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The University

Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) is a regional, comprehensive public university dedicated to learning in the liberal arts and sciences and to education for the professions. Comprising five schools—Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Professional Studies, Technology, and Graduate Studies—CCSU offers undergraduate and graduate programs through the Master’s and sixth-year levels, and a doctoral program (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership. Committed to offering Connecticut citizens access to our distinctive academic programs of high quality, the University is also a responsive and creative intellectual resource for the people and institutions of our state. Over 85 percent of our graduates remain in Connecticut, contributing to the intellectual, cultural, and economic well-being of our state.

Founded in 1849 as the New Britain Normal School—a teacher-training facility—CCSU is Connecticut’s oldest publicly supported institution of higher education. It became the Teachers College of Connecticut in 1933, and after a period of extensive institutional growth and external expansion it became the Central Connecticut State College in 1959. In recognition of the institution’s continual development in mission and aspiration, the present name and educational charter were conferred in 1983. Honoring our “visionary innovations in undergraduate education,” the Association of American Colleges & Universities selected CCSU as one of only 16 “Leadership Institutions” in the nation—and the only one in Connecticut.

The largest of four comprehensive universities within the Connecticut State University System, CCSU enrolls approximately 8,000 full-time and 4,200 part-time students. The University has a full-time faculty of 417 members, 77 percent of whom possess doctorates or the equivalent, and 468 part-time faculty offer an array of distinctive educational and professional experiences.

CCSU offers a campus of beauty, hospitality, and state-of-the-art educational technologies, assuring the University’s place among the finest educational institutions in Connecticut. An expanding network of global study-abroad opportunities and overseas inter-institutional arrangements has made CCSU the state’s leading public international university.

Our Mission

Central Connecticut State University is a community of learners dedicated to teaching and to scholarship. We encourage the development and application of knowledge and ideas through research and outreach activities. We prepare students to be thoughtful, responsible and successful citizens.

Central Connecticut State University is, above all else, about teaching undergraduate and graduate students. Our research endeavors improve us as teachers and expose our students to methods of inquiry. The public service expected of all members of our community benefits our society — local and global — and builds our sense of citizenship.

We value the development of knowledge and its application in an environment of intellectual integrity and open discourse. We expect that members of the University will engage in activities ranging from basic research and the creation of original works, to helping individuals and organizations achieve success in practical endeavors. All these activities enrich our community of learners.

As a public university, we receive support from the State of Connecticut. We have three designated Centers of Excellence and many nationally accredited programs. We take very seriously our commitment to provide access to higher education for all citizens in this State who can benefit from our offerings. Our high expectations for ourselves contribute to the fine quality and continuous improvement of our undergraduate and graduate programs. We believe that quality and access are compatible and simultaneously achievable; our objective is to provide the support needed for our students to reach their full potential.

We also believe that higher education should promote the personal and social growth of our students, as well as their intellectual achievement and professional competence. We provide various opportunities for students to engage in activities or to join organizations and clubs where they develop leadership and other social skills. We foster a welcoming environment in which all members of our diverse community receive encouragement and acquire self-confidence.

Central Connecticut State University aspires to be the premier public comprehensive university in Connecticut, with teaching as its primary focus, enhanced by the dynamic scholarship of its faculty; be highly regarded by its many constituents; be a significant resource contributing to the cultural and economic development of Connecticut; be global in its perspective and outreach; and be widely respected as a university dedicated to innovative, activity-based, life-long and learner-centered higher education.

Accreditation and Memberships

The University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the Connecticut Department of Higher Education, the Connecticut Department of Education (for its certification programs in education), and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. Programs in chemistry are accredited by the American Chemical Society. The honors track of the computer science program is accredited by the Computing Sciences Accreditation Board and the Computing Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. The music program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music. The three majors in civil engineering technology, manufacturing engineering technology, and mechanical engineering technology are accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. The industrial technology programs are accredited by the National Association of Industrial Technology. The construction management undergraduate program is accredited by the American Council for Construction Education. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The marriage and family therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. The Council on Social Work Education has accredited the baccalaureate social work program, and the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Programs has accredited the master’s degree in biological sciences, anesthesia specialization.

The University is a member of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, the American Association of Higher Education, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the American Council on Education, the Association of American Colleges and Universities, the College Board, the Council...
of Advancement and Support of Education, the American Society of Engineering Education, the Council of Graduate Schools, the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the Cooperative Education & Internship Association, and many other professional organizations related to the activities of individual departments at Central Connecticut State University.

