who assisted her inspired her to earn a bachelor's degree in justice and law administration. After graduating last May, Costabile is seeking a career in law enforcement.

"I respected the officers who dealt with my case and said I want to put on a badge and a uniform and earn that same respect," she said.

The 21-year-old Oxford resident is a regular speaker for "Jane Doe No More," a nonprofit organization based in Naugatuck that is committed to shortening the time from crime to healing by creating awareness, breaking stigmas and dispelling myths about sexual assault.

Costabile said that when she was 13, she communicated with a 39-year-old man on a social media website and that he stalked her by showing up at school events. It wasn't long before the man, who was sentenced to 10 years in prison, forced her into his car and assaulted her.

"I blamed myself and didn't talk about it after it happened," said Costabile. Group therapy helped initially and eventually she went to individual counseling and said she finally got to a place where she could move forward again. It was then that she felt the need to share her experience. ■

— Robin Provey

Alumni Donors by Class (cont'd)

Robert D'Angelo
Pete R. Gereg
Deborah A. Goggliettino ☉ 🏠
John C. Goggliettino ☉ 🏠
Doreen Guerrero
Lynn K. Hennessey ☉ 🏠
Thomas P. Higgins
Jan Maria Jagush ☉ 🏠
Aleta M. Markham
Margaret P. O'Neill 🏠
John J. Pytel 🏠
Barbara S. Teller ☉ 🏠
Gail V. Wolf
Roger Wright

Class of 1976

Jose P. Boa
Eileen M. Bushnell
Susan R. Cavanaugh 🏠
Marlene M. Davis
Maija-Lisa Fink ☉
Ann E. Fitzgerald
Linda Marie Galloway ☉
Gary W. Gillotti ☉ 🏠
Sharon B. Girard NCTM 🏠
Laura M. Gross
Deborah L. Grover
Deborah Bednarik Heon
Glenn W. Herzig 🏠
Kevin Jenkins, Esq.
Carol L. Jones ☉
Joseph M. Koecet ☉ 🏠
John V. Meilillo ☉
Susan O. Pavis
Susan G. Pelchat
Olga M. Roman-Bates 🏠
Mary G. Saracino
David B. Seltzer ☉
Mary P. Walsh

Class of 1977

Rosanne L. Adams 🏠
Ray P. Boa
Andrea Fiori Brandl ☉ 🏠
Lorraine Capobianco ☉ 🏠
Kevin A. Cragin
Stephen J. Gillotti
Margaret A. Imbro
Walter R. Keenan ☉
Sandra J. Kissel 🏠
Lorraine Mansfield-Laurence
Anita Lynch
Mary A. McCormack
Jane A. Neuburger
Christina M. Noce
Robert W. Pytel ☉ 🏠
Daniel F. Rovelli

Class of 1978

Marie C. Bordonaro
Jeanne V. Camperchioli
Patricia E. Domnarski ☉ 🏠
Brenda M. Fegley 🏠
Margaret Hull Thompson ☉
Nancy K. Keilty
Jill Z. Kuhn
Sara F. Morgatto ☉ 🏠
David M. Plews 🏠
Joan M. Roberts ☉ 🏠
Vera Tisdall
Cynthia Torony Smith

Class of 1979

Jean M. Antin ☉
Ernest M. Brunelli
Kathleen C. Cragin
Thomas J. DiStasio ☉
Carey M. Hewitt ☉ 🏠
Linda R. Higgins
Janice G. Light 🏠
Gregg A. Miller
Louise A. Millis
Andrew C. Ocif
Shirley Thorson
Atty. Robert J. Yamin ☉ 🏠
Anna M. Zancan

Class of 1980

Joanne Essig Chapin ☉
Anne M. DeSignore
Carol J. Dietz
Karen Miller
Nancy A. Minowitz
Jonathan P. Rose
Annette J. Shapiro 🏠
Michael J. Tomkovitch ☉

Class of 1981

Cory W. Denninger
James P. Durkin
Deborah Gregory
W. Jason Hancock ☉ 🏠
Holly Kocet ☉ 🏠
Althea R. Melillo
Edgar R. Miller ☉
Mark G. Paulson ☉
Lawrence J. Post 🏠
James H. Wolf, Jr.

