

Judaic Studies Chair Established with \$1.5M Gift



Michael J. Hogan (left) and Doris and Simon Konover at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center

Two founding supporters of the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life, Simon '96H and Doris M. '50 Konover, have endowed the center's first faculty chair. Funding also is provided by the Doris and Simon Konover Family Foundation. "The University of Connecticut is very fortunate to have Doris and Simon Konover among its special friends, and personally I'm very grateful for their continuing support," says University President Michael J. Hogan. "The Konover chair will further strengthen our center's highly regarded programs and leadership in Judaic studies."

The Doris and Simon Konover Chair of Judaic Studies, funded by a \$1.5-million

gift, will support teaching and research by an eminent scholar of Jewish life, history and religion. The chair will enable the center, which is part of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), to attract a scholar with an international reputation to develop new courses and provide research leadership.

"This gift is also consistent with the University's objective of expanding the study of human rights," explains Arnold Dashefsky, Ph.D., professor of sociology and director of the center. "The pursuit of Judaic studies allows students to explore in depth the ethical traditions of Jewish civilization and its commitment to social justice and the repair of the world."

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Women's Cancer Care Boosted

A \$250,000 gift from Gary S. Gladstein '66 through the Marsha Lilien Gladstein Foundation is providing strategic support for the new Women's Cancer Prevention and Treatment Program at the UConn Health Center's Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center.

The gift, which will enable the recruitment of top-flight doctors as well as critical cancer research, is in memory of Gladstein's wife, Judi, in gratitude for the treatment she received at the Health Center and caring guidance from Carolyn Runowicz, M.D., director of the Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"Dr. Runowicz's knowledge, guidance, caring and availability enormously helped Judi and me in handling Judi's horrendous illness. Dr. Runowicz assembled a great team of doctors in

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Molly Brewer

GIFT SUPPORTS FUNCTIONAL FOODS CENTER AT UCONN

A new major gift will help position UConn as a national leader in the study and application of functional foods, those with health benefits beyond basic nutrition that may prevent and help treat disease.

The commitment from the Esperance Family Foundation will assist with the creation and support of a multidisciplinary center for functional food research and education in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR), which will be aided by the

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MORE THAN \$59M RAISED IN FY07

The UConn Foundation received more than \$59 million in philanthropic support during fiscal 2007 to benefit the University's faculty, students and programs.

The total amount of monies raised during FY07 was \$59.8 million, which included \$49.6 million in new gifts and commitments, \$3.4 million in revocable and deferred planned gifts and \$6.8 million in pledge payments.

Of the funds raised, \$2 million was designated for faculty support, \$8.3 million for scholarships, \$23.9 million for programs and \$4.9 million for capital improvements. Support for UConn athletics totaled \$20.7 million. Approximately \$13 million of the total was designated to support activities at the UConn Health Center in Farmington.

The Foundation's annual fund, which is largely driven by direct mail solicitation, online donations and a student-run phonathon, generated a record \$4.6 million, which is a 17 percent increase over last year and double the amount raised in 2003.

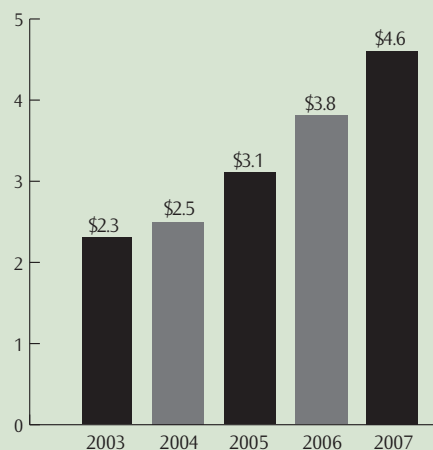
The number of donor households totaled 33,041, and giving from two critical groups, alumni and parents, increased by 52 percent collectively. Nearly 29 percent of the overall amount raised came from alumni. According to *U.S. News & World Report*, UConn ranks in the top 13 percent among national public universities for alumni giving.

As of June 30, 2007, the University endowment stood at \$336 million, which is a \$37 million, or 12 percent, increase over 2006. Endowment gains have outpaced relevant industry benchmarks for the past two-, three-, five- and 10-year periods. The endowment has grown \$139 million, or 70.6 percent, over the past five years. In 1996, the endowment was \$60 million.

"As we prepare for a major capital campaign, we are seeing both the need for increased private support for UConn, as well as the remarkable ways in which the support of our alumni and friends is already transforming the University," says John K. Martin, president of the UConn Foundation. "Private giving is a catalyst for UConn to meet its potential." 🍀

Annual Fund Giving

Dollars in millions



Sustainable Energy Initiative Launches \$2M Raised to Match State Funding

At a press conference in September, UConn announced the launch of the Eminent Faculty Initiative in Sustainable Energy, an ambitious new campaign at the School of Engineering supported by \$2 million from the state and \$2 million in matching funds from corporate partners FuelCell Energy, the Northeast Utilities Foundation and UTC Power.

"This is an exceptional opportunity to build a results-oriented, visionary research and development program in renewable green energies, at a time when the nation is just beginning to grapple with its precarious dependence on fossil fuels," said Erling Smith, Ph.D., interim dean of the School of Engineering.