Affirmative Action Policy
Central Connecticut State University is committed to a policy of non-discrimination, equal opportunity and affirmative action for all persons regardless of race, color, religious creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, marital or veteran status or disability, in accordance with state and federal laws. This policy is applicable to all employment practices, admission of students, programs and services to students, faculty, staff and the community.

The University’s affirmative action policy seeks to include persons of color, women, veterans and persons with disabilities in its educational programs and in all job groups of its work force. Further information is available from the Office of Multicultural Affairs, located in Davidson Hall 102 (860-832-1653).

Governance
Central Connecticut State University is governed by the Connecticut State University Board of Trustees, which oversees the four Connecticut state universities (Central, Eastern, Southern, and Western) and guides them in effectively serving the public. The board has 18 members, 14 of whom are appointed to six-year terms by the governor and confirmed by the General Assembly. Four members are student trustees who are elected by their fellow students.

The Board of Trustees determines the general policy of the university system; reviews and approves institutional budget requests; sets tuition and fees; and appoints the chancellor of the system and the university presidents. The board meets eight times a year, with meetings rotating among the four universities and the System Office. Board meetings are open to the public.

Resources
Central Connecticut State University is situated approximately two hours driving time from Boston, New York City, and southern Vermont. The campus, just 15 minutes from downtown Hartford, can be reached from state routes 9, 71, 72 and 175, and interstates 84 and 91. It is approximately 25 miles south of Bradley International Airport, which serves Hartford and Springfield, Massachusetts.

Academic Center for Student Athletes
The Academic Center for Student Athletes (ACSA) serves as a comprehensive program providing academic support for CCSU’s intercollegiate student-athletes. The Center’s staff assists student-athletes during team study halls and one-on-one meetings by introducing them to time management tools, learning strategies and campus resources. The Center, located in the library, is equipped with computers and provides a comfortable environment for studying. ACSA is also affiliated with the NCAA Champs Life Skills Program and offers a variety of life skill programs each year.

Advising
Each student is assigned an academic advisor for consultation on course selection and approval of each semester’s program of studies. The academic deans, as well as faculty advisors, assist students in a wide range of academic matters. Students who are considering changing majors should contact departmental chairs of their new majors. Undecided students should contact the Advising Center for help in making this decision.

Advising Center
The Advising Center assists students in developing and implementing academic and career plans. For new undeclared students, the Advising Center provides pre-registration advising on University requirements. The Advising Center, in collaboration with the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, coordinates the advising of all students who have not chosen a major. The Center also advises pre-communication majors. For students who are uncertain about their majors or their career plans, the Advising Center offers several self-assessment instruments to clarify values and to identify interests and career options. Advisors can help students select experiential learning opportunities and refer them to the proper departments to participate in community service, student activities, internships, and cooperative education. The Advising Center serves both faculty and students as a resource center for developmental advising.

Alumni Association
The CCSU Alumni Association sponsors programs and services for students, alumni, and members of the University community. The Alumni Association also sponsors Homecoming, Alumni Day, Read Across America Day, class reunions, chapter activities, and other social programs, and an affinity credit card, as well as group insurance programs, for its over 60,000 members. The Association offers career and library services and discount tickets to athletic events. A Board of Directors, consisting of alumni who volunteer their time to enhance the Association’s programs and its relationship with the University community, governs the Association. For more information, contact the Alumni Affairs Office at 860-832-1740.

Alumni Association Mission Statement:
To establish mutually beneficial relationships between and among the alumni and the rest of the University to promote the mission and image of the University.

Campus Mediation Services
Campus Mediation recognizes that conflicts are a part of everyone’s life. Its purpose is to help students responsibly and constructively solve their own conflicts. Sometimes people are unable to resolve their own conflicts by themselves, and they need someone to help. Mediation is a voluntary, confidential, and structured process of resolving disputes and conflicts with the help of a neutral third party. A mediator helps disputing parties to generate and evaluate options for reaching a mutually acceptable agreement. Often students in conflict do not have an opportunity to talk over their grievances in a neutral setting and work together to find their own solutions. As a result, anger and frustration grow.

Mediation is a workable alternative.
Campus Mediation Services is conducted on an as-needed basis. For questions regarding Campus Mediation, please do not hesitate to contact Ramon Hernandez, Davidson Hall, Room 103, 860-832-1603.