Class of 1982

Marianne C. Billings
Manuel R. Cipriano
Loredana DeNardis
Anna F. Denninger
Daniel Fegley 🏠
Charles F. Fenwick
Mara D. Griffiths
Claire M. Hines
John Luicci
Josephine Luicci
Jacqueline B. Morrison
Susan R. Murray
Andrew M. Rodgers
Marilyn P. Rose
Thomas S. Rose
Elizabeth K. Salame
Alicia J. Snakard ☉

Class of 1983

Mary-Anne Ammerman
Renee A. Barall
Sharon C. Broderick
Helen W. Buzaid ☉ 🏠
Richard A. Cooksey, Jr. ☉
Kara L. Crowley
J. Font
Marlene H. Gaberel 🏠
The Rev. Carole Johansen ☉ 🏠
Lisa C. Koeppeel
Robert E. Lovell ☉ 🏠
Paula Ann Mitchell ☉ 🏠
Valerie B. Palmieri ☉
Richard D. Pinto
Charles J. Volpe, Jr. ☉

Class of 1984

Sherryl W. Anderson
Bonnie Chainey
Kenneth J. Erdmann
Edward Gasser
Terri Gasser
Gabrielle Kessler Tracy ☉
Lisa R. King ☉
Susan M. Melillo ☉
Andrew B. Staley 🏠
Kim J. Voket
Gary W. Zimmerman

Class of 1985

Scott C. Brunjes ☉
Karen D. Frank ☉
Carolyn F. Kenworthy
Walter S. Koerting 🏠
Mary B. Leonard
Steven M. Leonard
Christine M. Mattei
Gretchen D. McCray
Margot J. Melaas
Jeffrey R. Miller ☉ 🏠
Robert Scott Porter ☉
Sheila N. Roy
Henry G. Tritter
Susan B. Tritter
Nancy L. Wildman

Class of 1986

Colvin L. Allen
William Baker 🏠
Susan J. Bury
Steven P. Byrne
Tina Chasse Mulinski
Sharon J. Dellinger
Sherri A. Estrellado
Shirley C. Ferris
Lamar S. Fife ☉ 🏠
Peter P. Gregory
Glenn J. Nanavaty ☉
Sandra S. Norelli
Gregory C. Pandolfo
Jane R. Sadowski
Carol V. Schmidt 🏠
Iliia V. Scriven ☉ 🏠
Cheryl K. Sgrignari ☉ 🏠
Pamela W. Watkins 🏠
Patricia H. Weiner ☉ 🏠
William A. Willauer

Class of 1987

Holli M. Babb
Lois P. Boisits ☉
Marie A. Delawder
Maribeth Griffin
Carol Eastwood-Hazzard 🏠
Daniel Hepp 🏠
Ellen M. Klaus
James E. Laverty ☉
Mark W. LoPresti ☉
Thomas I. Norelli
MaryJean Rebeiro ☉
Cheryl E. Scriven ☉ 🏠
Christine S. Shanley Buck

Class of 1988

Catherine A. Barsanti
Roy S. Dellinger
Scott R. Fawcett ☉ 🏠
Michael Kaltschnee
William F. Karnoscak
Judith Maxen Katz
Joseph C. Kay
J. Bryan Noonan
JoAnn S. Smith

Class of 1989

Evelyn L. Brescia
Fung Chow
Patricia Cipriano
Anthony W. Cirone, Jr. ☉ 🏠
Eileen S. Coladarci
Ann Marie Dunn
Donald R. Fantozzi
Cynthia S. Hannan
Joanne T. Justiniano ☉
James F. Kile 🏠
Judith L. Krohomer ☉
Gail Lehman ☉
Steven W. Pape

Class of 1990

Maureen Armstrong ☉ 🏠
Jeanette L. Cirone ☉ 🏠
Hannah D. Kauffman 🏠
Monica E. Gorman
Virtette K. Hamilton ☉
Gary Justiniano ☉
Dana S. Kelly
William A. McDevitt 🏠
Dorothy A. Mellett
Ellen D. Myhill 🏠
Peter J. Ruppert
Robert W. Schmidt
Susan E. Williams

Class of 1991

Gail P. Andersen 🏠
Vicki Barrett
Christina N. Beaudoin
Sharon M. Bradley ☉ 🏠
Joseph S. Giordano III 🏠
Barbara E. Powers
Phyllis Tranzillo

