

SSW Welcomes New Dean, Acknowledges Faculty Bequest

The School of Social Work at the Greater Hartford campus has two reasons to celebrate. On August 1, the school welcomed Salome Raheim as its new dean. Raheim previously was a professor, senior associate to the president and director of the School of Social Work at the University of Iowa. Raheim, a native of Baltimore, began her career in 1976 as a psychiatric social worker in Prince George's County, Maryland. Her teaching career began at her alma mater, Bowie State College, where she taught in the social work department.

Along with a B.S.W. from Bowie State, Raheim completed an M.S.W. at Catholic University and a Ph.D. in communication studies at the University of Iowa. Her research interests are in the areas of cultural competence, social justice and human rights. Raheim was chosen as the 2007 CSWE Carl A. Scott Memorial Lecturer for her contributions to social and economic justice.

One of her goals is to provide greater direct support for students in the master's degree and Ph.D. programs. She says, "We'd like to develop more resources to help our students in the form of scholarships, sources for graduate assistantships and opportunities for research. In this economy, it's challenging for students to keep up with their financial commitments to education. Since their direct work with disadvantaged populations is so critical and their contributions to the social work community so invaluable, it's important that the University assist them with the resources to succeed."

Among the resources that will help Raheim achieve her goals is a significant planned bequest from Professor Emeritus Archibald Stuart. Stuart taught at UConn from 1961 to 1991, and developed an international reputation as an expert on social welfare policy. The Archibald Stuart Fund for Excellence in Social Work is intended



Salome Raheim

to support professional development for faculty members, student scholarships and student-faculty activities.

"Emeritus Professor Stuart's bequest intention is most welcome as we set about creating greater opportunities and

resources for our students. It's wonderful to see the devotion of faculty emeriti and their interest in determining the future course of the school," says Raheim.

At age 85, Stuart still has a strong commitment to the School of Social Work, and attends graduations and other events as he is able. He is also writing a comprehensive book on social policy to leave as his legacy to the field.

Catherine Havens, associate dean, was Stuart's colleague when he was on the faculty. She says, "Mr. Stuart has been, both as a faculty member and emeritus faculty member, passionately committed to social and economic justice, and a model for our students in pursuing those goals. His gift will be a lasting legacy to his teaching, his social policy work and his continuing commitment to the School of Social Work." ■

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Gift Supports Integrated Diagnostics/Treatment Suite

A new major gift from UConn's most generous donors will enable the UConn Health Center to be the first in the region with an integrated imaging and treatment suite to help patients seamlessly move from diagnostics to treatment planning to treatment, using the latest technology.

Torrington natives Carole and Ray '56 '01H Neag made the \$3.8-million pledge to upgrade the Health Center's computed tomography (CT) scanner with a new, more advanced model, as well as to incorporate new planning and treatment tools into the suite. The latest pledge complements their 2006 gift to acquire a Tomotherapy cancer treatment system for the Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center. The new integrated suite will allow for even more thorough and precise application of Tomotherapy.

The suite will also enhance nearly every area of the Health Center's operations, from conducting research to edu-

cating students and treating patients through the center's signature programs, such as cancer and cardiology.

"The suite's functionality for cardiology alone will be leaps and bounds beyond our existing capabilities," says Bruce Liang, M.D., director of the Pat and Jim Calhoun Cardiology Center. "This will truly be an upgrade to state-of-the-art technology."

Advantages of the new scanner include clearer images, a reduction in scanning times by about 90 percent, and selective presentation of a scanned image, allowing a physician to, for example, isolate the image of a heart without including arteries and vessels that may be blocking the view.

The suite also offers a CT simulator for treatment planning, as well as new high dose rate (HDR) brachytherapy, used to treat breast, cervical,



Bruce Liang (left) and Douglas Fellows

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SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDYING WOMEN'S HEALTH

A gift from a UConn School of Medicine alumni family will support a scholarship for first-year medical students interested in women's health issues. The anonymous \$250,000 gift from the family of a recent M.D./Ph.D. graduate addresses an area of health care that the donors believe is feeling increasing strain from high costs and legal pressures, which is driving some medical students away from pursuing a field they otherwise would be interested in.