Campus Ministry
Father Paul Rotondi, O.F.M., Catholic Campus Chaplain, and Kathy Christianson, Pastoral Associate; Newman House of CCSU, 860-832-3795, 145 Paul J. Manafort Drive or The Office of Campus Ministry, Marcus White, Room 220, 860-832-1935. All CCSU students, faculty, and staff are invited to visit the Newman Chapel located on the first floor of the Newman House for prayer or use of the first floor or basement library for
quiet study. The Newman Club provides the opportunity for Catholic students to come together as a faith community to pray, study, relax, and grow stronger in the Catholic faith. The Newman Club is located in the Newman House of CCSU. Catholic Mass is held on Sundays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays and Thursdays at 12:05 p.m. During Lent, Mass is held on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 12:05 p.m. Masses take place in the Philbrick/Camp Meeting Room in the Student Center. Those seeking information and instruction for the reception of the Sacraments, including the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Confirmation, as well as RCIA (Rite of Initiation for Adults to the Catholic Faith), should call Father Rotondi. If a group wishes to use the Newman House, please call 860-832-3795 to schedule.

Rabbi Henry Okolica, Jewish Campus Ministry, 860-832-1935; campus contact is Sharon Braverman 860-832-3205. The Hillel Student Organization sponsors a wide range of social and cultural activities, including parties, meetings, speakers, programs on Eastern European Jewry and Israel, and services. For more information, contact Sharon Braverman.

Imam Qaisin Sharief, Islamic Campus Ministry, 860-832-1936; campus contact is Ali Antar 860-832-2932. The Imam leads weekly services on Fridays, when space is available, and can be reached through the Campus Ministry office for individual questions and concerns. Please call for more information.

Reverend Janet Stoddard, Protestant Campus Ministry, Marcus White, Room 220, 860-832-1935. The United Protestant Campus Ministry (U.P.C.M.) serving CCSU is to be the body of Christ in the greater University community. U.P.C.M. offers hospitality to all people regardless of faith tradition, and it nurtures lifelong spiritual growth, understanding, cooperation, and service in the spirit of Christ. U.P.C.M. provides programs of worship, outreach, leadership, fellowship, and service.

**Career Services and Cooperative Education**

The University Career Services Office (www.ccsu.edu/career) provides a comprehensive program of career services to all students. Graduating students are provided with assistance in making the transition to employment through workshops on resume writing, interviewing techniques, job search strategies and information on employment. Recruiters from major area corporations, government agencies and school systems visit the campus as a part of the year-long campus recruiting program. In addition, the office maintains listings of full- and part-time jobs that can also be accessed through the Career Services/Co-op homepage (www.ccsu.edu/career) and the Voice Job Line (860-832-1647). Career fairs offer opportunities to meet with employers regarding all types of employment opportunities, Co-ops, and internships. The following career fairs take place during the academic year: September—“On-Campus Employment Fair,” October—“Accounting Career Fair,” November—“Fall Career Fair,” and April—“Spring Career Fair.”

Experiential education is a major focus for both undergraduate and graduate students. Career Services coordinates the University’s sizeable Cooperative Education Program which is described in detail on page 109 of this catalog. Through this program, students work at six-month, paid positions that are related to their major field of study and provide them with real world experience.

Career Services also helps students to access paid and unpaid internship opportunities through which students develop professional skills and test out their career goals.

**Copernicus Science Computing Laboratory**

The Copernicus Science Computing Laboratory, located in the Francis J. Rio Interdisciplinary Science Center (Copernicus 227), serves the faculty and students in the natural and physical sciences. The Computing Lab houses networked PCs and Macintoshes, as well as printers, scanners, and multimedia projectors.

**Counseling and Wellness Center**

The mission of the University Counseling and Wellness Center is to promote the health and wellness of all members of the CCSU community through a variety of prevention programs, and to provide individual, family and group counseling services to students who may be experiencing psychological or behavioral problems. All counseling services are confidential and no fee is charged. Every effort is made to help students feel welcome and able to comfortably discuss their concerns.

Some of the prevention programs sponsored by this department include the Natural Helpers Program, alcohol education classes, prevention education programs on a range of behavioral health issues, and training for student leaders, staff, and faculty.

The department is located in Marcus White Hall, Room 204 (860-832-1945).

**Cultural Opportunities**

Many cultural opportunities are available to students, both on campus and in the New Britain and Hartford areas.

On campus, the Samuel S. T. Chen Art Center features an array of international, national, and regional artists in exhibits of fine arts, design, and scholastic arts. The Theatre Department facilities include one of the best-equipped, flexible, experimental stages in the region. Students may take advantage of concerts, theatre, choral performances, and dance presentations by student groups, faculty, and professional companies from around the world.

The Student Center Program Council Arts Committee is committed to presenting a variety of visual and performing arts. Interested students should contact the Program Council in the Student Activities Office of the Student Center.

In addition to CCSU’s newly renovated Thaddeus L. Torp Theatre, which provides a handsome stage for the performing arts, Wele Hall is “home” for The New Britain Symphony Orchestra four times per year.