Class of 1992

John C. Dye 🏠
Marilyn O. Galanti
Thomas I. Knox

Class of 1993

William D. Egan
Bernard Findley
Alice E. Flynn
Daniel P. Flynn
Judith R. Foye ☉
Anna V. Guastaferrri
Valerie J. Hale 🏠
Tracy M. Horosky ☉ 🏠
James S. Kunick
Tara L. Kuther
Amanda Morrison
Richard J. Myers
Lisa G. Peck ☉ 🏠
Gisela G. Seagraves

Class of 1994

Timothy A. Brown ☉
David T. Dann ☉
Veronica Erdmann
Beatrice E. McKirgan ☉
Mary Rieke
Barbara F. Wanzer 🏠

Class of 1995

Peg Bowers
Mary M. Consoli
Debra A. Cratty 🏠
Frederic W. Cratty 🏠
Kathleen C. Dye
Thomas W. Fuchs
Jennifer R. Knox
Dennis P. Leszko ☉
Michelle Mattiaccio
Christopher A. Morrison
Richard Parmalee, Jr. ☉ 🏠
James L. Purcell III ☉
David J. Rotatori ☉

Class of 1996

Margaret M. Chappuis ☉
Constance K. Conway ☉ 🏠
Deborah A. Dougherty
Patrice Hough
Richard Luszczak
Michelle I. Rock
Shawn T. Ryan
Kenneth G. Silliman ☉
Nancy L. Sutherland
Rosemary E. Wright

Class of 1997

Tammy Hammershoy-McInerney 🏠
Brian W. Kelly

Aaron T. Larkin
Lori A. Matthews
Todd McInerney 🏠
Peggy H. Stewart 🏠
Chek Keong Tan ☉
Susan Tuz
Barbara M. Urban 🏠

Class of 1998

Evan R. Bernstein
Rita T. Bongarten
Tracey A. Cunningham
Frank R. DiCerbo
Jacqueline M. DiCerbo
Thomas M. Feeley, Jr.
Kathryn A. Leszko ☉
Mary K. Miller 🏠
Cory J. Plock ☉ 🏠

Class of 1999

Eric J. Baribeau
John Egan 🏠
Margaret E. Galtieri
Richard Horosky ☉ 🏠
David J. Kozlowski ☉
Joseph P. LaBella
Jennifer Cesca Light ☉
Irene M. Patalano
Valerie A. Roth ☉ 🏠

Class of 2000

Theresa L. Buzaid 🏠
Desmond Cabrera
Kathleen C. LiVolsi ☉
Tracy H. Parkin ☉
Daniel P. Passarelli
Lizette M. Plock ☉ 🏠
Jonathan R. Stark ☉

Class of 2001

Laura A. Anderson
Carol Broesler 🏠
Mark J. Candela
Elizabeth A. Matteson
Priscilla A. Williams
Ralph E. Williams III

Class of 2002

Kevin W. Athes
Marie Desmons
Adam B. Kennett
Emile M. Waite 🏠

Class of 2003

Todd M. Gorski
Magaly Macaluso ☉
Martha Winke

Class of 2004

William Druschell



The WCSU Alumni, Admissions and Student Affairs offices offered a series of "send-off" events that provided families like this a relaxed, casual environment in which to meet alumni, faculty, staff, current students and President James W. Schmotter and to ask their need-to-know questions before their first-year student headed off to campus in the fall.

WCSU grad becomes university's fourth recent Fulbright scholar

By Robin Provey

WCSU graduate Katherine "Katie" Marsan said the challenges offered at Western helped prepare her for the opportunity of a lifetime — being recognized as a Fulbright scholar and traveling across the globe to continue her studies in music education.

Marsan is the fourth WCSU student in the past five years to be named a Fulbright scholar. But the news, received several days before her May 2013 graduation, was bittersweet. Marsan lost her father to a lengthy illness just days before graduation and receiving the Fulbright news.

When Marsan first enrolled at Western, she learned about the Fulbright program and the fact that several Western students had recently been chosen. "I've been hearing about the Fulbright program since I was a freshman — and I thought it was kind of a reach."

But she soon learned that it wasn't. The individual attention, small classes and the Honors Program helped her make the most of her four years at Western, a journey that culminated with a degree in music education with honors. In September, the WCSU graduate headed to the University of Tartu in Estonia for a nine-month stay, during which time she will take fiddle lessons and study education and the folk music of the European nation.

