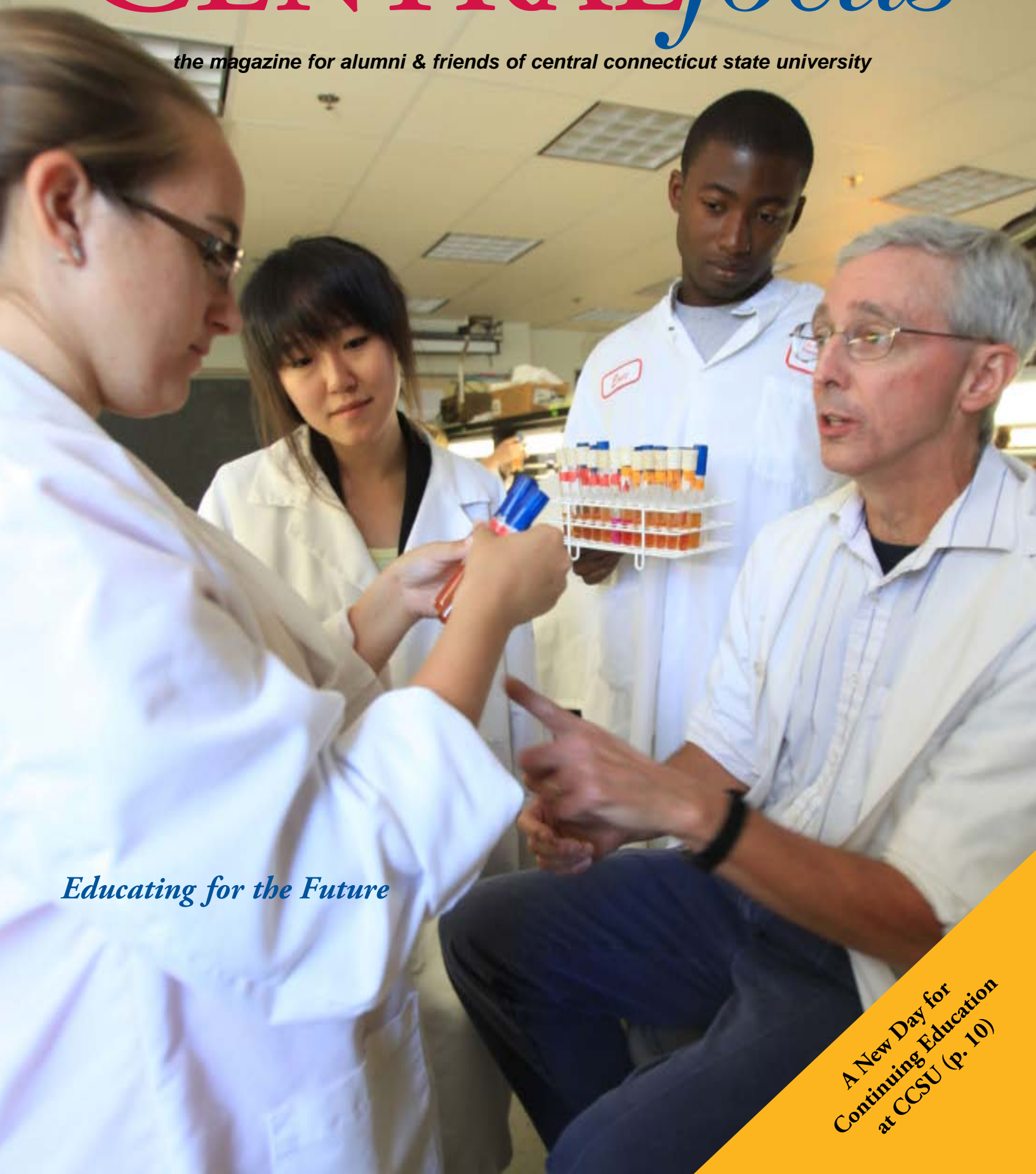


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Four years ago, workforce development became one of the four distinctive elements that Central adopted as part of the University's strategic plan. Data indicated then, and more so today, a national shortage of college graduates in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs--the so-called STEM fields of study that have become central to the success of nearly all business enterprises.

In this issue of the Focus, three of the University's distinguished alumni discuss the profound and urgent need for educating students in the STEM programs, beginning early in their lives and on through college. Their insights strongly suggest that our students' success in STEM is the key to our state's and nation's ability to compete globally.

Workforce development is also a motivating factor in the recent redesign of Central's Continuing Education program. As described in this issue, our revamped Continuing Education program aims to meet a broad range of business needs for organizational development as well as an equally broad range of individual needs for professional growth and cultural enrichment.

Our commitment to educating for the future and our continuing efforts to extend it to an even wider constituency of learners make it abundantly clear that Central remains, even in tough economic times, a vital resource for Connecticut.

Jack Miller  
President

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# Educating for the Future:

Carol A. Ammon



As part of Homecoming 2011, CCSU's Institute of Technology & Business Development hosted an Executive Seminar featuring distinguished CCSU alumni. After the seminar, they gathered to discuss the importance of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) for the career success of school and university students. Although it was intended to be only a brief interview session with WNPR reporter Harriet Jones, the conversation quickly became a wide-ranging round table discussion. What follows is a condensed version of that conversation.

The distinguished CCSU alumni are: **Carol A. Ammon**, founder and retired CEO of Endo Pharmaceuticals; **Charles T. Fote**, who led First Data to a \$60 billion business; and **Dan Siracusa**, founder of the industry award-winning Siracusa Moving & Storage. They were joined by CCSU Professor of Management & Organization **David Fearon**.

Charles T. Fote



**Harriet Jones (NPR):** Why are science, technology, engineering, and math important in education?

**Fearon:** Adventure. STEM is one of the arenas for true adventure because it's all about creating the next thing. If we can bring that sense of adventure into the lives of school children and sustain it through college, then students will take the tough STEM courses necessary for making the US more competitive on the global stage.

**Jones:** So, it's about making it relevant?

**Fearon:** It is relevant, but I'm not sure our young people can see it because a lot of science is done behind the walls. They see the product but maybe they don't have enough interaction with technologists and scientists to get that sense that these people are always on the verge of a solution.

**Ammon:** I agree. Technology allows us to continually reinvent ourselves. From a competitive, global perspective that's really important. But look at it just from a personal basis. Consider the ability to constantly change how we bring drugs to market; for example, using the human genome to target specific drugs for a cancer or a neurological disorder. We are on the precipice of being able to do that, and it's a revolution. For our young students to be able to participate in that change is ever so exciting.

**Fote:** Think of the things we can do today that weren't even thought of 20 years ago. There are no boundaries. With the Internet you have five billion interactors. People communicate with each other on the fly. That is changing the way people pay their bills or buy things and interact in other ways. As one little example, think about Watson, the Jeopardy computer. They are going to start using Watson to help

doctors diagnose. Five billion people could be adding data to Watson. So I think there are no boundaries to what could happen.

**Siracusa:** Our knowledge historically has doubled every seven years. Soon it's going to double every month. How we prepare new generations to adapt to that is where the rubber meets the road. I was reading a story about someone who was elated to have created a new product, but the moment it was created somebody invented something making that product obsolete. That's how quick we're changing.

**Jones:** What can you say about employees coming in entry level to your industries: do you see a lack of preparation or are you seeing people coming in who are qualified?

**Ammon:** I've been impressed by young people's preparation and eagerness to use technology to move at a faster speed than we expected. Students have grown up with this technology. We're past the time when young people in the workplace didn't have this technology. It's a way of life for today's students, and they expect to be able to use it and run with it.

**Fearon:** On our campus we have schools of engineering and technology, business, arts and sciences, and education. Every one of those disciplines prepares people for contributing to this kind of innovation in different ways. You cannot really make drug solutions strictly by chemists and bioscientists. You have to have someone who understands human behavior. And I would say, pointing to Dan's business, logistics is a worldwide concern now. Ideas about that might come from a history major. So let's be more inclusive as we're talking about STEM. Let's try to spread that adventure and show students the connection to any subject they learn.

Dan Siracusa



David Fearon





# STEM, Innovation, & the Adventure of Learning

**Ammon:** I think that's important. Technology is the underpinning of every discipline in the workplace, and there are no longer silos. The only way a workforce is going to make progress is to be able to communicate with each other and be able to be part of the solution. As you said, Dan, somebody's going to invent something and the next person is going to be there to bypass that invention. So all of the groups have to be able to really work together, and technology is that underpinning that gets us there faster than ever before.

**Siracusa:** I think today's students are coming out very educated on the process. I see the new generation as problem solvers. But I think they've lost human skills because they'd rather text than talk. They're not putting themselves in those real-life situations.

**Fearon:** And I would interject, looking at Carol's field for example, in a chemistry lab you have to have people with a strong sense of what's right and wrong. So we cannot rule out many other disciplines.

**Fote:** I agree that technology is great. But focusing on technology distances us from learning the business operations that rely on the technology. When I started a credit card business I made every effort to understand the business and then learn how technology could help. Today I'm concerned that the new players in the business don't understand the transactions of business. We have to have grassroots people who have business expertise based on a breadth of learning, not just focused on technology.

**Fearon:** I think what inspires inventors is the good that their efforts bring to society and to them. They bring in technology and science. There's a team, but I think without the business sense we've talked about here, how is this going to translate into something that's good for society as well as being profitable. In some ways technology is neutral at best and sometimes even harmful. We know all the negative things that can happen with just a computer aspect of science and engineering, so we do have to be very holistic in educating going forward. We just can't keep replacing people with technology.

**Ammon:** Technology is allowing us to get to places a whole lot faster than we could have before. But the end result still has to be the ethical environment. Technology can bring us to very difficult ethical dilemmas. We have to make sure we're doing things appropriately. Technology has

to be the catalyst to get us there faster, but all of those other elements are also critical.

**Jones:** A lot of young people coming out of school now are very good using technology. They're "digital natives." Do you think they are innovators, that they can innovate new technology, or that they are just consumers?

**Siracusa:** They have a good chance of being innovators because they are problem solvers. They can access information very quickly and get to the root of a problem. How you apply it, that's where the rubber meets the road. Usually if they've been given things too easy in life they have a tendency not to work as hard for things. So we are trying to train them a lot quicker because they are very impulsive. You have to rein in that energy level and redirect them.

**Jones:** Do you think there is enough awareness within the education system of what employers need? Do you think there is enough coupling between the philosophies of the education world and what businesses actually think we need in a workforce?

**Fearon:** I think it was easier for an employer to know what she or he needed 15 years ago. I'm guessing that employers today are not all that sure. I know what my product should be, I know my strategy, but I'm not sure I know exactly what skill sets I want. I think it's something we discover together. I don't think we sit here as educators waiting for employers to bring the message – "We need this or this." It's "What do we need to do together?" What do I need to do, as an academic, with my neighbor Dan Siracusa so that when I send a student Dan's way, Dan is able to reinvent his business with that student rather than fill a box he created years ago.