Beyond campus, students will find two local, nationally known art museums, the New Britain Museum of American Art and the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford. Area theatres, including Hartford Stage, the New Britain Repertory Theatre, TheaterWorks, The Hole in the Wall, the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam, and The Bushnell in Hartford, offer a variety of music, drama, and dance. The Bushnell, in fact, is home to the Hartford Symphony Orchestra, Dance Connecticut, Connecticut Opera, Chamber Music Plus! and The Connecticut Forum.

**Disability Services**

Student Disability Services (SDS) provides students, faculty, and staff with assistance and information on issues of access and fostering opportunities for students to participate in a barrier-free learning environment at the University. The principal duty of SDS is to provide services and supports that promote educational equity for students with disabilities. Assistance includes arranging reasonable accommodations and auxiliary aids that are necessary for stu-
dents with disabilities to pursue their academic studies, both in and out of the classroom. Students with verifiable disabilities, visible or hidden, qualify for services. Students should disclose their disability to SDS as soon as they are notified of acceptance to the University to ensure timely services. All students must provide current documentation of a disability that limits one or more major life activities. Disability categories include, but are not limited to, mobility/orthopedic disabilities; specific learning disabilities; attention deficit disorders; vision and hearing disabilities; acquired head injuries; psychiatric/psychological disabilities; epilepsy; and chronic health-related disabilities. Course accommodations may include arranging for sign language interpreters, Kurzweil technology, readers, note takers, books on tape, extended time for exams, on-campus housing, and classroom relocation if inaccessibility exists. In addition, students can learn advocacy skills, in addition learning to develop strategies to negotiate campus life independently, to understand legal rights and protection, to develop compensatory skills, and, to become knowledgeable about adaptive technology and other on- and off-campus resources.

Students are encouraged to meet with Natalie Stimpson-Byers, coordinator of Student Disability Services, located in The Learning Center, Copernicus Hall, Room 241 (860-832-1900), TTY 860-832-1954. For more information, visit www.ccsu.edu/learncr.

Early Alert Program
The Early Alert early intervention program exists to intervene with students who have poor grades or attendance. Poor academic performance or attendance can often be a symptom of a deeper problem for a student. If we can meet with and help the student before the first exam of the semester, there is a better chance of facilitating academic success. Faculty, administrators, staff, and students are encouraged to refer students having difficulty to the Library.

Information Technology Services
Information Technology Services (ITS) (Henry Barnard Hall) provides technology and communication services to the University community in support of CCSU’s mission and strategic goals. ITS supports instruction, research, administration, and public service through effective use of computing and communication technologies, academic and administrative services, communication and multimedia delivery systems, and identification of new technologies and services, as well as education and guidance to users.

The Microcomputer Lab (Marcus White Annex) is the primary location for student access to computers and offers approximately 230 computers (PC and Macintosh), many laser printers, and a number of scanners available for student use. All of the computers have a wide variety of popular software applications, as well as direct access to the Internet.

Users have access to any of the available hardware and software on a first-come first-served basis. The lab is open 90 hours per week, including weekends. A student ID card and BlueNet ID (username and password) allow a student to access all campus computer resources, including all of the software available on the computers in the lab. The primary focus of this lab is to provide support for students’ academic achievements and classroom/instructional activities.

Judicial Programs
The Director of Judicial Programs administers the conduct system for all students and is available to all students, faculty, and staff who may have questions or concerns regarding the University Judicial System.

The Office of Judicial Programs is responsible for developing ways to respond effectively to incidents or issues that threaten to disrupt the learning environment. In addition, this office assists with the coordination of conduct referrals to counseling or alcohol and other drug education programs. The goals of the Office of Judicial Programs include resolving discipline cases in a developmentally sound manner consistent with University policy and applicable state and federal laws; encouraging the teaching and development of life-skills, such as healthy decision making, civility, and accountability; and maintaining integrity in regards to the health, safety, and security of all members of the CCSU community.

In the event a student fails to complete sanctions from a prior disciplinary resolution by the required deadline or has failed to meet to resolve reported disciplinary violations, the Office of Judicial Programs may place restrictions on the student’s ability to register for courses, reside on campus, etc., until the matter has been fully resolved.

The Office of Judicial Programs is located in Barrows Hall, Room 109 (860-832-1667).

Learning Center
The Learning Center (TLC) provides a full range of academic support services for students seeking additional help with their coursework. TLC offers individual study skills tutorials, mathematics tutoring, Praxis I practice for students applying for teacher certification, placement exams, and ID 102: Master Student (a one-credit study skills course).