"This experience will enable me to expose my future students to another culture and form of music," said Marsan, who plans to pursue a graduate degree in music to become a teacher. "The folk music of Estonia is known for its choral music. They have lots of festivals. Music is a good way for people to connect. We have different lifestyles, but we're not all that different."

A member of the WCSU Honors Program, Marsan said the program "opens you up to all these different opportunities and pushes you to go out of your comfort zone. You realize you can do more than you thought you could." ■



Alumni Donors by Class (cont'd)

Jane W. Harrison
Monica P. Sousa 🏡

Class of 2005

Elisa Beckett
Barry R. Boriss 📧 🏡
Katherine DeGroat
Kenneth E. Gallagher
Jo-Ann Jordan
Martin T. Jordan
Janet McKay 🏡

Class of 2006

Margaret M. Boyle
Heide A. Lock 📧 🏡
Melinda R. Tarsi

Class of 2007

Jerrold A. Cattet
Jamison A. Clark 📧 🏡
Mark J. Faticoni
Keith Karvelis
Caitlin E. Pereira
Paul M. Steinmetz 📧
Juan Stein-Obreros

Class of 2008

Dawn A. Bailey 🏡
Brittany L. Baisch
Michael R. Carlo
James J. Fasanella, Jr.
Leslie E. Forker
Pauline E. Goolkasian 📧
Jennifer L. Hull
Thomas P. Imre
Vincent P. Kmetz
Matthew C. Lupoli
Matthew Pereira
Henry V. Ricci 🏡

Class of 2009

Aaliyah A. Miller
Jessica L. Rockwell 🏡
Jonathan W. Rosario
Eric M. Spoldi
Laura R. Telman
Linda M. Timman 📧 🏡

Class of 2010

Simone A. Ahloowalia
Robert D. Billings 📧 🏡
Doris A. Cartolano

Betsy B. Davidson
Gisela M. Dias
Nancy A. Haensch
Andrew F. Mills
Maureen E. Mohammed 📧
Kelly E. Strazza
Jessica C. Strom
Gregg J. Taylor
Eric A. Voytek

Class of 2011

Caitlin E. Bristol
Lisa A. Lengel
Gregory T. Meghani
Jesse M. Ofgang
Rosemarie Scott

Class of 2012

Ryan R. Bachman
Allyson L. Camera
Mary Ann Gallagher
Shelby N. Hillario
Frances K. Johnson
Stephanie L. Jones 🏡
Brianna M. LaCombe 🏡
Patricia M. Lynch

Laura C. Messina
Christopher W. O'Rielly
Zachary W. Rosenberg
Alessandra R. Sabene 🏡
Aydely Santiago-Taiman
Joseph P. Simonelli 🏡
Marianna Vagnini-Dadamo
H. John Voorhees III
Russell D. Westerholm 🏡

Class of 2013

Andrew J. Alexander 📧
Alexandria Almeida 🏡
Kai-Dee Beach
Jigar S. Bhavsar 🏡
Solomon T. Bramble 🏡
Stacy Castro 🏡
Crystal J. Deller 🏡
Tina M. Ferrarotti 🏡
Andrew G. Gadwah 🏡
Steven N. Golden 🏡
Carolyn A. Heagle
Maureen E. Hennessey 🏡
Robert Hu 🏡
Jacob W. Humerick 🏡
Ryan S. Iodice 🏡

Valerie N. Jaeger
Sarata Kabre 🏡
Ryan M. Lopez 🏡
Kimberlitz Y. Martinez 🏡
Drew N. Mazur 🏡
Joseph Nash 🏡
Jenny Ortiz 🏡
Virginia E. Orzell 🏡
Sasha D. Perry 🏡
Shannon A. Person 🏡
Matthew J. Peters 🏡
Elizabeth A. Polaco 🏡
Justin M. Poletti 🏡
Timothy D. Randall 🏡
Danish Rehman 🏡
Eileen P. Schaub
Jessica A. Sciuto 🏡
Mikailah M. Simons 🏡
Michael N. Stadnyk 🏡
Caroline B. Strange
Alyssa S. Thompson 🏡
Jazmyln L. Thompson 🏡
Tin A. Thu 🏡
Benjamin T. Townsend 🏡
Elizabeth S. Young 🏡



continued photo

Community mourns student killed in Afghanistan

On Sept. 5, Staff Sgt. Todd James "T.J." Lobraico, a member of the New York Air National Guard, was killed in action near Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan. Lobraico was a student in the Justice and Law Administration Division at Western, pursuing a degree in law enforcement. The 22-year-old soldier was on his second deployment.