The impetus for the program was a permanent \$2-million annual appropriation from the state contingent on the University securing one-time matching funds from industry. The special partnership among UConn, the state, and industry is designed to support economic and workforce development and propel Connecticut onto the international stage in the development of sustainable energy.

"The partnership exhibited today represents not only an investment in the fuel cell industry, but also serves as an example of how government, higher education, and industry, working together, can be a catalyst to improving Connecticut's overall economy and truly building jobs for the twenty-first century," said Senate President Pro Tem Donald E. Williams, Jr.

The funding will be used to recruit senior-level faculty and staff and enhance programs at the school

and its centers, including the Connecticut Global Fuel Cell Center and the Biofuels Consortium. The school also will immediately launch a national search for a scholar of international stature and reputation who will effectively leverage and expand the school's research and development activities.

University President Michael J. Hogan said the state has the opportunity to take the lead in developing sustainable energy sources and make significant breakthroughs.

"Connecticut has a rare opportunity to provide national leadership in the development of viable, sustainable and environmentally sound energy alternatives, including fuel cells and biofuels," said Hogan. 🍀



UConn President Michael J. Hogan speaks during the launch of the Eminent Faculty Initiative

Judaic Studies Chair

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The center is dedicated to research, education, public service and outreach. It is home to the Mandell L. Berman Institute North American Jewish Data Bank, the central repository of social scientific studies of North American Jewry. The center offers an undergraduate major in Judaic studies and one of only four master's degree programs at public institutions in the U.S.

"Doris and Simon Konover provided the first crucial endowment for the Center for Judaic Studies at its founding 25 years ago," says Ross

MacKinnon, dean of CLAS. "The chair they will establish recognizes the high level of scholarship that the center can sustain and the high level of international recognition to which it aspires."

Much of the Konovers' philanthropy has focused on Jewish life and the research and preservation of Jewish history and materials. Mr. Konover, a Holocaust survivor, was born in 1922 near Warsaw, Poland. During World War II, he was interned in a labor camp in Poland, conscripted into the Russian army, and then imprisoned in Siberia. More than 50 members of his family were killed in the Holocaust. In 1949,

Mr. Konover immigrated to the U.S. and settled in Connecticut, where he established Konover & Associates, a real estate development firm.

In addition to the center, the Konovers, who are members of the Founders Society, have made significant contributions to the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, the Morris N. Trachten K kosher Dining Facility, the UConn Health Center and the Division of Athletics. 🍀

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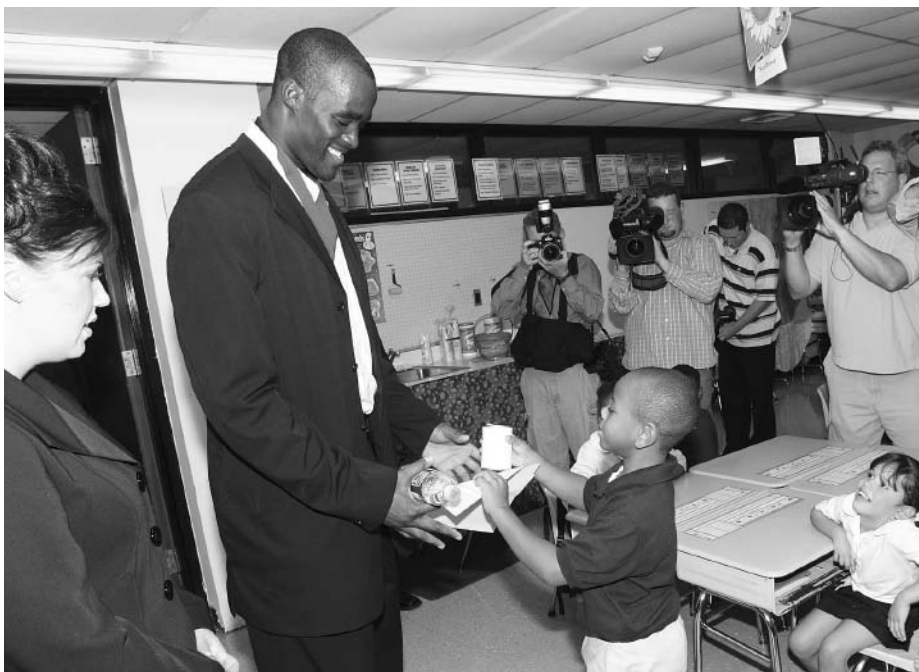
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Okafor Supports Husky Sport with \$250,000 Gift



Emeka Okafor meets children at Clark Elementary School in Hartford

Emeka Okafor '04, the 2003–04 National Player of the Year for the NCAA champion University of Connecticut basketball team, announced in September that he will contribute \$250,000 to the Neag School of Education to support the Husky Sport Program in Hartford.

Operating at three locations in Hartford's North End—Clark Elementary School, the Kelvin D.

Anderson Recreation Center, and the Hartford Catholic Worker House—Husky Sport offers in-school, after-school, and summer activities. The program uses UConn students as mentors in nutrition education and life skills lessons, and exposes Hartford children to a variety of sports and physical activities.