Students who wish to establish a strong grade point average are encouraged to visit The Learning Center early in their college experience for assistance with exam preparation, collegiate learning strategies and time management. TLC is located in Copernicus Hall, Room 241 (860-832-1900). For more information, visit our Web site at www.ccsu.edu/learncr.

The Learning Center also provides graduate assistantships and undergraduate work-study positions for students with strong academic skills who are seeking opportunities to work with other students in a stimulating and supportive environment.

The Mathematics Tutoring Center, located in Copernicus Hall, Room 242, provides drop-in tutoring for lower-division mathematics courses. The tutorial schedule is posted in The Learning Center during the first week of every semester. The schedule includes both day and evening hours.
Media Center
The Media Center, located in Willard Hall, coordinates all media-related services, including the University television channel and video production. The Center maintains instructional materials and multimedia classroom equipment. Facilities for consulting and developing instructional materials are available during scheduled times. Faculty and students, with the approval of a faculty member, may request media equipment for class use.

Multi-Media Language Learning Center
The Multi-Media Language Learning Center (Barnard 336) provides students with appropriate technology for language study and cultural enrichment. The lab is equipped with audio, video and laser disk technology, as well as web-capable computers for interactive learning.

Pre-Collegiate and Access Services
The office of Pre-Collegiate and Access Services coordinates the Educational Opportunity Program and the Connecticut Collegiate Awareness and Preparation Program (ConnCAP) at Central Connecticut State University.

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) is a five-week summer program designed for students who have the potential to do college-level work but do not meet CCSU’s regular admissions standards. EOP students live on campus in CCSU residence halls during the summer with all expenses paid, including books, tuition, room and board.

Graduates of the summer program are admitted to CCSU as full-time students in the fall. EOP students participate in ongoing orientation and tutoring programs throughout their first year and receive support services all through their college experience. EOP alumni actively support CCSU and EOP through their contributions to student scholarship funds and mentoring activities with EOP undergraduates.

This program is limited to 50 Connecticut residents who have graduated or will be graduating from an accredited Connecticut high school or have attained their General Equivalency Diploma. Students must demonstrate a financial need. EOP is not open to transfer students.

CCSU's Connecticut Collegiate Awareness and Preparation Program is a college preparation program, serving 125 low income, first-generation college-bound middle and high school students from New Britain. The goal of the program is to increase the number of students who complete high school and successfully enroll in post-secondary education. Working cooperatively with the middle and high schools in New Britain, the program provides a wide range of activities and services to strengthen academic skills, self-esteem, motivation, and a love of learning. Services and activities take place year round in the middle and high schools and on CCSU's campus in the summer.

For more information on these programs, contact Awilda Reasco, Director, Pre-Collegiate and Access Services, Willard Hall, Room 100 (860-832-1902).

Sports and Recreation
Central Connecticut State University encourages a balanced program of sports and recreation consistent with the educational responsibilities of the student.

Harrison J. Kaiser Hall houses the Physical Education and Athletics departments; the William H. Detrick Gymnasium, seating 3,200 spectators; the Jack Suydam Natatorium; and special function rooms, including a modern Nautilus and free weight training facility. Arute Field is the site of home football games, seats over 3,000, and features a state-of-the-art FieldTurf surface and press box. Other sports facilities include Kaiser Annex, a 37,000-sq. ft. recreational/athletic air-supported structure, tennis courts, and fields for soccer, softball, baseball, and recreation.

Intercollegiate athletics are a storied tradition at CCSU. Varsity contests are scheduled in basketball, cross country, lacrosse, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, indoor and outdoor track, and volleyball for women and baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, and indoor and outdoor track for men.

CCSU’s Blue Devils have gained national recognition on the playing fields. The University is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the Eastern College Athletic Conference, and the Northeast Conference, conducting its athletic programs under the rules of these organizations.

Students may also take advantage of indoor and outdoor facilities for recreational use and intramural programs.

A Title IX Coordinator works with the Athletics Department to ensure Title IX compliance. Title IX is a federal civil rights statute that prohibits gender discrimination in education programs, including athletic programs that receive or benefit from federal funding. The major athletic categories that are analyzed for compliance are sports offerings, scholarships, and other program areas, including equipment and supplies, coaching, availability, competitive facilities, and tutoring.

Student Activities/Leadership Development
The Department of Student Activities/Leadership Development aids student organizations in developing many educational, recreational, social and cultural extracurricular activities. These activities are co-curricular in their goals. One of the major functions of this office is to create opportunities for student leaders to develop, using workshops, seminars, instruction and a recognition program.