At the request of his family, public calling hours and the funeral were held Sept. 12 and 13, respectively, in the Feldman Arena of the O'Neill Center. Lobraico was remembered as a heroic young man with a great sense of humor who was determined to follow in his father's footsteps as a police officer. ■

— Sherri Hill

WCSU grad student has great ideas for invention and business



(l-r): President James W. Schmotter, Michael Carpanzano and Management Professor Fred Maidment celebrate Carpanzano's win.

By Robin Provey

Michael Carpanzano had a great idea. His ingenuity — coupled with what he's learned through the Master of Business Administration program at WCSU — recently earned him a top prize and the probability that his invention will someday be found in every household across the country.

The invention, "nuplug," earned Carpanzano first place in the personal business model category in a competition sponsored by The Entrepreneurship Foundation in Fairfield. The statewide competition attracted business plans and product ideas from undergraduate and graduate students from every university and college in the state. The win-

ning model was selected from 10 finalists in December 2012.

Carpanzano explained that "nuplug" is an extension cord that clamps onto furniture for "smart" device charging convenience, allowing the user to comfortably use the device as it is charging. The 32-year-old Sherman native said his business model was developed under the mentorship of the MBA program, from which he graduated in May. Carpanzano is the owner of Sherman Building Design, a residential construction contracting firm in Sherman.

While entering nine more competitions during his final semester, Carpanzano, a single father, said that getting his MBA from Western allowed him to be close enough to home to run his business and raise his young son.

"I like to pursue higher learning and thought getting my MBA would help me be a more savvy business owner," he said, adding that the faculty at the Ancell School of Business helped him refine his ideas and put him on a successful path.

"It's very easy for professors to lose sight of the real reason they are here. The one thing I can say about this school is that there are professors here who care," he said. "It shows in their curriculum, their attitudes and the way they run their class. And it's made it worth it." ■



Eric Wellman '64

The contributions of Eric Wellman, class of '64, to WCSU started back in the 1960s, when he served as Student Government Association president during his senior year and vice president of his junior class as a Western student. Wellman's contributions continued long after he graduated: An active member of the Alumni Association, he served as its president from 1975-78 and as treasurer for nearly 20 years.

Wellman passed away in April 2013. His wife, Diana, has established a WCSU scholarship in his memory. ■

— Robin Provey



Alumni Association changes golf tourney name to honor Wagner

Neil Wagner's list of WCSU affiliations is a long one: The Class of '52 graduate was a lifetime member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and former dean of the University Center for Lifelong Learning, president of the Faculty Association, chair of the Varsity Governing Board, class adviser and member of the university governance committee. Wagner passed away in May 2013. A former co-chairman of the Alumni Golf Tournament, this year's tournament was dedicated to his memory and the Alumni Association established a WCSU scholarship in his name. The event going forward will be known as the Neil Wagner WCSU Alumni Association Golf Tournament.

Wagner lived in Danbury with his wife, Carolyn, also a Western graduate. He was often seen at university social functions and events, both on and off campus and, while his presence is missed, his legacy continues in many ways. ■

— Robin Provey



flickr

Alumni Association Golf Tournament Players & Sponsors

All players from the 27th annual golf tournament in 2012 at Richter Park in Danbury benefited the WCSU Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, from which annual awards are made to students based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service on and off campus.

Sponsors

A & J Construction
 AI Watson Tree Service
 Aldine Metal Products Corp.
 Bagel Bistro
 Elisa Beckett '05
 Belardinelli Tire Company Incorporated
 Borghesi, Harbanuk & Wilson, LLC
 City of Danbury
 Craig's Jewelry Store, Inc.
 Crystal Rock Holdings, Inc.
 Daddona Bros Mechanical, LLC
 Del-Tron Precision, Inc.
 Demarzo Unlimited
 William Druschell '04
 Earthmovers, Inc.