“Every child should have a mentor,” says Okafor. “I am blessed to be able to help the Husky Sport program continue

to enrich young people's lives and make sure the children in this program not only have a mentor, but are getting the tools they need to succeed in life. Nutrition and physical activity are the cornerstone of my life, and I feel strongly that young people should not only be educated about healthy living, but they should have access to opportunities that help them lead healthy lives.”

University President Michael J. Hogan says, “Emeka Okafor represented UConn at its best throughout his years here, as an outstanding student, a spectacular athlete, and an engaged member and leader of the University community. It is gratifying, but not surprising, that he would step up to support this program. We're tremendously proud of Emeka, and proud of the contribution the Neag School of Education is making through the Husky Sport program.”

Clark School Principal Beryl Irene Bailey says students in the program have benefited tremendously and the program has changed lives.

“The students at Clark now benefit from college mentors who provide life skills and lessons in nutrition and physical fitness,” she says. “The UConn students have gone above and beyond.”

Husky Sport was developed four years ago by Jennifer Bruening, an assistant professor in the kinesiology department in the Neag School of Education. She says Okafor's gift will be used to expand the program by increasing the number and variety of activities offered to the Hartford students and the quality and quantity of the time they spend with their UConn mentors.

A two-time Academic All-American, Emeka Okafor graduated from UConn with a finance degree and a 3.8 grade point average. He was the 2004 Academic All-American of the Year, the Big East Men's Basketball Scholar-Athlete in 2004–05 and 2005–06, the 2004–05 NBA Rookie of the Year and a member of the 2004 U.S. Olympic team. The gift is Okafor's first significant domestic donation. He is also the spokesperson for the One Million African Lives initiative and the Safe Blood for Africa Foundation, both of which are dedicated to ensuring clean blood supplies throughout the continent. 🌱

To support the Neag School of Education, please contact Abigail O'Brien at 860.486.4530.

Musculoskeletal Institute Receives Major Gift for Groundbreaking Care

The New England Musculoskeletal Institute (NEMSI), the only facility of its kind in the Northeast and one of only a few nationwide, will benefit from a major gift from a longtime supporter of the UConn Health Center.

Robert T. Samuels, a Health Center board member, and his wife, Renee, have made a \$100,000 commitment to NEMSI in support of groundbreaking research and clinical care related to bone, joint, muscle and connective tissue health. The institute is one of the Health Center's four signature programs, and has recruited a world-class team of experts since it opened in 2006.

Under the leadership of nationally prominent surgeon and joint replacement expert Jay Lieberman, M.D., NEMSI offers a wide range of services to help patients gain mobility and maintain overall health, ranging from orthopaedic surgery, sports medicine, total joint replacement, hand, foot and ankle, neck and back pain, osteoporosis care, and treatment for arthritis and other rheumatologic conditions.

The Samuels have made many previous gifts throughout the community, and to the University of Connecticut to benefit scholarships, academic and athletic initiatives, cancer and cardiology research, and children's

diabetes research. The MSI gift is their largest philanthropic investment in UConn, and was influenced by their admiration for Lieberman and his vision for making the institute the best in the nation.

Mr. Samuels, the former president and chief operating officer of First National Supermarkets and a founding member and principal of ABS Development Company, says that the couple's support for the institute stems from its unique position as a regional center of health care excellence.

The gift will provide flexible resources for Lieberman and his team of physicians, scientists and therapists to aid new research endeavors and technologies that bring treatment strategies from the laboratory bench to the bedside. Such private support for NEMSI can distinguish it from other similar centers by permitting faculty and staff to focus on research and care instead of searching for additional funding streams.

“To remain at the forefront of medicine involves continued reinvestment in new programs and technologies so that our physician-scientists can conduct research that will translate into improvements and innovations in clinical care for people not only in Connecticut, but worldwide,” states Peter J. Deckers, M.D., executive vice president of health



Robert T. and Renee Samuels

affairs and dean of the school of medicine. “We are enormously grateful to Bob and Renee for their friendship, and for this important vote of confidence in the Health Center and the institute.” 🌱

To support the UConn Health Center and NEMSI, please contact the UConn Foundation at 860.679.1122.

Functional Foods Center

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addition of up to three or four new faculty specialists in the area.

Examples of functional foods include a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains and legumes rich in antioxidants and other bioactive compounds that may prevent or delay the onset of coronary heart disease, diabetes, cancer and other chronic conditions. Functional foods are now a nearly \$30-billion annual market in the U.S. alone, and some projections indicate the market will soon double.

Ian Hart, associate dean for research and advanced studies at CANR, who chairs the functional foods coordinator search committee, believes the potential for UConn's program is enormous.

"Americans are obsessed with their health. If we can demonstrate to the public the benefits of eating certain foods, not in the sense of a fad, but by saying, 'You may be able to actually prevent or help cure a certain condition or disease,' there is tremendous potential in terms of the growth of research at the University, growth of agriculture in the state and improvement of the public health in general," says Hart.

With the planned center, the University could become one of the few schools across the nation—and the only one in New England—with such a dedicated focus.

Dean Kirklyn Kerr says that the college's recruitment efforts have been greatly aided by the Esperance Foundation gift.

"When you're recruiting faculty at this level, for a program like this, you have to identify what sets you apart. The gift is a tremendous asset to the college to do just that," he says. "Functional foods will be a significant program and investment of resources for us in the future, and with this support and influence, we will make our program great."