The office is also responsible for advising the Central Activities Network and for the general coordination of student activities. The Department of Student Activities/Leadership Development (860-832-1990) is located in the Student Center. Central Activities Network (C.A.N.) is the major social and educational programming body at CCSU and includes Central Mainstage (music and special events), Central Perk (wellness and educational programs), Cinema Central (weekly film series), Club Central (comedians, game nights, and student performances), Community Central (off-campus trips and community service), and Network Central (monthly activities calendar, event hotline, and webpage development). Students can become involved in C.A.N. on several levels: committee members, committee chairs, or positions such as an area coordinator or officer. Students devote their time and energy to plan and implement over 150 programs a year for the CCSU community, including major events such as First Week, Winter Carnival, and Spring Weekend.

Students who volunteer with the Central Activities Network gain valuable experience in leadership, teamwork, communication, time management, and budgeting skills. The main component of C.A.N. is fun and friendship. The organization is open to all CCSU students and welcomes input and ideas from everyone. For more information, please stop by the Central Activities Network office located in the Student Center, Room 203, or check out the Web site at http://stdctr.ccsu.edu/can.
Detailed information on the Department of Student Activities/Leadership Development is available at the Student Union Web site at http://stdctr.ccsu.edu/sald.

Student Center
The Student Center is the meeting place of the campus community and provides services that support student life. The 80,000 square feet of new and renovated area provides our University community quality meeting and programming space. The Student Center is also the home of Student Activities, as it houses the offices of the Black Student Union, the Mosaic Center, PRIDE, Central Activities Network, WFCS, Recorder, and Student Government Association. It also serves as the home of the Women’s Center, Achieve Credit Union, CCSU Bookstore, and Card Office.

To make it convenient to access support services, the Student Center offers a new food court, an expanded bookstore, and a full service bank. There is a student mailbox area where all resident and many commuter students have their own mailboxes.

The Information Desk (860-832-1970) is located in the main lobby of the Student Center and provides a variety of services, including a schedule of campus events, lost and found, and general campus information. Emergency equipment and periodicals are available to borrow with a valid CCSU student ID.

Central Reservations Office (CRO) at CCSU is the one-stop-shop location to coordinate meetings, conferences, or events. Call or stop by the CRO, located in the Student Center, Room 115, to meet with one of our event coordinators. In addition to coordinating needs in the Student Center and Memorial Hall, CRO can facilitate the use of other specialized venues on campus through our network of facility managers on campus.

CENtix, the campus box office (860-832-1989), is located at the Information Desk and sells tickets for most campus events, such as CAN events, Theatre Department productions, athletic events, and some off campus-sponsored events. It also offers a fax service.

The Breakers Game Room offers eight tournament billiard tables, foosball, electronic amusements, board games, and sports television. Party packages are available.

An automated teller machine, located at the Student Center North Entrance near the Bookstore, is available 24 hours a day.

House phones are located in several areas of the Student Center and provide free local calls or calls to any campus office. Pay phones are located at the north and southeast entrances on the exterior of the building for long distance calls.

Lockers are a free service located near the Bookstore. Private locker rentals are available by the semester.

Lounges are available throughout the Student Center for relaxation and study needs.

Walkup e-mail and web surfing stations are available in several locations in the Student Center. In addition, access points to the campus network via wireless cards and Ethernet cards are available.

The Student Center is committed to student development and provides opportunities for student participation in its operations through employment. Our S.T.A.R. employees manage and operate the Student Center facility and the various service areas, such as Breakers, Information Desk, CENtix box office, technical event support, SC website and TW@C. That’s why our most important asset is our student staff! For student employment information, go to http://stdctr.ccsu.edu/ and follow the Employment Info link.

Updated information on services is available at http://stdctr.ccsu.edu.

University Ombudsperson
The University Ombudsperson serves as a prompt, impartial, and confidential resource designed by the President of CCSU to assist members of the campus community to resolve a problem or complaint quickly and properly. The Ombudsperson also helps the University to develop, implement, and maintain policies and procedures that equitably address the rights and responsibilities of everyone on campus. The University Ombudsperson can be a last resort, offering help when regular channels have failed, as well as an information resource, offering guidance for those who don’t know where to begin. The Ombudsperson is not intended to replace existing University governance or appeal procedures but rather to improve communication regarding University operations and to enable members of the University community to protect their rights and have their concerns addressed in an efficient and effective manner. The office of the University Ombudsperson is located in Maria Sanford, Room 306 (860-832-2216).