**Siracusa:** If I tell new employees that I'm hiring for a role, by the time they start the role might change. So I tell them, "I'm hiring you based on your skill set, based on that toolbox that you brought, but where I find a need I might move you. You might be a third baseman today, and a first baseman tomorrow."

**Jones:** So adaptability?

**Siracusa:** Adaptability.

**Fearon:** Charlie had 41,000 people working for him. Did you keep them all in silos and boxes, Charlie?

**Fote:** We couldn't. They're humans. We were well diversified because we were scattered around

the world, so that made it even more difficult to keep them in silos or boxes. But interaction in a company crosses all departmental borders.

**Fearon:** I did a study once on "firsts." Right up until about 1963 or '64 Connecticut had lots of firsts. Then it tapered off. I asked an audience, "What the heck happened after '62? Where are the people who can create the firsts and why not here?" One answer was, Well, they moved to California and Silicon Valley. They felt they had more interaction, more energy.

**Ammon:** I agree with that so heartily. We're not working in silos anymore, so everybody can participate in reinventing the workplace. But it's an employer's responsibility, particularly if you want to keep businesses local, to create the environment that enables that to happen. If you create an environment where you're really siloed it's never going to happen and people will go elsewhere.

**Fearon:** We have to model that in schools, as well. We can't keep marching kids through little silos and grades and separating them off and then expect them to explode out into an open environment where they have a place at the table. We have to change the way we organize schooling, including higher education, so students can actually be ready for that or they are going to be stunned when they get out there.

**Fote:** And that's especially true when you consider the world economy. Technology is becoming available to students all over the world. So we need to make sure that in the school system the kids can not only access it but are disciplined on it. The countries with the best disciplined systems and the most school days will win the global economy. We have to find a way to keep competitive.

**Ammon:** It's about our ability to transform how we do work to increase the value equation. We have to find a way to make the same product or a better product at a lower cost.

**Siracusa:** And that's where technology, engineering, and math come in, because learning how to do the job in a more cost-effective way while increasing quality at the same time, that is the adventure for the US. And the only way we're going to compete is to bring out this kind of ingenuity at a higher level and sustain it in our young people. Let's look closely at what kind of curriculum we can design to keep us competitive anywhere in the world. I love that challenge.



by Geri Radacsi

# Michele Dischino

## Sparking Student Interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

Growing up, Associate Professor of Technology and Engineering Education Michele Dischino was mystified by her Etch-A-Sketch™. How did the drawing contraption work? What made that gray powder stick to the screen and then allow it to be shaken free of the drawing surface so that a new picture could be created? She needed to see inside.

Today, her sense of scientific curiosity firmly intact, Dischino is researching the most effective ways to capture and keep students' interested in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

"My degrees in engineering (BS, mechanical engineering, Manhattan College, and PhD, bioengineering, University of Pennsylvania) are crucial to my teaching and research," says Dischino, who joined the School of Engineering and Technology six years ago. "But I think it's important for every member of society to have insights into engineering. Can you imagine a world without technology?" She laughs, "Or students without cell phones? I don't want students to think STEM subjects are boring, useless, and difficult. I want students to be captivated by an understanding of these areas and to feel they can be creative in finding solutions to society's challenges."

Dischino is co-principal investigator for "Problem-Based Learning for Sustainable Technologies: Increasing the STEM Pipeline," a three-year Advanced Technological Education project, funded by the National Science Foundation, that began in 2009 and will continue until fall 2012.

Problem-based learning (PBL) is an instructional approach whereby students learn content by actively and collaboratively solving authentic, real-world problems. "Used extensively in medical education since the 1970s, PBL has emerged as an exciting and effective alternative to traditional lecture-based instruction in STEM education," she says. "Research shows it improves student learning and retention, critical thinking and problem-solving skills, teamwork, and the ability to apply knowledge in new situations—skills deemed critical for success in the 21st-century workplace."

The principles of PBL are being used to develop innovative, standards-based curricula with the aim of increasing students' interest and preparedness in pursuing STEM-related careers. "The project principal investigators—myself included—worked with industry collaborators who are breaking ground in 'green' technologies to create a series of online multimedia PBL resources focused on sustainability," she says. Referred to as "STEM PBL Challenges," the instructional materials are designed to engage high school and college students in real-world problem solving.

"The materials build on our previous NSF-funded project, 'PHOTON PBL,' in which we developed similar materials, specifically for educators, about the field of photonics," explains Dischino. The results were very positive. Students who used the materials showed greater motivation and self-efficacy and increases in their problem-solving abilities. "We're optimistic that



*In the Department of Technology and Engineering Education, Associate Professor Michele Dischino (left) and Professor and Department Chair James DeLaura, work with students Elizabeth Chatis (lower center) and Djenne Mobley (top right) to introduce problem-based learning.*

the STEM PBL Challenges will prove to be equally, if not more, effective," she says.

Another goal of the current NSF-funded research is to introduce pre-service teacher candidates to PBL methods and conduct research to determine their attitudes regarding use of those methods into their future classrooms. Here CCSU plays a critical role due to the strength of its teacher education programs.

In spring 2011, 15 CCSU technology education students were enrolled in a required methods course, Teaching Technology and Engineering Education, that was modified to include PBL. Throughout the semester, students were presented with fundamental concepts related to PBL methodology and introduced to the STEM PBL curricular materials. They were led through the development of those materials and instructed in effective implementation, considering both student and teacher perspectives. Data from the pilot semester of the modified course, including pre- and post-surveys and focus group findings, were analyzed and presented at a conference in March 2012.

Dischino's work has gained recognition. She was one of 59 women in Connecticut selected as finalists for the 2010 Women of Innovation Awards to honor innovators, role models, and leaders in the technology, science, and engineering fields.

### Future Scholarly Projects?

But she's not resting on any laurels. She and her associates are in the process of writing an application for another NSF grant. "We're planning to expand the reach of our two successful PBL projects into the field of advanced manufacturing, by creating a new series of multimedia challenges," she says, "and we aim to also increase the number of STEM teachers capable of developing and delivering PBL instruction. Our hope is that our efforts will continue to inspire students to pursue careers in STEM."

Dischino adds, "I am particularly excited to be introducing these problem-based learning concepts and materials into our pre-service teacher education courses where they will benefit both our CCSU students and the many young individuals they will go on to teach. As one of only a handful of institutions with an undergraduate degree program in engineering education, CCSU is ideally situated to become a leader in this emerging field."

# Matthew Specter's Book Illuminates Philosopher Jürgen Habermas

By Geri Radacsi



It takes an intrepid spirit to dare analyze the complex writings of Jürgen Habermas, the prominent German philosopher and social theorist. Matthew Specter was “thrilled” to do just that.

“I never dreamed when I was working on my dissertation at Duke University that I’d meet Habermas, interview and correspond with him personally, and that he’d read my book about him,” declares the CCSU assistant professor of history.

Not only did Habermas communicate with Specter, but he praised his first book, *Habermas: An Intellectual Biography* (Cambridge University Press, 2010). “You have placed my academic publications on the one hand, and my commentary on current events on the other in the contemporary historical context of the history of the Federal Republic [of Germany], and derived from it a learning-process in which I can recognize myself. That is a respectable achievement, not least because I had not expected it from a non-native.”

Specter, who joined CCSU in 2008 and whose areas of specialization are intellectual and cultural history, modern Europe, and Germany, illuminates the interrelationship between the thinker and his culture. “My book uses Habermas’s career as a window on the reorientation of West German political culture to a liberal-democratic model after 1945,” he says. “It places Habermas’s project of renovating the ideal of the rule of law at the center of his oeuvre.”

The book is an outgrowth of Specter’s 20 years as a scholar. At Brown University, after two years in Harvard’s Honors program in Social Studies, he designed his own major in Modern European Intellectual History and Social Theory and wrote a thesis on the political worldview of the Nobel Prize-winning novelist Thomas Mann.

After Brown, he deepened his language skills and went to Duke to earn his MA and PhD in European intellectual history. “Habermas was a logical choice because he provided a window on post-WWII Germany, specifically how the political Left reoriented itself after the Third Reich,” explains Specter.

## What Gives This Book Originality?

It is his use of a historical “contextualization” approach that distinguishes Specter’s book from scores of others about Habermas written primarily by philosophers, sociologists, political scientists, and international scholars. As a historian, Specter fastidiously used primary and secondary sources, even comparing the academic literature with the public intellectual writing in newspapers. “It was exciting to do oral history interviews with German professors who have known Habermas and were able to corroborate my ideas,” he says.

One such idea is particularly intriguing. In the book’s closing chapter, Specter discusses Habermas’s *Between Facts and Norms*, published in German in 1992. An analysis of political and legal theory, it has been viewed by many as Habermas setting out on a new path, marking a legal or liberal turn in his thought. Boldly, Specter rejects this position. Rather

than reading this work as the end of the Frankfurt tradition of critical theory, an embrace of liberal constitutionalism, as many have done, Specter argues that this work represents “an important restatement of the radical democratic project of reform to which Habermas has been committed since the 1960s.”

Specter says, “It was exciting to have my new theory validated in a personal interview I had with Ulrich K. Preuss,” a political scientist who co-authored the draft of the German Democratic Republic constitution. “He told me that his concern with the relationship of constitutional law to democracy had been a constant in Habermas’s life, actually an obsession.”

In a book review, Harvard University History Professor Peter E. Gordon wrote, “Specter succeeds in showing that there are no ‘breaks’ in Habermas’s preoccupation with law, constitutionalism, the future of the social welfare state, etc.” Specter, he wrote, “is a skillful historian of ideas and he uses his talents with sensitivity and precision to sound the multiple resonances in Habermas’s work.”

In July 2010, Specter commenced a second book, *The Making of Transatlantic Foreign Policy Realism*. During a week-long trip to Germany, he examined the unedited personal papers of Wilhelm Grewe, a former West German Ambassador to the United States, archived at the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History, in Frankfurt am Main. While continuing to use the methods of intellectual and cultural history, Specter is turning to other topics beyond the German national frame: the so-called “realist” tradition in foreign policy; and human rights in 19th- and 20th-century global history.

Specter says it took six years and “endurance” to complete his book, but he reflects, “As a descendant of German Jews, I have a connection with German history. That history is dark and cautionary, but also inspiring, because it produced critical intellectuals like Habermas — a figure who continues to give us such vital reflections on democracy and modern society.”



# César Delgado



by Kate Callahan '14

## Succeeding with Drive and Determination – A Travelers EDGE Scholar

When César D. Delgado '11 boarded a plane leaving Puerto Rico for Hartford in late 2004, he intended to return home satisfied, having finally seen his father after seven years. But Delgado's round-trip ticket turned into an indefinite stay when his father, who worked at the Hartford Marriott, offered him a job, a safe place to grow, and the tools to become bilingual.