Sung Koo, head of the Department of Nutritional Sciences, sees the importance of not just research, but the integration of that research with existing medical practice and consumer education.

"This gift will serve as the stepping stone," he says. "We will focus on research, technology transfer, curriculum development and consumer education. We need to disseminate information about functional foods to consumers so that they can be educated about modifying their dietary habits and food choices. And also through translational medicine, we can connect basic research on functional foods to patient care, and nutritional and diet therapies." 🍌

To support the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, please contact Amy Hanaburgh at 860.486.1763.

Faculty & Staff Campaign Extended Year-Round

The fourth annual Close to Home campaign kicked off in late October with a goal to raise \$800,000.

A new change this year extends the campaign, which has traditionally run for only a few months, to be a year-round effort. Strong support over the last couple years has demonstrated a culture of giving among UConn faculty and staff. Lengthening the campaign will thus capitalize on the momentum and enable the Foundation to increase fundraising for students, faculty and programs.

"We are seeing more faculty and staff participating in the Close to Home campaign. The year-round opportunity to be involved should increase participation even more," says campaign committee member M. Kevin Fahey, senior associate director at the Department of Student Activities. "It is a great way for us to show our involvement and commitment to our professions, our departments and our University."

Since the program's inception in 2004, fundraising has increased by 23 percent. Last year, 1,068 faculty and staff members contributed a total of more than \$745,000 to benefit a variety of academic, research and cultural programs around campus.

The campaign offers faculty and staff committed to UConn an opportunity to provide an additional

measure of support to the areas with which they have a connection, as well as to lead the fundraising effort.

"It is important for the faculty and staff to support UConn, not only in gratitude for the extensive support we have received and not only to buttress our programs, but also in order to lead by example," says Stuart Sidney, Ph.D., professor of mathematics, who has been a committee member since 2004.

He adds, "When the University or the Foundation makes its case for support—to the state legislature, to corporations, to individual donors—that case will be ever so much more convincing if it is known that we feel strongly enough that we are allocating personal resources to the cause."

The focus of the campaign is primarily on unrestricted gifts, which provide the most immediate and effective sources of funding. Unrestricted gifts are used at the university's discretion to address critical and time-sensitive needs, such as funding undergraduate scholarships, graduate fellowships, and academic and cultural programs. Additionally, gifts toward programs, schools and colleges are encouraged.

"You're giving to yourself when you give to the Foundation. You should do that in the same way that you invest in the community," says University President Michael J. Hogan. 🍌

For information about donating to the Close to Home campaign, please contact Heather McDonald at 860.486.8822.



The Close to Home campaign is led by a volunteer committee of faculty and staff, including: (standing, l-r) M. Kevin Fahey, senior associate director at the Department of Student Activities; Kathe Gable, alumni and community relations coordinator at the School of Nursing; Cynthia F. Jones, Ed.D., vice president for student affairs and director for career services; Stuart Sidney, Ph.D., professor of mathematics; William Stwalley, Ph.D., Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Physics and head of the Physics Department; (seated, l-r): Linda Strausbaugh, Ph.D., professor of molecular and cell biology and director of the Center for Applied Genetics and Technology; Heather McDonald, program director of constituent groups at the UConn Foundation; and Vivienne Felix '08, a graduate student.

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF FIGHTING CANCER

More than 135 golfers took part in the thirtieth annual UConn Cancer Research Golf Tournament on August 27 at the Country Club of Avon.

For three decades, the volunteer-run tournament has been dedicated to raising money to fight cancer, and has raised more than \$2 million for the UConn Health Center and the American Cancer Society. Nearly \$150,000 was raised this year.

The 2007 tournament committee earmarked the proceeds from this year's tournament for an expansion of the UConn Tumor Bank at the Carole and

Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center to aid in early cancer detection. The tumor bank is an essential component the early detection of cancer, and provides specimens for scientists to pursue causes and treatment of malignancies.

Proceeds from the 2002 tournament enabled the Health Center to establish the country's first public tumor bank. As a result of early detection and improved therapies, survival rates continue to improve every year. 🍌

To support cancer programs, please contact Wendy Lux or Karen Tomasko at 860.679.4919.



Betty Hanson

Professor Encourages Global Education

After more than 30 years of teaching world politics, Professor Betty Hanson has made a major gift to support students pursuing international studies.

“In some ways, this gift summarizes my professional life,” Hanson says. The Elizabeth C. Hanson Fund for International Studies will support internationally focused scholarships, internships and study abroad experiences. Throughout her career at UConn, Hanson has taken the lead in numerous efforts in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to introduce students to international studies, from advising related clubs and the University’s Model U.N. program, to developing a minor in India Studies, and much more. In November she, received a lifetime achievement award from the vice provost for multicultural and international affairs.

“It’s extremely important, not just in political science, but in all fields, for students to understand global issues and diverse cultures. It’s not simply seeing different perspectives; it’s also about developing skills and knowledge.”

The fund has already received attention and financial support from many individuals who Hanson worked with or influenced in her long career, including Howard L. Reiter, head of the political science department.