Veterans Affairs
The Office of Veterans Affairs (Willard 133) assists eligible students to obtain tuition waivers and educational assistance benefits from the Veterans Administration. Questions concerning benefits and eligibility should be directed to the veterans affairs coordinator (860-832-2838).

Women’s Center
The Ruthe Boyea Women’s Center, named for its founding director, is a multi-purpose program and service center for students, staff and faculty. The center offers a variety of services for and about women, including peer education, re-entry counseling, support groups, crisis intervention, a luncheon series and programming and research on women’s issues. The staff of the center also sponsors educational and cultural programs in response to the needs and interests of campus women. The Ruthe Boyea Women’s Center is located on the second floor of the Student Center (860-832-1655). Both men and women are welcome.

Writing Center
The Writing Center (Willard Hall, Room 305) provides one-to-one tutorials and small-group workshops to help members of the CCSU community improve their writing in areas such as drafting compositions, preparing research papers and taking essay exams. Appointments for tutorials are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by calling 860-832-2765.

Centers & Institutes

Biotechnology Institute
The Biotechnology Institute at CCSU is an interdisciplinary organization dedicated to developing graduates with excellent research skills to join the growing workforce in the field of biotechnology. The Institute is housed in the Department of Biomolecular Sciences and serves as a link between the academic community at CCSU and Connecticut’s biotechnology industries.

The Institute provides unique research opportunities for undergraduates in the area of biotechnology, fosters the pursuit of research, promotes academic programs and student-centered research, develops strong contacts with Connecticut’s biotechnology community in order to create opportunities for CCSU graduates to enter the biotech-
Center for Africana Studies
The Center for Africana Studies at Central Connecticut State University develops and encourages the study and teaching of Africa, African Americans, and people of African descent throughout the Diaspora. The Center promotes and advances a better understanding of the African and African American experience among Africans in the Diaspora; expands the understanding of ideas, knowledge, experiences, and approaches to the study of Africa and the Diaspora; promotes research, consultation, and community service among the CCSU faculty, students, and scholars in the community and throughout the world about Africa and people of African descent; provides undergraduate and graduate instruction about Africa, African Americans, and people of African descent around the world; educates the neighboring communities and engages them in understanding the African experience; provides mentoring and tutoring programs for students on campus and in the community; and develops international support systems for students and scholars of Africana Studies.

The Center for Africana Studies sees student participation in its activities as crucial to achieve its goals. In addition, it sees its extracurricular activities as critical both to student and faculty development and in ensuring that the community is well informed about Africa and Africans in the Diaspora.

For more information, contact Dr. C. Charles Mate-Kole, director, Center for Africana Studies (email: matekole@ccsu.edu; phone: 860-832-3105), or Dr. Evelyn Phillips, acting director (email: phillips@ccsu.edu; phone: 860-832-2617), or call The Center for Africana Studies, located in Marcus White, Room 008, at 860-832-2816.

Center for Caribbean and Latin American Studies
The Center for Caribbean and Latin American Studies, located in Marcus White, Barnard Hall, coordinates professional development activities and resources related to teaching, the assessment of student learning outcomes, and faculty leadership. The Center seeks to develop and enhance global awareness, cultural diversity, and civic responsibility by fostering support for seminars, lectures, workshops, and exhibitions for faculty, students, and businesses in the U.S. and abroad; reciprocal visits of music, artistic, and sports groups; research and conferences; programs to promote international and intercultural understanding; and contacts and connections between Connecticut and the East Asian community, as well as student and faculty exchanges at CCSU’s sister universities in China, Japan, and Korea.

The Center’s applied social research function is maintained as an affordable resource for government, communities, and non-profit organizations that need assistance with survey research, program evaluation, project development, and training of government officials. Among the resources utilized are expert faculty and capable students from the Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Professional Studies, and Technology.

Center for Teaching Excellence and Leadership Development
The Center for Teaching Excellence and Leadership Development, located in Barnard Hall, coordinates professional development activities and resources related to teaching, the assessment of student learning outcomes, and faculty leadership. The
goals of the Center are to promote a learning community focused on studying and improving teaching to enhance students’ learning and to enhance the growth of academic leaders in the CCSU community.

The Center sponsors various programs aimed at building and sustaining a learning community on the CCSU campus. Among the many programs offered by the Center are Teaching Excellence Forums; opportunities for continued instructional development for faculty in the teaching and learning process; and leadership development for current departmental chairs and others. Other activities included in the Center’s mission are Scholarship of Teaching and Learning opportunities and assessment of learning and teaching efforts.