"When you do something, do it from your heart," Delgado says. This philosophy, he believes, "manifests with you being honest about what satisfies you as a person." Delgado faced many moments in his transition from Puerto Rican to American culture that demanded nothing less than honesty and a clear heart.

Delgado worked as an overnight security guard at the Hartford Marriott, while studying English as a second language at Capitol Community College (CCC).

"It was a trying time," he says, "because of the language barrier; it was difficult to communicate at the level I wanted." Delgado wondered if he should go back to Puerto Rico. His mentor at CCC encouraged him to continue "doing what he was doing," to read plenty of American newspapers, and to watch TV in English.

He learned something more from his mentor—how to accept help. He heeded his mentor's advice and persevered.

The more comfortable Delgado became with his English skills the more he came to trust his decision to stay in the US. He was promoted to inventory associate at the Marriott, where he managed the supply chain for 140 rooms throughout the property. Delgado discovered that he liked management and started taking management courses at CCC. Delgado's passion and hard work inspired his mentor to recommend Delgado for Travelers EDGE, a new program at Travelers that offers students part-time job experience, access to higher education, financial aid, and mentoring throughout the process.

Delgado's part-time work at Travelers led to full-time work, and he also made the leap from CCC to CCSU as a Travelers-Central EDGE Scholar in 2010. Adjunct Lecturer of Management and Organization Kate Wall says, "César Delgado is what the EDGE program is all about. He brings curiosity, energy, and excitement to the classroom. He contributes ideas and examples from his experiences to shed light on complex theories, and, in doing so, adds value to the learning environment."

Delgado explains that he likes to think strategically. "When I'm in the classroom, I'm always thinking beyond the classroom context. If I'm working on 'X' at Travelers, I ask, how does what I'm learning connect to 'X'? That's what I love about class. I'm an extrovert, so I'm always talking, but, more than that, I'm participating as a professional, someone who has real-life experience."

His experience includes not only his new role working in Bond and Financial Products at Travelers but also giving back to the community that's nurtured him along the way. "Currently, I use my story to motivate others," Delgado says. He mentors two students through the High School, Inc., program on Asylum Avenue in Hartford. He tells them: "Hey, I did this, so can you. Let's break the barriers!"

Delgado has also volunteered for the United Way Day of Caring, giving one-on-one coaching sessions and mock interviews at the Hartford Job Corps Academy to students seeking feedback on their skills. Delgado's long-term goal, in addition to becoming a leader in the insurance industry, is to found a non-profit organization to motivate students—especially those from underrepresented populations—to be successful. Delgado says, "I can't make you be successful, but I can give you the conditions—i.e., mentoring, education, training—to excel in life."

Delgado's consistently positive attitude is recognized by his mentors and professors in CCSU's School of Business. Professor of Management and Organization David Fearon reflects, "César was among the first Travelers-Central EDGE Scholars to come to us. We have closely followed his light as he moved across the semesters. Now, soon, he will carry it with him into a career at Travelers. His light comes from within. He is one passionately determined young fellow. César has lighted the path for all EDGE Scholars who follow."

Delgado happily accepted an offer from Travelers to relocate to Florida after completing his bachelor's degree at CCSU in December 2011. His position in Bond and Financial Products will evolve to include a Spanish-speaking customer base. Delgado feels that he'll be in his element and a step closer to his dream of working in international business, fluidly moving between the Spanish and English languages, and modeling the philosophies that have shaped his success.



# “Border Visions”

## Conference Highlights Socio-Cultural Role of Borders in Art and Societies

By Claire LaFleur Hall



Students were on the edge of their seats for the award-winning feature films and lively debates on real-life immigration issues that highlighted the “Border Visions: Borderlands in Film and Literature” conference last fall, organizers said.

And they kept coming back to the three-day event to see films like “Sin Nombre,” in which a teen flees her native Honduras, risks her life, and witnesses her father’s murder as they try to cross illegally into the U.S.

In another film, “Illegal,” a Russian woman, who is in Belgium illegally, will do almost anything to avoid being separated from her 14-year-old son and sent to a horrible detention center.

“These were blockbuster hits with our students,” said Professor Karen Ritzenhoff, of the Department of Communication. “The films were interesting to watch—they had violence and sex and love and death and carnage, and the students loved them. They showed the drama in deportation, they put a face on what it is like to be an immigrant.”

And that was exactly what conference organizers were hoping. Because until someone has a strong connection to an issue, like immigration, he or she will never feel passionately about it, they said.

The conference, attended by 600 people, was organized by Jakub Kazecki, assistant professor of Modern Languages, Matthew Ciscel, assistant chair of the English Department, and Ritzenhoff. Some 90 international film and foreign policy experts participated.

“It was a big success,” said Kazecki. “The films we screened were selected for their impact. They were thought-provoking and addressed the uneasy topics of border relations, human trafficking, and illegal immigration.” Both the films and the panel discussions on equal rights contributed to the conference’s mission, he said.

Another highpoint of the conference was a roundtable discussion on immigration, which featured panelist Mariano Cardoso, who immigrated illegally to the US at 22 months, and grew up in New Britain. He discussed his quest to finish his college degree in Connecticut before being deported.

“It was heart-wrenching for the students at Central, who took up his cause,” Ritzenhoff said. That discussion was moderated by John Dankosky, the Robert C. Vance Endowed Chair in Journalism and Mass Communication at CCSU and news director of WNPR.

Students and lawmakers petitioned to halt Cardoso’s deportation, and he was ultimately granted a stay to complete his education.

“Border Visions” focused on the European borderlands and changes caused by the fall of the Berlin Wall beginning in 1989. But it also addressed North/South Vietnam, Korea, US/Mexican borders and more. In all these lands, borders have become places of hybridity, cultural transfer and exchange, but also of violent conflict and segregation.

Professor Laurence Raw, from the Baskent University in Ankara, Turkey, was the keynote speaker at the conference. He is a specialist in the field of adaptation and cross-cultural studies.

But border discussions didn’t stop at the conventional. The conference addressed everything from religious barriers to mental barriers; soldiers crossing the border from war to peace; science fiction borders, and potential environmental borders caused by changing topography.

Provoked by discussions and collaborations at the conference, some 10 to 12 academic papers are being written, as well as at least three potential books.

# COMMUNITY CENTRAL

## Downtown Storefront Fosters Partnership

Think of a mandala, broad and circular with a vibrant center piece. The bright center radiates ring upon ring of color, texture, and design. The beauty of the mandala lies not in its parts but in how the entire work of art makes people feel connected to something central. In just 18 months, Community Central, located at 117 West Main Street in downtown New Britain, has become the core of connection among CCSU students and faculty, the Downtown District, and the New Britain School district.

Located in a 1,400 square-foot-storefront, Community Central exists to provide useable space and support for projects, programs, and small businesses aimed at connecting the CCSU and New Britain communities. "This is a permeable and passion-driven initiative," says original founder, Associate Professor of Management and Organization Sarah Stookey. "Community Central would not have gotten off the ground if it hadn't been for a close collaboration between CCSU, the Downtown District, and the school district," which Stookey refers to as "three equal partners."

The partnership makes Community Central both a destination and a launching pad for CCSU students. The initiative thrives when students like Eric Vargas, a music major interested in helping lower-income kids learn to play instruments, partners with Community Central. Community Central's full-time director Hannah Hurwitz (in the photo above) then partners with the New Britain YMCA to arrange the six-week use of a room and a group of elementary students who are eager to play instruments. Each of these connections helps Vargas realize his dream while gaining real-world experience in the field of music education—all before he graduates.

Any CCSU student or faculty member can reach out to Hurwitz with a project, idea, or skill. She works tirelessly to provide support through networking and resources to help eager people manifest their goals in the greater community. Hurwitz, an Americorps VISTA participant, came to work for Community Central in the fall. "This is my dream job and I have it for a year," the 29-year-old Connecticut native says. The year-long VISTA grant provides Community Central with one full-time staff person. Hurwitz spent the last six years in New York City working in the fashion industry while volunteering at Sanctuary for Families, an organization that helps women fleeing from domestic abuse. Hurwitz remembers, "It was hard to go from one extreme to the other and made me realize



what I truly felt passionate about. That's what drove me to leave my job in fashion. I knew I would regret it if I didn't make a change."

Since her arrival, Hurwitz has forged partnerships with downtown businesses like The Hurricane District (New Britain High School store), The Connecticut Furriers, and Trinity-on-Main, each which provides internships for accounting and marketing students interested in getting job experience. Stookey says Hurwitz "is an extraordinarily good networker, can identify resources easily, and makes people see how contributing to Community Central helps the community at large."

Walls are coming down, literally and symbolically. Last summer Hurwitz found herself painting the building's outside awning when a New Britain school student walked by and offered help. Hurwitz said "yes," and he stayed for two hours. Hurwitz is quickly

learning how "vital and loyal" the downtown community is to its neighbors. Just inside the storefront, a looming wall needed to be knocked down. Soon Hurwitz found herself talking with Dura Construction's Charlie Paonessa, a life-long resident of New Britain, who offered to demolish the wall for free and salvage the used materials for his nonprofit called The ReCONNstruction Center which resells materials to the public at discounted costs.

As downtown New Britain businesses, the YMCA, and the New Britain school district come to rely on Community Central as a matchmaker, more opportunities surface for students looking to volunteer, intern, teach, and start new businesses. Stookey says, "The idea is not only to assist students in their endeavors, but encourage faculty to do more community engagement with their classes."

In recent months, the Nursing department offered health screenings at Community Central and specially trained and certified accounting students provided free tax assistance twice-a-week through April 15. Community Central is coordinating two mural projects with CCSU art professor Jerry Butler. One will be in the pool area at the YMCA, and the other will be installed at Lewis P. Slade Middle School, where lessons learned in the classroom will inspire the design.

If you have interest in learning more about Community Central, please contact its director, Hannah Hurwitz, at [centralvista@ccsu.edu](mailto:centralvista@ccsu.edu).

— by Kate Callahan '14





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## ALUMNI IN THE NEWS



## FOUR CCSU ALUMNI AMONG THE

# Top 40 Under 40 in Connecticut

Four CCSU alumni were recently noted for their success before the age of 40 in *Connecticut Magazine's* "40 Under 40." **Roxanne (Sadowski) Melaragno '00, MS '05**, a teacher at Middle Gate Elementary School in Newtown, is described as "one of a new generation of teachers who contribute much more to their schools than simply standing in front of a classroom," serving as co-chair of the Early Intervention Team and as member of the strategic planning committee. **Israel Caro III '01**, co-founder of the full-service woodworking company Cronus Construction, works with CIL, a nonprofit affordable housing company, to provide equal opportunity housing to low income families, and with Connecticut LAMPP to remove lead hazards from homes where children are at risk for lead poisoning. **Roger Wierbicki '98** has worked in communications with several high-profile corporations, including Polygram Label Group and Island Records. **Kinga Evans '04**, who emigrated from Poland when she was 18, has had a successful career in insurance and banking industries in Connecticut. In her spare time, Evans serves on the board of Meriden's Cove Center for Grieving Children.