“Universities that aspire to greatness have to develop global ties, inspire their students to become involved in international issues and begin to think with a global perspective,” he says. “I believe it’s symbolically and materially important—extremely important—to help students understand the wider world. When you think about Betty’s career, and all she’s done, it’s perfectly natural to envision that she would establish this kind of fund.”

Hanson says the inspiration for her gift came from a realization that she was approaching retirement, and she sought a way to carry her work forward.

“I hope that my gift will emphasize how important an international education is for UConn students, and other people will then generate ideas from it to contribute on their own.”

She says faculty giving can address UConn’s critical needs.

“Faculty are in the trenches of the University. They are in a better position than most to know where the needs are, whether that means more international area specialists, or other initiatives,” she says. “We are starting to see many new programs at UConn based on educating global citizens. There’s much more interest in this today, and with that, many more needs.”

To support the Hanson Fund for International Studies, please contact Frank Gifford at 860.486.6798.

AAUP Funds Scholarship

The UConn chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) has expanded support for its approximately 1,400 members through a gift to the UConn Foundation. The AAUP Endowed Scholarship Fund, which was established with a \$100,000 gift, will provide tuition assistance for children whose parents die while active members.

“We are hoping that the fund will offer some relief to the families of our colleagues who have made important contributions to the University, and whose family members may sometimes find themselves suddenly without needed support,” says Robert Stephens, Ph.D., professor of music and president of the UConn chapter of AAUP.

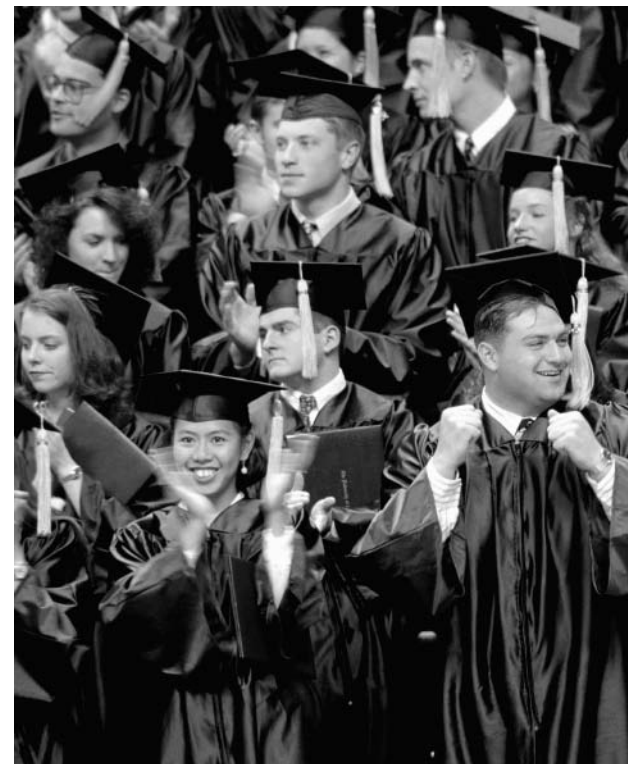
The new scholarship fund will provide aid for both incoming and continuing full-time undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need.

“Our executive board members were very excited to be able to do something like this because they see this as a really great member benefit—of course, one that no one wants to have to avail themselves of,” says Ed Marth, executive director of the UConn chapter of the AAUP. “It’s sort of like a peace-of-mind guarantee.”

Marth notes that, in addition to providing welcome support for current AAUP members, the new scholarship will show prospective employees that UConn and the AAUP care about the staff. He anticipates that it will help with recruiting new faculty.

Adds Stephens, “We hope this will serve as a good indicator to potential faculty members that here at UConn, the AAUP tries to meet a broad array of needs.”

For information about supporting the AAUP Endowed Scholarship Fund, please contact Ken Goebel at 860.486.5514.



(from left) Irwin Singer, Jesse Frankl, Bruce Deitch and Lou Goldberg



Cancer Research Golf Tournament Chairman Mark Yellin (far left) with (from left) Glen and Gary Greenberg and Peter Deckers, M.D. The tournament was dedicated in memory of the Greenbergs’ father, Sid Greenberg, a long-time supporter of the event, and in honor of Gay and Joe Sudarsky, founders of the tournament.



(from left) Tammy O’Brien, Audrey Nathan, Shirley Crall and Deb Green

CONNECTICUT WRITING PROJECT MARKS 25 YEARS

For 25 summers, teachers from around Connecticut have come to UConn to learn how to teach writing through the summer institute of the Connecticut Writing Project (CWP). Participants attend four weeks of graduate-level study in composition and creative writing. When they leave, they are prepared to be teacher-consultants, training other teachers as well as their own students in the art and skills of writing.

The program, which is part of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, was one of the nation's first writing projects, says Director Jason Courtmanche '91B.A. '06Ph.D. There are now some 160 others around the country.

The CWP receives federal support along with funding from the college, the English Department and the Aetna Chair of Writing. The chair provides \$25,000 or more annually to support fellowships for participants.

The ripple effect of the institute makes it a powerful tool to improve student writing, says Lynn Bloom, Aetna English Chair of Writing and Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of English.

"These teachers go back to their home schools and other schools to give workshops to their peers on the basis of what they have learned in the summer," she says.