Equale & Cirone, LLP
 Ethan Allen Interiors, Inc.
 Fairfield County Bank
 Fastpitch Nation
 Fiorita, Kornhaas & Company, P.C.
 Sharon A. Fusco '67
 GHP Media
 Thomas P., Jr. '69 & Lynn Halligan
 Hawley Construction
 HD Supply Waterworks
 Holiday Hill Management Company
 JMJ Connecticut Property Management, LLC
 Joe the Plumber, Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, LLC
 Joe's Cigar Shop

Joseph A. Saffi, P.C.
 JVS Exteriors, Inc.
 Kamco Supply Corporation
 Kay's Tours
 Law Office of Cornelius J. Ivers, LLC
 Licensed Rocky Hill Home Daycare
 Longo & Associates, LLC
 Todd McInerney '97 & Tammy Hammershoy-McInerney '97
 Albert S., Jr. '67 & Joan '68 Mead
 Mulvaney Mechanical, Inc.
 Naugatuck Window & Glass
 Norbert E. Mitchell Co., Inc.
 Northeast Energy Partners
 Jerry J. & Joan O'Brien
 Ogden Electrical Services, Inc.
 Orkin Pest Control
 Papi's Liquors, LLC
 Paul Dinto Electrical Contractors, Inc.
 Poco & Son Lawn Care, LLC
 Pro Image Concepts, LLC
 Ronald J. '74 & Janice W. Pugliese
 Recruiter, LLC
 Rehabilitation Practice Management
 Elaine A. Salem '64
 Savings Bank of Danbury
 Silvestri Fencing

Sodexo, Inc. & Affiliates
 Spartan II Restaurant
 Stitched Concepts
 Toussaint Chiropractic Office
 Union Savings Bank
 Neil E. '52 ** & Carolyn C. '52 Wagner
 Steven Demoura
 David Fawcett
 Jeffrey Fawcett
 Fiorita, Kornhaas & Company, P.C.
 Chester L., Jr. '68 & Patricia S. Gage '71
 Joseph L. Giaquinto, Jr. '70
 William K. Girard '68
 Daniel P. Goble
 Thomas Goelz & S. Jane von Trapp
 David & Sallie Guerrero
 Robert & Doreen '75 Guerrero
 Thomas P., Jr. '69 & Lynn Halligan

Players

Herman Anderson '55 & Ann Metzgar Anderson
 Wesley A. Brown
 Rocco & Betsy Ciario
 Crystal Rock Holdings, Inc.
 Steven Demoura
 David Fawcett
 Jeffrey Fawcett
 Fiorita, Kornhaas & Company, P.C.
 Chester L., Jr. '68 & Patricia S. Gage '71
 Joseph L. Giaquinto, Jr. '70
 William K. Girard '68
 Daniel P. Goble
 Thomas Goelz & S. Jane von Trapp
 David & Sallie Guerrero
 Robert & Doreen '75 Guerrero
 Thomas P., Jr. '69 & Lynn Halligan

Josephine Hamer
 William '69 & Carolyn '71 Hibbard
 Gerald Kelly
 Law Office of Cornelius J. Ivers, LLC
 Gary Lemme '69
 Thomas Mack
 Louis '69 & Kathy '72 Manoni
 Albert S., Jr. '67 & Joan '68 Mead
 Paul A. '69 & Emilia F. '69 Montalto
 Daniel & Kathryn Ellen Mullane
 Charles P. & Mary C. Mullaney
 Richard J. Myers '93
 David W. '72 & Nancy L. '72 Nurnberger
 Ronald J. '74 & Janice W. Pugliese
 Robert J. Riebe Building Contractor
 Michael Rodrigue
 Wayne J. Shepperd
 Raymond G. '71 & Erin C. '71 Shupen
 Edward, Jr. & Pamela Sidlowsky
 Vernon & Wendy Swartley
 Tegeler Insurance Services, LLC
 Stephen & Phyllis '91 Tranzillo
 Travelers
 Vision Designs, LLC
 Neil E. '52 ** & Carolyn C. '52 Wagner



Office of Institutional Advancement
181 White Street
Danbury, CT 06810

Address Service Requested

Non Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Danbury, CT
Permit No. 40



the fund for Western

The WCSU Foundation supports students, research and programs like Building a Bridge to Improve Student Success, a college-readiness collaboration between the university and high schools in the region. Your annual gift ensures that this and similar programs will continue to benefit students and the community.

**Make a gift today at
wcsu.edu/onlinegiving.**

WCSU Foundation
181 White Street,
Danbury, CT 06810
(203) 837-8279
www.wcsu.edu/ia