— *Images courtesy Connecticut Magazine.*



by Tommy Meade '09, MS '12

# BLUE DEVILS 2012 FALL PREVIEW

Central Connecticut State University athletics is heading into an exciting new era this fall, highlighted by the completion of CCSU's outdoor athletic complex, which will allow Blue Devil soccer to return to campus and for 5,500 fans to cheer the Blue Devils at the newly expanded Arute Field. In addition to new facilities, action on the field will be exciting as the Blue Devils pursue Northeast Conference Championships in every sport.

## Football

Junior running back **Chris Tolbert** and senior receiver **Deven Baker** will lead the football team through a challenging schedule that features non-conference road games at Stony Brook and New Hampshire. The Blue Devils will open the expanded Arute Field with a non-conference game against Lehigh on September 8. The Blue Devils will also host four NEC games at home this year.

## Women's Soccer

The women's soccer squad will be led by its defense in 2012 as junior defender **Jewel Robinson** and junior goalkeeper **Nikola Deiter** will serve as the team's captains. Robinson was named First Team All-NEC last season and was a second team selection as a freshman. Deiter has started all but two games in her career and has posted 11 wins, including eight shutouts. The Blue Devils will play eight games on the new soccer field in 2012, including the home opener against Providence on September 2.

## Men's Soccer

Coming off a regular season tri-championship in 2011, the men's soccer team will look to challenge for the NEC regular season title again in 2012. All-NEC selections **Reece Wilson**, **Tom Obasi**, and **Mamoudou Dioubate** return for their senior seasons, as does senior goalkeeper **Anthony Occhialini** who posted 10 wins and six shutouts last season. The team will host Yale on August 31, in the first game on the new soccer field.



## Women's X-Country

The women's cross country team will look to continue its rise in the NEC standings at the 2012 NEC Cross Country Championships. Despite losing 2011 Individual Champion **Alasia Griebel**, the Blue Devils still have the duo of junior **Elizabeth Eberhardt**, and **Kristina Dearborn** who both have an All-NEC selection on their resume. This year's championship meet will be held at Bryant University, and the Blue Devils will get a look at the course during the season opening meet hosted by the Bulldogs.

## Men's X-Country

The men's cross country team enters 2012 with three consecutive NEC titles and two straight individual champions. Senior **Craig Hunt**, who finished third in 2010 and second in 2011, will lead a talented squad into the 2012 season. Sophomore **Andy Pullaro** who finished 19th at last year's NEC meet, will look to continue his rise after competing at the USA Track and Field Junior Nationals this summer. The Blue Devils will host a pair of meets at Stanley Quarter Park leading up to the NEC Championships at Bryant.

## Volleyball

The volleyball team will look to continue its streak of NEC Tournament appearances in 2012. Led by senior **Emily Cochran**, a Second Team All-NEC and All-Tournament selection in 2011, the Blue Devils will open the season at the West Virginia Invitational before hosting the CCSU Invitational on August 31 and September 1. In addition to a strong core of seniors, the Blue Devils will also feature six new student-athletes this fall.

## Swimming & Diving

Later in the fall, the swimming and diving program will return to the pool with a pair of home events. Senior **Taylor Friedmann** and junior **Helene Neuhaus** will lead a squad that has placed third or better in the NEC each of the last 14 years.

For the most up-to-date information and schedules on all 18 Central Connecticut sports check [CCSUBlueDevils.com](http://CCSUBlueDevils.com).



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### Friends of the Library

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### Welte Society

The Welte Society provides funds for special cultural programs to enrich and broaden the lives of Central's student, faculty, and neighbors.

## International Education

### James-Hauser International Exchange Fund

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## Scholarships

### CCSU Alumni Association Scholarship

The CCSU Alumni Association Scholarship Fund provides scholarships for undergraduate (junior or senior level) students who are children or grandchildren of alumni and 1) completed at least two semesters at CCSU; 2) enrolled for 9 credits or more during the term when the scholarship is applied; 3) minimum GPA of 3.0; 4) evidence of service, leadership, and academic achievement; and 5) documented efforts to finance educational costs.

### Educational Support Services Scholarship

This fund support for students enrolled in any University program aimed at providing access and opportunity to economically disadvantaged or educationally underprivileged students (e.g. Educational Opportunity Program, Connecticut Collegiate Awareness and Preparation Program).

### Foundation Scholars

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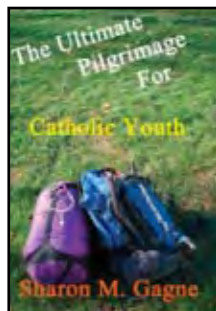
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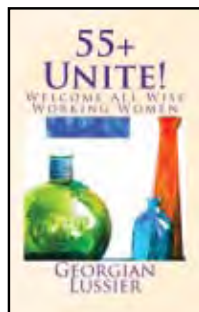
# Recent Books & News by CCSU Alumni



**Sharon M Gagne '94**

*The Ultimate Pilgrimage for Catholic Youth* Sunshine, 2011

Gagne's book is a day-to-day guide and resource for young people and youth ministers attending The Ultimate Pilgrimage For Catholic Youth and World Youth Day.



**Georgian Lussier '73**

*55+ Unite!: Welcome All Wise Working Women* CreateSpace 2011

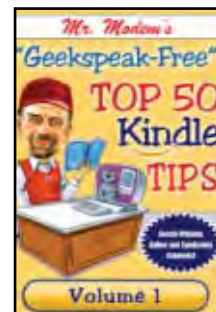
Lussier's inspirational book, targeting senior women seeking employment, addresses employment issues from the interface between the recent recession and the decades-long rise of women in the workplace.



**Murdo Morrison '76**

*Roses of Winter* CreateSpace, 2011 and *A Hole Without Sides* CreateSpace, 2011

*Roses of Winter*, a thoroughly researched novel set in Glasgow, Scotland during World War II, explores the impact of war on two families focusing especially on four strong and resourceful women. *A Hole Without Sides* is a memoir of Morrison's experiences when, as a young man, he volunteered with the British service organization Community Service Volunteers.



**Richard Sherman '69**

*Mr. Modem's Top 50 Kindle Tips* Kindle eBook, 2011

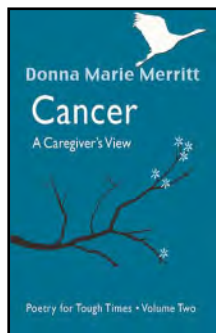
Richard A. Sherman, known as "Mr. Modem (www.MrModem.com)," is a nationally syndicated writer whose column, Ask Mr. Modem, appears in more than 300 periodicals nationally and in Canada. In this multi-volume ebook, he shares 50 of his all-time favorite computing tips.



**Edward W. Larkin, Jr. '68**

*Learning to Fish While Learning to Live...What a Way to Grow Up.* Lulu.com.

A memoir about the pursuit and enjoyment of fishing over a lifetime.



**Donna Marie (Mulcahy/ Pitino) Merritt '88**

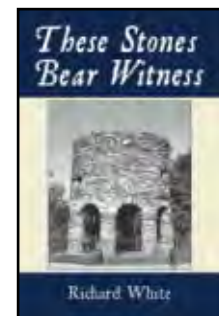
*Cancer: A Caregiver's View* Avalon Press, 2011

In her seventeenth book, Donna Marie Merritt continues her *Poetry for Tough Times* series. After coming to terms with her unemployment, she is faced with the new challenge of her husband's cancer diagnosis. To cope, she again turns to poetry and hopes that this book will provide support and encouragement to others.



**Jim Naughton '71** *Jump In and Start Swimming: A Story of the Unique, Lucrative Career and Life of a Billion Dollar Wholesaler,* Key Publishing Company, 2012

Naughton, founder of the JP Naughton Sales Performance Company, a sales consulting and training company, began his sales career in the insurance industry in 1970 and became a sales leader of financial products for various Wall Street firms. His story of his career is both compelling and packed with practical experience and ideas.



**Richard White '57**

*These Stones Bear Witness* AuthorHouse, 2010

White is the author of four published novels. In this, his first foray into non-fiction, he presents evidence of a pre-Columbian voyage to New England, led by Henry Sinclair, Baron of Rosslyn and Earl of Orkney.

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# Bennett Construction Management Award



The fourth annual Construction Management Awards presented **Karen Arborio** '89, coordinator of University Construction and Facilities at Southern Connecticut State University, with the Dr. Stuart Bennett Alumni award. The CCSU Construction Industry award was given to **Bruce Bockstael**, chief architect for the State of Connecticut.

## Women of Influence Gala



The inaugural Women of Influence Gala at CCSU honored seven outstanding women for the impact they have had on the University, the community, and women's lives in general. Those honored were: **Carol A. Ammon** '73, founder and retired chief executive officer and chairman of Endo Pharmaceuticals (not pictured). **Dr. Joanne DiPlacido**, associate professor of psychology at CCSU, a strong advocate and mentor for students both in and out of the classroom. **Debra Goss**, manager of the External Civil Rights programs for the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation. **Marlene M. Ibsen**, chief executive officer and president of Travelers Foundation and vice president, Community Relations, for The Travelers Companies, Inc. **Linda Sagnelli**, for 12 seasons the head coach of CCSU's Division I women's volleyball team. The Honorable Judge **Carmen Elisa Espinosa** '71 the first Hispanic appointed appellate court judge in Connecticut. And **Merle W. Harris**, former president of Charter Oak State College and former interim president of Central.

## Student Honors

### President's Citation Winners



The President's Citation Awards, honoring students who demonstrate outstanding leadership and community engagement, were presented in May. The recipients are: **Curtis Porter III**, communication major; business minor, **Ashley Santana**, English major; psychology minor, **Sherreida Reid**, psychology major; biology minor, **Brittany Mahoney**, elementary education major; English minor and (not in photo) **Kaylah Smith**, anthropology and Spanish major. **President Miller** and Vice President of Student Affairs **Laura Tordenti** presented the awards.

### Nurses Pinning Ceremony



The CCSU Department of Nursing welcomed students, faculty, family, and friends to its Class of 2012 Pinning Ceremony, a source of pride and tradition as a new nurse begins his or her career.

This was the first BSN class to graduate from the University, with 46 students earning their degrees. Another 16 students received their RN-to-BSN degrees.

The pins were presented by **Linda Wagner**, chairperson of the nursing department and professor of nursing, and **Shelley Bochain**, associate professor of nursing. The keynote speaker was Maria Tackett, nurse director of neurotrauma services at Hartford Hospital.