Jason Courtmanche

Since the Aetna chair began supporting the summer institute in 1988, about 400 teachers have attended. And as many as 250,000 teachers across the state and region have benefited from the ripple effect, "to say nothing of their students," Bloom says.

Most of the participants in the summer institute are high school teachers, although the program is open to K-12 teachers. They each develop a research-based workshop on writing that they can present to other teachers. Participants also develop a portfolio of their own writing.

One premise of the project is to empower teachers to write creatively themselves. Some teachers don't think of themselves as writers, Courtmanche notes.

"The idea is, they've got to be writers and learn their craft in order to teach others," he says. 🌱

To support the Connecticut Writing Project, please contact Frank Gifford at 860.486.6798.

Physics Alum Supports Graduate Students with Major Planned Gift

Memories of the aid received as a graduate researcher at UConn have prompted a major planned gift to support graduate students in the physics department.

Nagavarapu S. Mohan, Ph.D. '75, with encouragement from his late wife, Kamala, and his son, Sri, established the Nagavarapu Graduate Award in Physics in 2001 when Kamala was valiantly fighting a battle with cancer. Mohan, with strong encouragement from his second wife, Roopa, has now made the physics department the beneficiary of their estate.

"I have fond memories of UConn, despite the pressures we all go through being a graduate student. I feel especially fortunate having had advisors who were helpful and cooperative in pushing me," he says. "I originally came from India and it wouldn't have been possible to succeed without the help of the department. When I needed a boost, they gave it to me."

Mohan, who now works as a software engineer at a large aerospace company in California, says

that he wanted to support the next generation of graduate researchers and knows firsthand how much private support can help.

"Graduate students do the grunt work of research, and top graduate students go where they can get the most support from the institution. Many are married and have families. If I can relieve the financial stress and pressure they feel, they can better focus on their work. That's my motivation for making this gift," he says.

Mohan has kept in close contact with UConn's physics faculty over the years. He cites his major advisor, the late Professor Dwight Damon, Ph.D., as well as emeritus professors Paul Klemens and Quentin Kessel, as role models.

"I'll always be grateful to Dr. Klemens for giving me an opportunity when I desperately needed one," he adds.

William Stwalley, Ph.D., physics department head, says, "We are particularly delighted to receive generous support from our former students such as Mohan. Not only does such support get used

effectively, but also it acknowledges the positive atmosphere these individuals experienced when they were students."

Kessel says that private support like Mohan's plays a key role in recruiting and retaining quality graduate students to the department.

"Private support makes a real difference to the quality of the experience we can provide for both our undergraduate and graduate students," he says. "We're acutely aware of the increasingly restricted public support for higher education and research, so it's wonderful to have alumni like Mohan. He's just a remarkably generous guy."

Mohan says that he sought to make a gift with a minimum amount of limitations placed on it.

"Unlike some other public or private sources of support, I have no agenda about what kind of research my gift should help. I just want them to do what they can to assist physics graduate students; it's been an honor for me to be able to contribute." 🌱

To support the physics department, please contact Frank Gifford at 860.486.6798. For information about planned giving, please contact Hal Reed at 860.486.6135.

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different fields and regularly communicated with them. We knew we were in good hands," says Gladstein, a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Innovative research, novel therapies and exemplary clinical care through the program will lead to improved prevention, detection and treatment of women's cancers. Women will receive individualized care from a multidisciplinary team that includes gynecologic and breast oncologists, genetic counselors, nutritionists and other specialists.

"This program will enhance the health care for women in Connecticut and the surrounding region," says Runowicz.

Following the example set by the Colon Cancer Prevention Program, which opened in 2005, the new women's program will serve as a national model for prevention and translating research from the bench to the bedside.

"The goal of the program will be to incorporate the newest molecular approaches and individualized risk assessment and prevention strategies to women at risk for cancer, which will place UConn in the highest tier of women's cancer prevention," says director of gynecologic oncology Molly Brewer, M.D., a nationally recognized oncologist who was recruited to create the program.

Gladstein hopes his gift will catalyze support from other alumni as well as appreciative patients and their families.

"We now have the opportunity with Dr. Runowicz and Dr. Brewer to develop an outstanding Women's Cancer Prevention and Treatment Program," says Gladstein. "I hope my contribution encourages other Connecticut residents and other UConn alumni to support this program. We will all feel very proud with its success." 🌱

To support the Women's Cancer Prevention and Treatment Program, please contact Wendy Lux or Karen Tomasko at 860.679.4919.

Nonprofit, Entrepreneurship Careers Promoted

Two new scholarships for internships and study abroad will enable undergraduate students to gain essential experience and skills for nonprofit and social entrepreneurial careers. The Ed Satell Non-Profit Internship Program and the Ed Satell International Social Entrepreneurship Fund were established with a non-endowed gift of \$100,000, split evenly between the programs.

For the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation, Edward Satell '57, founder, president and chief executive officer of Progressive Business Publications, wanted to not only give back to UConn, but also to help students explore what they're passionate about and become conscientious global citizens.

"Each generation makes its own contribution, building on what was done by the previous generation. The most important of these contributions is the freedom and opportunity we inherited," says Satell. "Students now have the opportunity to contribute in their own way to make this world a better place."