The George R. Muirhead Center for International Education
Established by the Board of Governors for Higher Education in 1987 as a statewide Center for Excellence in International Education, the George R. Muirhead Center for International Education is the cornerstone of the University’s unwavering commitment to international education. The Center contributes to the University’s mission by developing and supporting internationally focused programs, both academic and extracurricular, and providing a forum for students, faculty, staff, and alumni to pursue common interests with partner institutions around the globe. Working in partnership with the University’s academic departments and programs, such as the International and Area Studies Program, the Center promotes the concept of graduating globally competent students.

Through the extensive network of university partnerships around the world, the Center makes many overseas study options available. In any given year, the Center offers programs in Europe, the Caribbean, West Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America, and new programs continue to be developed and nurtured. CCSU students are strongly encouraged to pursue overseas study as part of their academic program, whether long-term study through the Study Abroad program or short-term study through a course taught abroad. By living and learning in another culture, CCSU students are prepared for the increasingly integrated and interdependent world around them.

The Center also welcomes a growing number of international students to campus each semester. From the moment they are recruited until graduation and beyond, the Center advises and supports international students as they pursue their studies on our campus. Through intercultural programming, which brings students of many different cultures and origins together, the Center fosters a spirit of cross-cultural understanding, where everyone involved has the opportunity to learn about someone else’s customs and values, learning about themselves in the process.

Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy
The Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy (IMRP) promotes the mutual socioeconomic and environmental benefits of regional alternatives to problem solving and facilitates intergovernmental cooperation and comprehensive planning to address regional solutions to critical public policy issues in Connecticut. The IMRP serves state and local government officials and entities, as well as community and non-profit organizations. The IMRP provides educational forums and materials, facilitation services, and research of innovative regional alternatives.

Located in the Robert Vance Academic Center, the IMRP’s recent activities have included educational forums and presentations that have addressed “smart growth” and transportation-oriented development, taxation, workforce development, and the links between housing and education.

Institute for the Study of Crime and Justice
The Institute for the Study of Crime and Justice (ISCJ) serves the interests of the criminal justice community in Connecticut by utilizing the University’s faculty, staff, and student resources to perform applied research, train criminal justice personnel, and develop, implement, and evaluate criminal justice initiatives for local, state, and federal governmental clients. The ISCJ also serves as a centralized clearing-house for the exchange and dissemination of information concerning the criminal justice field.

Located in the Robert Vance Academic Center, the ISCJ provides opportunities for students to collaborate with faculty and practitioners in a variety of professional settings.

Institute of Technology and Business Development
The Institute, located at 185 Main Street in downtown New Britain, supports Connecticut businesses and organizations by providing a full spectrum of training, technology, and manufacturing process assistance, government procurement services, and conferencing services. Its cost-effective business incubation services give start-up companies a chance to grow and thrive. Through these activities, the ITBD provides the resources necessary to give Connecticut companies competitive and economic advantages. CCSU ITBD is the host of the U.S. Small Business Administration Small Business Development Center Program, with sub-center offices on the campuses of Eastern, Southern, and Western Connecticut State Universities. A fourth office is located at the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development Small Business Office in Hartford. The Institute also houses the New Britain Industrial Museum.

Institute of Tourism and Hospitality
The availability of accurate and timely empirical information—in such areas as problem solving, forecasting for proactive initiatives, and an assessment of the overall health of the organization—is critical to the sustainability of contemporary tourism and hospitality organizations. Accordingly, the Institute of Tourism and Hospitality was created in 2001 to offer research and consulting services to tourism-hospitality organizations (profit and non-profit) operating in the state of Connecticut. Housed in the office of Academic Affairs, the Institute offers expertise in the following areas: market research, data analysis, quantitative decision-making, service quality, entrepreneurship, product development, lean accounting, management processes, information technology, law, employee training, and curriculum design. In the process, the Institute involves the student body in the outreach program of the University and provides an introduction to and experience in the tourism-hospitality industry. The Institute’s website is www.ccsu.edu/ITH.

U.S.-China Business Center
The mission of the U.S.-China Business Center (US-CBC) is to coordinate the outreach and developmental activities for Central Connecticut State University in the People’s
Republic of China. A further aspect of the mission is to forge links with Connecticut businesses and industries to integrate the University’s initiatives in China and to assist in the formation of joint ventures between Chinese businesses and Connecticut businesses.

Located in Marcus White Hall, US-CBC promotes Central Connecticut State University as a leading, innovative educational institution facilitating U.S.-China collaborations. Through this long and successful relationship that CCSU has had with the People’s Republic of China, the University has had the opportunity to work with many provinces and cities across China, conducting training programs for public officials both in China and at CCSU. US-CBC is also the sponsor of a faculty/student study abroad program to the People’s Republic of China during the Summer Session.