### ConnSCU Business Plan Competition



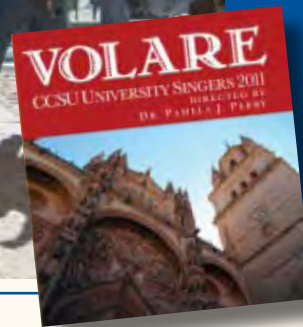
In April, students from CCSU and SCSU participated in the ConnSCU (Connecticut State Colleges & Universities) Business Plan Competition in front of over 50 attendees and judges. CCSU undergrad **Judy Cossette** (in photos at left) won the grand prize of \$11,000 and one year in the CCSU ITBD Incubator for "Kanai Taste Flavorings," a company that would produce healthy, liquid flavor packets for ice chips to be given to patients after undergoing medical services. Central's **Chris Meller** won the Technology Business Plan Prize of \$1,500 for his proposal for "Eldercare Compare," a company that would use methodology to compare and hire eldercare. The competition is the culmination of a series organized by **Drew Harris**, CCSU professor of management & organization (at right in far left photo).



## University Singers Volare



The 19-member University Singers chorus traveled to Spain, where they performed at universities and in churches and cathedrals. Among their work was music composed by Spaniard Tomas Victoria, 450 years ago. "When we finished singing Victoria's compositions in the cathedral, students were actually weeping," recalled Director and Professor of Music Pamela Perry. The spring concerts drew such appreciative fans, that some followed them from one performance to another.



## Barnard Scholars



*Enisa Alanaj*



*Nicole Cloutier*

Four CCSU students received the 2012 Henry Barnard Distinguished Student Award for scholarship and community service.

At 16, **Enisa Alanaj** left her family in Albania to move to the US. She graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering with a 3.82 GPA and plans to attend grad school. While at CCSU, Alanaj, of Bristol, was a leader in the Albanian Association Club and worked to get middle school girls interested in math and science.

**Jeremy Bradford**, of Vernon, earned a 3.95 GPA with a double major in physics and math while balancing family life and work as a Yale astronomy department researcher. He also facilitated a tutoring program with New Britain High and served as president of the Physics and Earth Sciences Club. He plans to attend Yale's doctoral program and become a physicist.

**Nicole Cloutier**, of Bristol, earned a bachelor of science in elementary education with a concentration in math and is an honors student. Since the fall of 2009, she has spent part of every semester in a public school classroom. She belonged to many clubs on campus, including the Education Club, where she coordinated college events at New Britain elementary schools to promote college awareness.

**Kaylab Smith** of Bristol worked two part-time jobs while attending CCSU full-time and maintained a 4.0 GPA with a double major in Anthropology and Spanish. She is a member of the prestigious University Singers, for whom she helped plan a tour of Spain, and she also performs with the a capella group TGFI.



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## CLASS NOTES

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**Ted Orzech**, who retired from teaching technical education, primarily drafting, in 1991, has now retired from coaching multiple sports at Farmington High School after 53 years of service. Orzech coached



cross country and track and assisted with football, and he guided Farmington boys on the golf course for 23 seasons, winning 819 matches.

**57**

**Richard White**, former journalist, veteran teacher, and author of four published novels, has published his first non-fiction title, *These Stones Bear Witness*, a historical work. White is a writer-in-residence and a member of the English faculty at the Williams School in New London, CT.

**64**

Connecticut **Governor Dannel P. Malloy** has appointed **Merle W. Harris** to the Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education. Harris has 45 years of educational experience, serving in several positions at institutions of higher education—including president of Charter Oak State College and interim president of Central Connecticut State University—high schools, grade schools and the State Department of Education. **Joseph Macaluso**,



founder and CEO of The Macaluso Group LLC in Fairfield, NJ, a company providing marketing concepts for healthcare products for the pharmaceutical industry, is the recipient of the *Italian Tribune* Man of the Year Achievement Award, sponsored by *The Italian Tribune*, a newspaper for the Italian American community in the tri-state area of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The award was presented at its annual

Columbus Day celebration on October 7, 2011 to honor those of Italian American heritage who have accomplished something of pride for the community over a long period of time, emulating the explorations of Columbus, taking a path not yet traveled and changing lives because of their efforts. Macaluso was selected for his four decades of bringing innovative cost-savings programs to Americans needing prescription drugs. Most recently Macaluso introduced the now standard copay-reduction programs prevalent for most expensive brand medications.

**70**

Five years into his retirement as athletic director and dean of students at Nashoba Regional in Bolton, MA, **Peter Richards** has been tapped to be interim athletic director for a year at Westwood High School in Westwood, MA, while a search is conducted for the position.

**71**

**Mary Loftus Levine**, who started her education career as an elementary school teacher and special education counselor in West Springfield, MA, and is recognized as a seasoned



and committed teacher advocate, has been appointed executive director of the Connecticut Education Association (CEA). The first female executive director in the organization's almost 160-year history, Levine joined CEA in 1986 as an organizer and labor negotiator.

**72**



**Anne E. Morris**, executive director of the Connecticut Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, was elected to the board of directors of the Connecticut Cancer Partnership.

**73**

After retiring from 32 years as a history teacher in the Dallas Independent School District,



**Sue (Jones) Blanchette** is currently serving as president of the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) in Silver Spring, MD. Blanchette's term began July 1, 2011. **John Nowobilski**, PGA professional at Tallwood Country Club in Hebron, CT, was selected by Golf Digest as the #1 male golf instructor in Connecticut.

**74**

**Denis Medeiros**, head of the Department of Human Nutrition and associate dean for scholarship and research in the College of Human Ecology at Kansas State University (KSU), was appointed dean of the School of Graduate Studies and vice provost for faculty at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Prior to KSU Medeiros was at Ohio State University for 11 years, serving as associate dean for research and graduate studies for four years, and at the University of Wyoming.



**75**

In his memoir, *Escaping Quicksand*, **David Horan** writes about how to live life fully while dealing with multiple sclerosis, the effects of which forced his retirement from a 30-year career in sales. His current promotion of the book also serves to promote the efforts of the Connecticut chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. **John Kukulka** has joined Peoples' Self-Help



Housing in Santa Barbara, CA as rental development department manager responsible for oversight of the development of Peoples' affordable rental property construction in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

**76**

**David Szewczul**, from Tunxis Plantation Golf Course in Farmington, won the 66th Connecticut Senior Amateur Championship in September, one

week after successfully defending his New England Senior Amateur title, and wrapped up the CSGA Senior Player of the Year title. The Mesquite Arts Center in Mesquite, TX hosted an exhibition of recent work by local artist **Diane Walker-Gladney**. The work is a collection of mixed media paintings, reflecting the artist's interest in ordinary moments and conversations that may seem insignificant.

**77**

**William J. Pomfret** joined Professional Underwriting Associates LLC in Wethersfield as vice president of underwriting. Pomfret previously worked at Discover Re as a property practice leader.



**78**

After nearly 33 years of service **Keith T. Hall** recently retired as a transportation supervising planner in the Office of Environmental Planning in the Connecticut Department of Transportation. Hall is now a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force Auxiliary (Civil Air Patrol - 186th Composite Squadron). He has been appointed assistant operations officer for the Connecticut wing. Hall is a licensed pilot and is now training to become a mission pilot, conducting search and rescue operations and other sorties as needed. Athletic trainer **Anthony Ortolano** [MS] was inducted into the Rome (New York) Sports Hall of Fame



in honor of his accomplishments from his multi-sport playing days in high school and college, as well as his success in training. Ortolano has been the head athletic trainer at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY since 1985.

**79**

Musician **James M. Clark**, a founding member of Connecticut Valley Field Music, a fife and drum band based in Middletown, has published a book, *Connecticut's*

*Fife & Drum*, believed to be the first full account of the state's fife and drum tradition.

**80**



Certified public account **Patricia J. Foley** was inducted into the Housatonic Community College Foundation's Alumni Hall of Fame in November. She has been self-employed since 1998.

**Stephen Vavrek** was reelected to a second term as first selectman in Monroe. Previously he has served on the town council, board of finance and parks and recreation commission.

**81**

**Jonathan M. King**, a realtor who covers Canterbury and several other eastern Connecticut towns, has joined the sales team at Storrs-based Weichert, Realtors - Four Corners Real Estate LLC.

**82**



Veteran accounting executive **Jay J. Rasmus** has joined Mahoney Sabol & Co. LLP as partner at the Glastonbury accounting and tax and business advisor. Rasmus formerly was managing partner for the Connecticut office of CCR LLP. He also was managing member of the CCR wealth management group and a member of the CCR executive committee.

**Henry M. Frederick** is editor, publisher and CEO of NSBNews.net, (aka VolusiaNews.net) a 24/7 exclusively-online newspaper in New Smyrna Beach, FL, that was launched April 7, 2008. Frederick is a breaking news and investigative

**84**

A familiar face in legal administration circles, having worked for several law firms during her 25-year career, **Beverly (Rascoe) Anello** has rejoined Murtha Cullina LLP as director of human resources, after eight years as head of US human resources for an international law firm. **Henry M. Frederick** is editor, publisher and CEO of NSBNews.net, (aka VolusiaNews.net) a 24/7 exclusively-online newspaper in New Smyrna Beach, FL, that was launched April 7, 2008. Frederick is a breaking news and investigative

journalist who has covered police and courts in Florida, New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut since 1986.

**85**

**Scott T. Allen** was named chief financial officer and vice president for finance and administration at Post University in Waterbury. Allen has 23 years experience in private higher education in Connecticut. He joined Post in 1999 and has served as vice president, finance and administration since 2000.

**William G. Nemer** is senior vice president, client services, at Graebel Companies, a worldwide relocation and move management services company located in Aurora, CO. **Frank E. Rudewicz**, a partner in the accounting and advisory company Marcum LLP who has conducted numerous investigations of government, corporate and private misdeeds around the country, most recently completed an investigation of conditions at the Hartford Police Department, where he began his police career. **William J. Shea II** is a partner at Kerr Agency, Inc. in Simsbury, working in bonds and insurance.

**86**

**Michael Foran**, principal of New Britain High School, was named the 2012 MetLife/NASSP National High School Principal of the Year. Foran, previously assistant principal, became principal of the high school, which has 2700 students, in 2006. **Lisa (O'Brien) Hurley** has joined the Ameriprise Financial office of Loomer & Associates in East Hartford as a financial advisor.

**87**



**Veronica M. LeDuc** [MS] has joined New Canaan High School as assistant principal. In addition to almost 20 years of experience teaching

science and math, LeDuc has served for 13 years in administrative positions, including assistant principal, at Torrington and Thomaston High Schools, and principal at Torrington High

School. Most recently she taught physics and chemistry for the past three years at Brookfield High School. Manchester Superintendent **Kathleen Oullette** [MS] was chosen as the new superintendent of Waterbury public schools.