The internship program will support students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences who are working in unpaid positions with nonprofit organizations, such as museums or government agencies that address poverty.

Douglas Hamilton, Ph.D., professor of physics and associate dean of the college, notes that internships make a significant difference in preparing students for the real world.

"Many studies have shown that service learning and internships are the bridge to successful careers and leadership positions for liberal arts students," says



UConn Foundation President, John K. Martin (left) and Edward Satell

Hamilton. "Nonprofits often do not have the resources to offer paid internships. The Satell gift opens up new opportunities for students in this important part of our social economy."

Recipients of the Ed Satell International Social Entrepreneurship Fund will be selected by the Office of Study Abroad. The fund will offer aid to students working on social entrepreneurship projects related to economic and social development in other countries.

It is critical to educate and involve students to become the next generation of leaders for programs that create jobs and grow economies in developing and third-world countries, explains Satell.

"Social entrepreneurship has had an impact in many countries around the world. It allows people to have the dignity to earn money and be independent. It advances society and advances democracy," he says.

"One of the most effective ways for students to help the poorer people of the world rise out of terrible poverty is through social entrepreneurship, including the development of micro-finance and micro-credit business opportunities," adds Ross Lewin, Ph.D., director of the study abroad program. "By participating in this program, our students will acquire an extremely valuable set of business skills, but also the intercultural knowledge, skills and attitudes required to affect problems of global significance." ■

To support the study abroad program, please contact Becky McEnery at 860.486.6851. To support the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, please contact Frank Gifford at 860.486.6798.

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STRONG PRIVATE SUPPORT FOR ACTUARIAL STUDENTS

Bolstered by strong private support, UConn's actuarial science program in the Department of Mathematics at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has grown to become one of the nation's best in preparing graduates for careers in the financial services sector.

More than 20 corporations have contributed to fund actuarial scholarships, including endowments from MassMutual Financial, Phoenix Life Insurance and CIGNA, which gave the program's first donation in the late 1970s. Endowments have also been established by or in honor of several key individuals, including Gordon Aston, Dick London and, most recently, Charles Vinsonhaler. London devoted 40 years to educating actuaries, and was the program director for seven years. Vinsonhaler started the program in 1976 and served as the program director and the mathematics department head. Gordon Aston was an alumnus, and an endowment was established at the time of his death.

The annual scholarship support provided by the combined endowments is approximately \$100,000.

Professor Louis Lombardi, the program's current director, says UConn's location and reputation

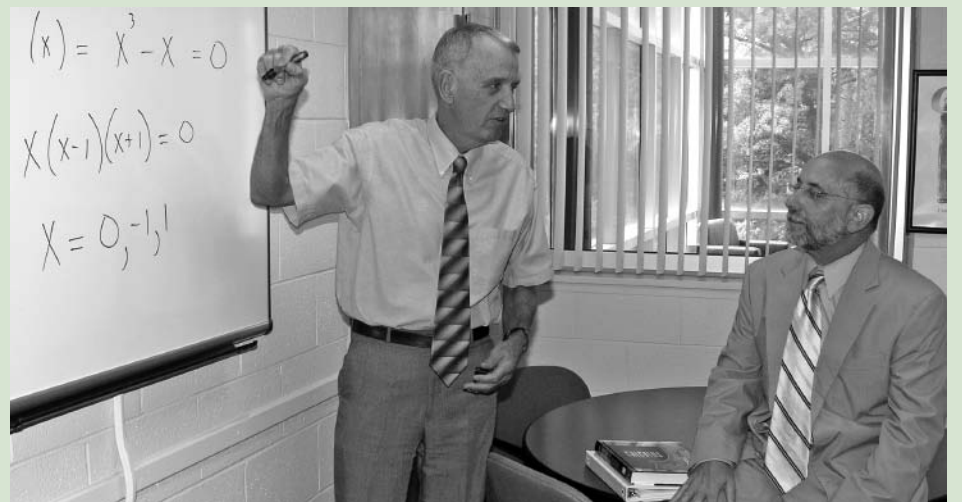
have benefited the program immensely. While about 90 percent of UConn's actuarial graduates work for insurance companies or consulting firms, opportunities for actuaries have now grown to include other financial service companies, such as banks and hedge funds.

"We have a huge advantage over almost any other program in the country. We're close to the center of the financial services industry in New York City, Hartford and Boston. As the field has evolved, we've upgraded the program to keep up with the times," he says.

On September 20, more than two-dozen actuarial science undergraduates were recognized for their accomplishments at an annual scholarship banquet. Chosen for their academic achievement, community service, leadership and success on actuarial exams, they are part of a cadre of 210 actuarial science students at UConn, a school record.

"As a department, we can offer students an immense amount of practical experience," says Lombardi, who has more than 30 years of experience in the insurance industry.

"And employers like us because they know that our graduates are no risk; they've proven themselves."



Charles Vinsonhaler

Heather Nathan '07 is an Aetna Actuarial Scholar and an Actuarial Science Foundation award winner, and has already passed three of her actuarial exams.

"Not only have I been an intern at Aetna for every summer of my college career, but Aetna has also allowed me to continue my work during each semester as a co-op," she says. "As an out-of-state student, I decided to attend UConn for its outstanding program, and receiving a scholarship certainly assisted my decision to attend."