**88**

**Amanda H. Astarita** is the new social services coordinator for the Town of Durham. Astarita was previously a preschool and elementary teacher, and worked with community services for North Haven.

**89**

Veteran basketball coach **Shay Berry** has been hired as the head men's coach at Hunter College in New York City. Berry joins the Hawks after a five-year stop at Division I Ivy League member Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. Montville Public Schools welcomed **Amy McCarty Espinoza** as the new principal of Dr. Charles E. Murphy School.



An elementary school teacher in Norwich public schools since 1992, Espinoza became a literacy coach in 2002

and was, most recently, assistant principal at Wequonnoc Elementary School. **Kevin Giancola**, head men's golf



coach at Central and head pro at the Golf Quest Family Sports Center in Southington, won the 80th Connecticut Section PGA

Championship at Black Hall Club in September, his fourth section title. **Thomas C. Hutton** has



joined the management team as CEO of PAS Technologies Inc., an aerospace maintenance, repair and overhaul company in North Kansas

City, MO. Hutton has over 25 years of experience in the aerospace industry, serving most recently as vice president of Pratt & Whitney's

global service partners, maintenance, repair and overhaul portfolio for the last year.

**90**

Veteran soccer coach, and co-founder of the Connecticut Football Club (CFC), **Steve Coxon's** latest endeavor is CFC AZUL, the newest addition to the United Soccer League's Premier Development League for 2012, and the sole franchise in Connecticut. Coxon will serve as president. **Robert W. Nadolny** is night operations shipping manager at HPC Foodservice in South Windsor.

**91**

**MaryEllen Fillo** has been a reporter with the *Hartford Courant* since 1971. Known for her daily Java column, Fillo also can be found at [courant.com/javablog](http://courant.com/javablog). Additionally, she is a guest commentator daily on WDRG-FM and AM and appears on the Fox CT morning news show on Thursdays. **Jacqueline B. Lema** is director and head teacher of the newly-opened Redwing Pond House Preschool, a nature-based pre-school on the grounds of the Ansonia Nature Center.

**92**

**Cheryl (House) Geidel** has joined the underwriting team of XL Insurance America, Inc. as vice president, equipment breakdown, and will be based in North Carolina. Geidel's 20-year insurance career includes time with Zurich North America, most recently as vice president, technical underwriting for boiler and machinery. **Christian D. Griffin** is a vice president and wealth manager for J. P. Morgan Chase in Greenwich and New York City, and previously worked at Bernstein Global Wealth Management. Canton Intermediate School art teacher **Deborah Lang-Beaudoin** is Canton's 2011 Teacher of the Year. Lang-Beaudoin has taught Canton fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-graders since 2001. She previously taught in Southbury for nine years. Torrington High School social studies teacher **Patrick J. Richardson** was named as the district's 2011-12 Teacher of

the Year. Credited with leading a classroom where participation and collaboration are encouraged and students are given a voice, Richardson has taught for six years in local schools, and previously worked at Touchstone School in Litchfield and the Northwestern Connecticut Adult Education Consortium.

**93**

Local expressionist and scenic artist **Andria Alex** was chosen by Hartford's TheaterWorks to design a major installation of Hartford-themed art to encompass the exteriors of 101 and 111 Pearl Street, vacant properties in Hartford's downtown district. This project was a collaborative effort between Alex and several Hartford organizations, led by TheaterWorks, in an ongoing effort to improve and promote the Pearl Street District. **Gregg M. Angelillo**, regional director at Delaware Investments, a member



of Macquarie Group, was elected to the executive committee of the Metropolitan Golf Association (MGA) in Elmsford, NY in 2010, one of the nation's oldest and

largest regional golf associations. In 2010, Angelillo was elected as president of the New Jersey Golf Foundation, founded in 2004 as the official charity of The New Jersey Section PGA.

**94**

Newark, NJ Fire Department Capt. **Mike Gibbons** dominated his 76-kilogram master-free wrestling weight class and earned a gold medal at the World Police and Fire Games last summer in New York. A former all-American grappler at Central, the 18-year member of Brick City's Bravest pinned rivals from the Russian State Fire Service and the Punjab Police of India before outpointing his finals opponent from the New York Police Department. **Pamela Koncki** teaches English at the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, a Greenville, SC, residential public high school for emerging artists. Koncki resides in Greer, SC, with

her husband, **James Koncki** 1988, a chemical specialist with JTEKT Koyo Bearings in Greenville. **Eric Lachniet** was promoted to manager in the audit department at J. H. Cohn LLP in Glastonbury. **Janet Reeser Leitao** is the owner of Dirty Dog



Do It Yourself Pet Wash and Pawstry Shop in Berlin, CT,

a career change after working for 10 years as a residential manager for a supported living program for adults with developmental disabilities. **Steve Supernaugh** is a member of the financial institutions group at Whittlesey & Hadley, PC in Hartford.

**95**

**Dave Adam** resigned as varsity baseball coach at Newmarket High School in Newmarket, NH, where he had coached since 2003, to devote more time to his family and Strike Three Baseball, his baseball training business. Adam brings to his training facility – where he teaches primarily pitching – not only his high school and CCSU playing experience, but also his professional baseball experience with the Seattle Mariners and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. **Lisa (Cantara) Geiger** is assistant athletic trainer at The College of St. Rose in Albany, NY. Geiger is a certified athletic trainer, a certified strength and conditioning specialist, and an approved clinical instructor with 16 years of collegiate experience, mostly at Stony Brook University where she became head athletic trainer. **Jason Newman**, a partner



at Kostin, Ruffkess & Company, LLC, was honored with a 2011 "40 Under 40" award. Presented by *The Hartford Business Journal*, the award

recognizes the region's best and brightest young professionals on track to play leadership roles throughout central Connecticut. One of the youngest individuals to have been appointed a Kostin



partner, Newman has since become leader of the firm's employee benefit plans audit group.

**96**

The Master's School in West Simsbury welcomed **Christina P. Beebe** [MS] to the faculty as middle school art teacher. Beebe has with a background in public speaking, tutoring, and landscape design, and previously taught in the Farmington and Plainville Public Schools for seven years. **Travis Cote** is the new head varsity football coach at Bishop Guertin High School in Nashua, NH. Previously Cote served for seven seasons as head football coach at Manchester West in Manchester, NH, where he teaches in the technology department. **Brenden M. Healy** CPA, was promoted to senior tax manager in J.H. Cohn LLP's state and local tax group in Glastonbury. **Jerry Jeff Jaboin**, a researcher



and clinical physician who earned his medical degree and a Ph.D. in genetics and human genetics from Howard University College

of Medicine in Washington, D.C., is assistant professor of radiation oncology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO. Jaboin's research focus is on the delivery of better and faster therapeutic agents, specifically powerful nanoparticles, to brain tumors, particularly those that do not respond to current remedies. **Ululy R. Martinez**,



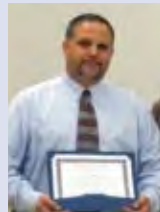
Esq. is director of government affairs for Cablevision Systems Corporation in Bethpage, NY, responsible for cable regulatory

and franchise compliance, and vice president of the Puerto Rican Bar Association Inc. in New York City. Martinez began his career in public service as a staff attorney for the Bronx Defenders, accepted a position as general counsel to a New York City council member, and became chief of staff to the

Bronx Democratic County Committee. Later he accepted an opportunity to become deputy chief-of-staff to the speaker of the New York City Council where he served as a procedural legislative resource to 51 council members. **Heston Sutman** is director of curriculum, instruction, and assessment for Old Saybrook Public Schools.

**97**

Daniel Hand High School technology education teacher **Daniel W. Grenier** has been named the 2012 Connecticut Technology Education Teacher of the Year by the Connecticut Technology Education Association



(CTEA) and the International Technology and Engineering Education Association (ITEEA). Grenier will be honored in March at the ITEEA Conference in Long Beach, California, and the CTEA Conference in May at Central Connecticut State University. The Hospital of Central Connecticut (HOCC) has named **Korrine Roth**,



M.S.N., R.N.-BC, NEA-BC, director of professional development/quality. Before joining HOCC, Roth was director of professional development and

patient care services quality at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, New London. She has extensive experience in nursing management at various Connecticut hospitals and at Qualidigm, a health-care quality improvement organization in Rocky Hill. An experienced nursing instructor, she also teaches at Gateway Community College, North Haven.

**98**

**Walter E. Henderson**, a licensed chiropractor in Berlin, is founder and director of Henderson Family Chiropractic with expertise in chiropractic as well as spinal decompression and rehabilitation. **Tanya (Diggins) Kory** is wellness program manager at Take Care

Health Systems in Ridgefield, CT. **Jeffrey E. Potter**, an attorney with Howd & Ludorf, LLC in Hartford, has been recognized by his peers across New England as a Rising Star Super Lawyer since 2009. Potter was formerly a licensed insurance producer and NASD registered representative. His areas of practice include civil rights, municipal law, insurance defense, and insurance coverage. **Matthew Ronski** is a firefighter at Station 15 with the Hartford Fire Department. Recognized by *Hartford Business Journal's* 2011 Forty Under Forty, **Chad R. Williams** is director of program service for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford Inc.

**99**

**Jeffrey M. Cheney** CPA was named a tax manager at Saslow Lufkin & Buggy LLP in Avon. **Heather Groves-Edwards** [MS] is a music teacher at Slippery Rock High School in Slippery Rock, PA. **Shari (Lamont) Day** is founder and CEO of LIFEExchange, LLC, an organization begun to create international experiences and promote dialogue to create cultural and personal understanding and growth in our society. **Karyn (Moore) Ronski** is a medical technologist at the UCONN Health Center in Farmington.

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**Robert R. Kozlowski, Jr.** joined Women's Health Connecticut in Avon as a senior accountant. **Carol Nati**, an experienced nurse practitioner with expertise in total joint replacement care, has joined the University of Connecticut Health Center in the department of orthopaedic surgery. She is seeing patients in the Center for Joint Preservation and Replacement at the New England Musculoskeletal Institute in Farmington and its Southington office. **Lisa-Brit Wahlberg** [MS] is a new faculty member at The Master's School in West Simsbury where she functions as international student coordinator.

**01**

Local wrestler and ESPN engineering project manager **Kurt F. Juszczyk**'s extreme fear of bees landed him a spot on My Extreme

Animal Phobia, a new Animal Planet reality show aimed at overcoming the irrational fears of people who are afraid of animals. The show aired on the Nov. 11. **Katie Lemieux** is a licensed marriage and family therapist at Lemieux Solutions Unlimited, LLC in Margate, FL. Chippens Hill Middle School eighth grade math teacher **Jennifer R. Michalek** [MS] was honored as Bristol's Teacher of the Year. **Amy Keane Steed** [MS],



health and physical education teacher at Tolland High School, was inducted into the Eastern Connecticut State University E-Club Hall of Fame. A

four-year starter between 1986 and 1989, serving as the starting sweeperback on the inaugural team, Steed was a member of the first intercollegiate women's soccer team, first post-season tournament team and a four-time team defensive most valuable player.

**02**

The art photography of **Alison J. Carey** [MS], assistant professor of photography at Columbia College in Chicago, IL, was the subject of an exhibit at the Griffin Museum in Winchester, MA. Carey says her series of photographs, "New Kingdoms," "...is about a future Earth where man has directly impacted the course of evolution by introducing synthetically grown organisms into the environment." **Patrick Chodulski** has joined CAL Business Solutions Inc., a Connecticut Microsoft Dynamics ERP software partner located in Harwinton, as a Microsoft Dynamics GP (Great Plains) application and support consultant. Chodulski has 13 years of hands-on and management experience using Microsoft Dynamics GP core financials in various accounting & finance functions. **Kristin E. Ehrismann** is a graphic design manager at CTM Media Group in Stamford. **Anita (Parzuchowski) Goerig** is director of marketing with O & G Industries in Torrington. Goerig has been the recipient of awards in 2008, from the CT Conservation

District, for outstanding achievements in promoting open space preservation and natural resource conservation, and, in 2011, from the CT Land Conservation Council for exemplary outreach efforts and excellence in land conservation.

**03**

**Maghan Carta** is a kindergarten teacher at Bielefield Elementary School in Middletown. **Jess M. Giannini** [MS] is assistant principal at Pine Grove Elementary School in Avon. As associate director of operations at Fitchburg State University in Fitchburg, MA, **Mike Makoski** manages the operation of the Campus Center, which includes: event management, AV support, overseeing student employment, the operation of each area, and student payroll, as well as advising the class of 2012. **Christopher L. Meyers**, who has been athletic director and a social studies teacher at Meriden's Francis T. Maloney High School for three years, was chosen as the Newington High School's new director of athletics and student activities. **Frank J. Miceli** was promoted to audit partner at Saslow Lufkin & Buggy LLP in Avon. Haddam-Killingworth High School math teacher **Angela D. Miller** [MS] was one of two finalists from Connecticut nominated



to receive the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. **Joseph J. Samolis**, a museum employee assisting the director at the State Historic Preservation Office, was appointed as chief of staff to the newly-elected mayor of Middletown. **Daniel D. Warriner** earned a graduate degree, Master of Divinity, in 2011. **Christopher B. Slater** accepted positions as a drama teacher at Lin-Wood Public School in Lincoln, NH, and as an adjunct faculty member at Plymouth State University teaching transformation through the arts.

**04**

Glastonbury High School physics teacher **Douglas S. Hutton** [MS]



is the first Glastonbury educator to win the prestigious \$25,000 Milken Educator Award, and the only 2011 recipient from Connecticut. **Bryce D. Lafferty** is assistant professor of painting and drawing at Jacksonville State University in North Jacksonville, AL. **Stephen A. Palmer** is clerk of the General Law Committee in the Connecticut General Assembly. **Lewis A. Pappariella** is a physical education and health teacher at Cromwell High School. Attorney **Michele A. Shelton** [MS] has joined the firm of Cain Hibbard & Myers, and works in the firm's business and banking, real estate and nonprofit law groups, with a special emphasis on education law. **Corey C. Veneziano** was promoted to manager in the tax department at J. H. Cohn LLP Glastonbury.

**05**

**Andre R. Hill** [MS], a trained teacher of English language, literature, and social studies, was appointed as national literacy coordinator by Jamaica's Ministry of Education. **Stephen K. Mulhall, Jr.** is a financial consultant with Charles Schwab & Co. in West Hartford.

**06**

**Christopher B. Achilli** M.D. graduated recently from the University of Virginia School of Medicine. Achilli is studying internal medicine in the graduate medical program at Virginia Commonwealth University. Thomaston High School history teacher **Gary B. Franklin, Jr.** has taken on additional duties with his appointment as boys varsity basketball coach. **Meredith A. Hvizdak** is employed by Chester County, PA in their early intervention program, and is pursuing a master's degree in education at Neumann University.

Health and physical education teacher **Kory Kevorikian** was



named athletic director at North Branford High School. **Brian V. Stasaitis** has joined Post University in Waterbury as assistant baseball coach after two seasons as an assistant coach at Division I University of Hartford. **Parker R. Strong** is a mathematics teacher and boys' basketball coach at East Hampton High School.

**07**

**Marta E. Chodulski** is an executive recruiter, accounting and finance division, at RJS Associates in Hartford. **Emanuel A. Romero** joined NorthStar Wealth Partners, West Hartford, as director of compliance and operations. He will also serve as a principal on the management team. In Fitchburg, MA, **Pamela F. Shifrin** opened a new business, The Power of Touch, which focuses on sports massage therapy.

**08**

Navy Seaman **Jennifer A. Ayotte** recently completed US Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Il. Berlin High School social studies teacher **David R. Bosso** [MS], who is credited with translating his international travels into lessons to help his students understand world issues, has been named Connecticut's 2012 Teacher of the Year. **Jarad A. Demick** is a mathematics teacher at East Hampton High School. **Justin M. Sloan** is an underwriter at S.H. Smith &



**09**

Company Inc. in Hartford. **Leslie Torres-Rodriguez** [Ed.D.] was appointed principal at Great Path Academy in Manchester. **Christie E. Alesevich** has been promoted to marketing director at Service Master of Greater Bridgeport. **Jennifer L. Cantamessa** is a graphic design-

er at PSI-NESP (PSI-New England Storage Products) in Wolcott.

**Lucio S. DeMarco** [MS] is a guidance counselor at Lewis S. Mills High School in Burlington. **Krysta J. Dessereaux** is teaching first grade at Deans Mill School in Stonington. **Alice Lee** was named assistant women's lacrosse coach at Amherst College in Amherst, MA. **Laura B. Lehto's** art work was included in a recent exhibit at the Thompson Public Library and Community Center. Wealth Management Group of North America, LLC, a boutique wealth management firm in Farmington, appointed **Sara A. Morrell** as



director of first impressions. **Randi (Iaco) Plake** is an assistant associate at The Kotchen Group in Farmington. The John Jay College of Criminal Justice Department of Athletics, Recreation, and



Intramurals has named **Lindsay A. Roderick** head athletic trainer. **Richard A. Tiso III** is a graphic designer/vinyl signage at The Print Shop of Wolcott LLC.

**10**

**Leah J. Blayney** is playing professional soccer with the Boston Breakers. **Helen A. Carr** has been hired as director of sales at Residence Inn by Marriott in Rocky Hill. **Joe Dabkowski** is



playing his second season of professional ice hockey for the Danbury Whalers; a minor league team in the Federal Hockey League. **Heather N. Goscinski** is an art teacher at Silas Deane Middle School and Wethersfield High School. Navy Seaman **Marek A. Krach** recently completed US Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Il. **Derek J. Santoro** is a seventh grade science teacher at Har-Bur Middle School in



Burlington. **Brian D. Sarkozy** is teaching in The Republic of the Marshall Islands in the South Pacific for the next two years, and has created a blog detailing his experiences. **Elliott G. Sudal** was one of two island keepers assigned to the care of Chimon Island last summer by the Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service. Chimon Island is a slice of land about a mile southeast of the entrance to Norwalk Harbor. Entrepreneur



**Saragrace Y. Tramont** has opened Stile Boutique & Consignment in Unionville, CT. **Patrick J. Turek** fulfilled an internship last summer



with the New Britain Emergency Medical Services and Health Department. **Carly A. Woodward** is an air management systems manufacturing engineer at Hamilton Sundstrand in Windsor Locks.

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**James A. Baronek** is a wellness teacher at Lewis S. Mills High School in Burlington. Image Marketing Consultants, in Southington, hired **Amanda Bellantoni** as marketing coordinator. **Megan L. Craw** is food pantry coordinator in the social services department for the Town of Monroe. **Emily E. Gifford** [MA] was a recent contestant on Jeopardy. **Nicole M. Stavola** is marketing coordinator at The Pita Group in Rocky Hill. **Shemik Thompson** is playing basketball in the Romanian professional basketball league.

## New Arrivals

### Births / Adoptions

**Melissa (Damiata) '03 & Adam Chilberg:**  
a son, Nathaniel on 5/22/10

## Marriages

**Sandra Diane Land & Edward F. Piatek '70** 4/15/08

**Kimberly Timpany '97 & Matthew Dowdy** 11/6/10

**Melissa L. Mercier & John B. Varlese, Jr. '97** 10/10/10

**Stacey Rae Barriault '99 & Bryan Shanahan** 5/15/10

**Cristina Negron '03 & Joseph R. Mitusina** 2/9/02

**Britney Stanley '05 & Keith Stegbauer '04** 9/18/10

**Crystal Holmes & Francis J. Amara, Jr. '05** 7/31/10

**Elizabeth Joy Forman '06 & Paul W. Sanborn '07** 12/31/10

**Nicole Suzanne Griffin '07 & Kory Kevorkian '06** 7/30/10

**Jaclyn Claudia Almeida '08 & Michael Gatto** 5/22/10

**Michelle L. Nelson '08 & Mark A. Huston '07** 9/15/10

## In Memoriam

**1917**  
**Jane Stoll King** 05/25/88

**1924**  
**Eleanor Lezotte Egan** 02/24/04

**1928**  
**Helen M. Higgiston** 09/05/05

**1929**  
**Kathryn P. De Pasquale** 08/04/02

**1930**  
**Mary Stone Taillon** 12/15/02

**1932**  
**Elizabeth Brewer Curtin** 09/18/01

**1935**  
**Harriet Kirkpatrick Osborn** 05/02/01  
**Edith Minkwith Seymour** 02/27/99

**1937**  
**Satanik Boyajian Gray** 01/12/10  
**Cecilia Radzevich Harmon** 03/01/07

**1939**  
**John Klopp** 03/04/96  
**Bernard Shapiro** 03/29/10

**1940**  
**Wanda Refkowski Babjak** 08/05/08  
**Robert O. Celotto** 02/03/05  
**Edwin H. Czechowicz** 10/08/10  
**Mollie Levine Gross** 06/06/10  
**Beatrice Perkins Moser** 01/15/09  
**Ruth Thompson Stanley** 12/21/08

**1941**  
**Ella Baudner Brechlin** 08/19/10  
**Regina Wrzos Lee** 03/22/09

**1942**  
**Dorothy Benson Bergstrom** 11/13/10  
**Walter F. Dudding** 06/24/09  
**Anastazia Kurdyna Rudy** 11/03/05  
**Helen Boxx Trotta** 07/27/10