I'm grateful for the corporate sponsors' support. They enabled me to pay for extremely expensive exams and study materials without hesitation." ■

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Michael J. Hogan

Q & A with President Michael J. Hogan

You've discussed the importance of private support for public universities in your previous writings. What role will private support play in UConn's future?

Public universities in New England were among the last to do what private universities have done since their inception, that is raise private funds to support the university. That's the margin of support that separates a good university from a great university.

Private support, which includes our growing endowment, will not replace tuition or state support as a primary revenue stream, but it will add the margin of excellence needed for us to achieve our goals.

What has your initial experience been meeting with UConn's alumni, donors and supporters?

I've had the chance to meet many of our donors and supporters since September, at all levels, and have always come away impressed with their energy, hopes and vision for the University. It's infectious, and I look forward to meeting many more as we move into our next capital campaign. Our alumni and friends ultimately help shape what kind of university this is, and I can say without any hesitation that not only do we want to hear from them, but we need to hear from them.

How does UConn's partnership with the private sector help the state's economic growth?

UConn is a land grant institution. As such, we're in partnership with the state and the private sector. Those partnerships are critical because they help to generate revenue for us and growth for the state.

We have an interest in helping the state grow economically, and we'll share in the benefit of that growth. UConn attracts high-achieving students and educates, motivates and prepares them to enter the professional positions that stimulate Connecticut's economy.

We also support the state economy by commercializing intellectual property we cultivate or in collaboration with groups in the commercial sector who can take what we have developed and start new businesses.

What is the most compelling argument that you feel can be made for alumni and friends to support UConn through private gifts?

It's important for our friends, our donors and alums to understand that we won't be as good as they want us to be and that we won't be able to continue our climb to the ranks of truly great public universities nationwide unless we get substantial increases in private support.

Let's look at scholarships. All qualified students should be able to attend, regardless of their family's financial capacity. We have to be able to help them in other ways. Partly, we help them by going to alumni and friends to raise funds for need-based and merit-based scholarships.

What do you envisage as goals for the upcoming private fundraising campaign?

Provost [Peter] Nicholls is finishing up work on the academic plan, a strategic plan for the academic side of the University. It's my resolution that we will do everything we can in a new capital campaign to mobilize our fundraising around those academic goals. We will establish fundraising priorities for the Health Center, too, that are consistent with its academic and clinical priorities. I'm sure we'll be fundraising for endowed chairs, named professorships, research start-up funds, need-based and merit-based scholarships, new buildings and facilities that we need. These will all be on the list.

I like doing fundraising. It's fun. You get to spend time with some very smart, very successful, very cosmopolitan people who've done well in their life and who love the same university you love and want to help you achieve your academic goals. 🍀

On September 17, Michael J. Hogan became the fourteenth president of the University of Connecticut. Prior to his appointment, President Hogan served as the executive vice president and provost at the University of Iowa. Hogan is a specialist in the history of American diplomacy and is the author or editor of nine books and a host of scholarly articles and essays. President Hogan is a first-generation college graduate, and has already spoken passionately about his belief in the importance of private giving to provide opportunity for UConn's students, faculty and programs. He recently took time to answer some questions about his views on the fundraising needs and opportunities of the University.

FIRST POLITICAL SCIENCE, HONORS PROFESSORSHIP

Alan R. Bennett '69 has donated \$750,000 to establish an endowed honors professorship in political science—the first for both the Department of Political Science and the Honors Program. The professorship, pending approval by the UConn Board of Trustees, will enhance high-level course offerings and faculty research.

"Alan Bennett's gift is generous and well-targeted. The professorship will enrich the already fine scholarly climate that exists for undergraduate students in political science and reinforce the close association between the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Honors Program," says Ross D. MacKinnon, dean of the college.

Bennett, a former honors scholar, says he wanted to support the programs that helped prepare him for a successful career. Bennett, now partner at Ropes & Gray in Washington, D.C. and a member of the UConn Foundation Board of Directors, previously served in the general counsel office of the Food and Drug Administration and was counsel to the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. The UConn Alumni Association recently awarded him the 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award for professional, personal and civic excellence.

"I remember a real *esprit de corps* and individualized attention within the large institution that the University was (and is), and wanted to give something back in return for that," says Bennett. "Maybe this professorship can serve as something of a model for future contributions, and together, they can help make both the Honors Program and the political science department nationally recognized centers of excellence."

The professorship will be used to honor an outstanding scholar, researcher and educator who will contribute to the department's profile and mentor students.

"We would look for an accomplished scholar with a record of distinguished research and publication, but who is also committed to teaching our best students. This combination of research and teaching represents the highest ideals of our University," says Howard Reiter, Ph.D., head of the Department of Political Science.

Bennett's gift will have a direct and significant effect for honors students. The new faculty position will enable the department and the Honors Program to collaborate on expanding advanced courses, enrichment programs and one-on-one research opportunities.

"Students are choosing UConn over the most prestigious institutions in the country," says Lynne Goodstein, Ph.D., director of the Honors Program. "They expect, and deserve, the highest quality educational experience. Having the opportunity to study and work closely with a distinguished faculty member reinforces their confidence that they have made the right choice." 🍀

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Alan Bennett