**1943**  
**Carmen Leonard Caggianello** 11/28/08  
**Rita Moore Finn** 11/16/07  
**Mary Short Kinsey** 12/13/01  
**Beatrice Colson Phelps** 07/13/10  
**Edward Tomaszewski** 02/15/04  
**Vernon T. Wood** 05/25/09

**1945**  
**Sophie B. Gianninoto** 07/28/10

**1946**  
**Ann D. DellaFera** 10/24/05  
**Ann Cashman Marino** 11/05/10  
**Ellsworth Rhodes** 07/22/97

**1947**  
**Annette Clarke Ebel** 10/01/10

**1948**  
**Ellen Walsh Gionfriddo** 09/21/08  
**Anthony J. Mennone** 12/17/06

**1949**  
**Elmer S. Kish** 03/15/09  
**Joan M. McCarthy** 04/21/07  
**Richard A. Scofield** 07/13/10

**1950**  
**Joseph A. Bartolotta** 08/21/10  
**Arthur L. Beatson** 11/12/09  
**Michael R. Halpin** 09/02/10  
**George W. Heasman** 06/21/10  
**John E. Hilliard** 10/07/10  
**Maurice Lauridsen** 12/09/03  
**Alan D. Miller** 06/12/08  
**Edythe Wiener Rosh** 09/25/10  
**Sonia Miller Strouse** 06/27/10  
**Richard A. Terry** 11/06/10

**1951**  
**Edward W. Buchholz** 07/28/10  
**Wilfred G. Perry** 08/01/09  
**Joseph P. Troiano** 01/01/07  
**Margaret Sasiela Winzler** 12/06/10

**1952**  
**Marilyn Mackay** 12/19/06  
**David A. Phelps** 07/01/10  
**Eleanor Pfersick Wojick** 05/01/09

**1954**  
**Janet Gifford Ficken** 05/14/10  
**Russell Hafner** 07/09/10  
**Robert D. Navickas** 11/07/10  
**Irwin Rothstein** 06/03/10

**1956**  
**Thomasina L. Arena** 04/29/10

**1957**  
**John Menna** 07/25/08  
**Mary-Ann Wroblewski Sroka** 06/01/01

**1958**  
**Sally McDonald Sullivan** 07/16/10

**1959**  
**Palmer Mcweeney** 05/20/10

**1960**  
**Ruth Brockner Ellwood** 10/08/10  
**Bonita Franks** 05/09/08  
**Russell A. Mazzeo** 12/04/10  
**John Millerick** 09/17/09  
**Vincent R. Parente** 11/22/09

**1961**  
**Carolyn White Doran** 02/11/08  
**Leon J. Gorski** 12/28/10  
**Frances Hamilton Kozloski** 06/30/10  
**John D. Nute** 10/15/10

**1962**  
**Grace Sechtman Barnett** 05/13/10  
**John J. Denehy** 04/30/10  
**Michael A. Iarrapino** 09/27/07  
**George Papallo** 02/13/04

**1963**  
**Gertrude Downey Boyle** 05/16/07  
**Lawrence G. Brown** 10/18/94  
**Gladys Morrison Grover** 04/09/08  
**Barbara Lawton Henderson** 08/30/10  
**Sean M. McCarthy** 09/17/09

**1964**  
**Ronald P. Drozd** 11/08/10  
**Robert Krystock** 01/27/09

**1965**  
**Mary Eder Ege** 06/12/08  
**Ralph Elfgrén** 04/24/94  
**Kathleen Daley May** 07/17/10  
**Rita Garrett Wasta** 01/21/02

**1966**  
**Anita Bianchi Ducas** 04/26/08  
**Robert W. Grace** 08/30/05  
**David Lewis** 12/16/07

**1967**  
**Robert A. Henderson** 08/23/97  
**Henry M. Kelsey** 11/13/10  
**John J. McCormick** 07/24/10  
**Carole M. Giannone** 06/19/10

**1968**  
**Barbara Sparveri DeMilia** 07/12/10  
**Carol Hurlbut Gabelmann** 07/11/10  
**Gertrude Breier Guida** 12/19/10

William J. Murphy 10/12/10  
Joan Wainwright Oliphant  
11/15/10

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1969  
Barton Chase 07/12/05  
Ruth A. Gear 11/24/10  
Ina Warner Golub 04/07/10  
Roberta A. Hayward 07/19/10  
Edna I. Ledgard 08/03/07  
John F. Mantagno 06/17/09  
Paul E. Panek 12/28/07  
Thomas M. Ryan 10/04/10

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1970  
Irene B. Bates 06/06/09  
Robert F. Carroll 05/16/06  
Benjamin L. Citron 06/21/10  
Janet Minck McCormack 10/07/10  
Ruth Gross Rosmarin 12/02/10  
Kenneth F. Roth 03/27/98

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1971  
Nancy Hanks Allen 10/24/10  
Robert D. Gauthier 05/02/01  
Jean Kazmierski 07/24/10  
Carol Ann Lasky 06/27/10  
Walter M. Murphy 07/26/10  
Dorothy Love Provost 11/01/99  
Michael F. Regan 10/10/10  
William T. Sandalls 09/08/06  
Faith Parrs Serapiglia 05/29/01  
Nancy Engle Spaulding 12/13/99  
John A. Waterhouse 09/06/10

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1972  
Henry W. Bydlak 08/23/10  
Robert J. Ehrlich 02/24/03  
Frank J. Levanti 10/09/09

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1973  
Florence L. Egan 09/22/10  
Elizabeth Meiselman Jensen  
09/01/07  
Richard A. Peers 07/28/10  
Philip J. Pikor 01/29/10  
Elizabeth Verreault Rustic  
05/21/08  
Paula Wesoski Wolfe 07/28/10

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1974  
Jean Markey Campbell 09/24/08  
Guido U. Costa 08/03/04  
Stephen R. Dunne 04/02/10  
John J. Marhefka 10/17/06  
W. Russell Slater 11/23/10  
Earl R. White 05/11/01

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1975  
Nancy McGuire Freeman 01/20/07  
Timothy J. Gaffney 06/20/10  
Russell H. Kerwin 04/02/10  
Bertha Blonder Krantz 04/12/10  
William A. Morse 10/22/10  
Michael W. Mulvey 03/19/94  
Stephen J. St. John 06/04/10

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1976  
Peter P. Bobalki 04/12/08  
Robert F. D'Aquila 07/03/10  
Joseph A. Milliken 10/01/02  
Richard L. Salice 07/31/07

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1977  
William A. Crepeau 12/30/06  
Walter T. Labore 08/15/93

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1978  
June I. Lange 11/28/10

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1979  
Sidney W. Fitzgerald 09/13/09  
Lois E. Norling 10/17/10

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1980  
Michael J. Dwonszyk 11/10/09  
Joan W. Godburn 01/11/09  
Stanley Tetlow 09/12/05  
Robert O. Wood 08/07/10

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1981  
Lawrence L. Albrecht 09/17/10  
Helen Smoragiewicz Butler  
11/04/10  
Donald F. Dwyer 10/29/09  
Carole Springer King 09/03/10  
Italo M. Letizia 03/16/05  
Shirley L. Sagendorf 08/07/06  
David R. Viens 01/22/09  
Paul L. Watson 03/29/10

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1982  
Steven E. Donahue 04/22/07  
John J. Mysliwicz 12/31/10  
Anna Skwara Werner 12/01/09

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1983  
Nora K. Pelletier 04/15/09  
Ronald E. Poupert 08/06/10

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1984  
Theodore J. Kubek 08/16/00  
Sandra I. Marsh 05/29/10  
Samuel J. Minella 12/19/10  
Susan Burger Popper 05/31/03

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1987  
Martin W. Clebowicz 11/30/10

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1989  
Joseph E. DeMichele 12/25/06  
Norma M. Duggan 07/11/10  
Patricia A. Legienza 12/24/10  
Richard D. Waring 07/08/10  
Jonathan J. Weil 12/22/08

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1993  
John W. Smith 06/18/10

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1998  
Frances Joseph Giraitis 11/20/10  
Amelia N. Williams 12/02/10

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2000  
Michael S. Daly 10/10/10  
Michael B. DeMaio 12/15/10

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2002  
Cherie L. Graham 12/20/10

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2003  
Vincent L. Pandolfi 09/02/10

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# Planned Giving@CCSU



**Norman Hausmann** '54 left campus 58 years ago, but it is still a place where he relishes spending time.

"I just fell in love with the college," Hausmann says.

And in many ways, it changed his life. Growing up, "I didn't think I had much potential in life," he says. "But somehow that potential got awakened here."

Hausmann went on to a successful career, retiring from Connecticut Mutual after almost 50 years.

"None of that would have happened if I hadn't come here," Hausmann said.

After he retired, Hausmann and his classmates created a Class of 1954 Scholarship Fund, and received many generous donations. So far, the program has aided 10 students in their dreams of becoming educators.

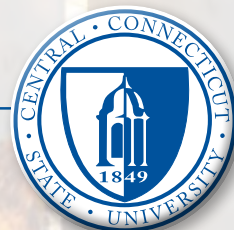
"I think Central provides a wonderful opportunity for young people to get a start," Hausmann notes. "We've helped some really good kids."

One of the important ways that Hausmann remains a part of his University is through CCSU's planned giving program. He has provided a bequest to further benefit the scholarship fund.

"I don't know why every class doesn't create a scholarship for the University," he says. "It is really important to say, 'This is the Class of 1954. We were here, and here's something we did to give back.' It gives you a terrific sense of satisfaction."

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## Latinos in Higher Education Conference at CCSU

In November CCSU hosted the Latinos in Higher Education Conference, a forum on such critical issues as the existing under-representation and not yet fully realized success of Latinos in higher education. Hunter College's Dr. Tony De Jesus delivered the keynote address, "Tinkering Toward Latinotopia." Other presenters included Dr. Tim Black, director of the Center for Social Research at the University of Hartford; Dr. Elsa Núñez, president of Eastern Connecticut State University; Dr. Wilfredo Nieves, president of Capital Community College; Dr. Estela López, senior program associate of Excelencia in Education; and Dr. Peter Rosa '68, MS '72, senior program officer of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Event sponsors included Latin American Studies Program, Office of Diversity and Equity, Counseling and Wellness Center, Student Affairs, and the departments of anthropology, English, and sociology.



*Left, Dr. Tony De Jesus delivers the keynote address. Below, Planning Committee members include (l-r): student Veronica Young; Assistant Counselor at the Counseling & Wellness Center and Chair of the Planning Committee Gladys Moreno-Fuentes; Associate Professor of English Katherine Sugg; Adjunct Lecturer of Anthropology Jose Feliciano; Sociology Professor Mary Patrice Erdmans; Associate Director of the Health Center Marisol Elena Aponte; student Anna Nalitov; and student Luz Burgos.*