"We want to honor our daughter's accomplishments, but through our scholarship, we also hope that we can help medical students decide to pursue a path that they might not otherwise consider," the donors say. "If students can graduate with less debt, they may elect to follow their hearts when deciding which area of medicine to practice."

The fact that the scholarship gift comes from an alumni family makes it particularly meaningful, says Cato T. Laurencin, M.D., Ph.D., dean of the School of Medicine.

"This gift is a wonderful expression of alumni support for our school and its students, and also demonstrates the important role that philanthropy plays in expanding and improving the future of academic medicine," says Laurencin. "Our donors, particularly when they have

firsthand experience of the excellence at UConn, inspire us with their vision, and we're extremely thankful for the support we've received."

Concerns about the increased costs of practicing obstetrics and gynecology are well-founded. According to the latest medical liability survey conducted by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), increasing medical liability insurance premiums and the fear of lawsuits are forcing OB-GYNs to change how they practice medicine. Seventy percent of OB-GYNs have made changes to their practice because of the lack of available or affordable medical liability insurance, and 65 percent have made changes because of the risk or fear of liability claims or litigation. Between seven and eight percent have stopped practicing obstetrics altogether because of insurance affordability, availability issues or the fear of being sued.

The donors state that their gift is one part of recognizing the quality of the education that their daughter received at UConn.

"We appreciate all that UConn has done for her, and want to recognize that this is a very strong program. We shared our intentions to donate with her, and she approved heartily," they say. "We come from a background where our families have always supported education, so it's a natural extension of that to give. We think philanthropy that supports students is very important to the future of our country, and specifically for UConn." ■

To support students at the UConn Health Center, please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 860.679.1122.



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Travelers Boosts Aid for Diversity Initiative

The Travelers Connecticut Foundation, the charitable arm of Travelers, has announced a new multiyear commitment to enhance academic, outreach and diversity programs at the University.

This commitment of up to \$1.6 million will be used to expand the successful Travelers Education Access Initiative (TEAI) at UConn, established by the company last year with gifts totaling \$630,000. TEAU is designed to improve access to higher education for underrepresented populations and build awareness about careers in insurance and finance. UConn and Travelers are

working collaboratively to fulfill the initiative's mission.

"As Connecticut's flagship public university, UConn is uniquely positioned to help Travelers remove barriers to higher education and careers that underrepresented students face," says Marlene Ibsen, vice president of community relations at Travelers. "Travelers and UConn are structuring a comprehensive approach that we believe is a formula for success for underserved students."

The inclusive program includes a wide range of efforts such as mentorship and scholarships in addition to youth outreach in Greater Hartford school districts.

One of the primary pieces of the initiative is a scholarship for students who demonstrate a commitment to multicultural diversity through leadership in activities at UConn or in their communities. In addition, Travelers offers scholarship recipients opportunities for mentorship and internships to help enhance their educational experience and improve retention through graduation.

"I'm especially pleased that Travelers has stepped up to partner with us on our diversity initiatives," says UConn President Michael Hogan. "Improving access for underrepresented students is

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Psychology Fellowship Memorializes Professor

Carolina Herfkens, widow of eminent UConn psychology professor J. Conrad Schwarz, has established a new graduate fellowship endowment in his memory.

J. Conrad Schwarz came to the psychology department at UConn in 1972, serving in the clinical division. Much of his research examined the effects of family dynamics on personality development in children. He is remembered for his commitment to graduate education, in particular, and was also largely responsible for founding the on-campus Psychology Services Clinic, a training facility for graduate students in clinical psychology that provides campus-based mental health services. Schwarz died in 2003 at the age of 66.

Herfkens's initial gift of \$25,000 allocates \$5,000 directly to a spending account for immediate use. An additional gift to the fund of \$125,000 is pledged in her estate plan. Herfkens says that she feels very grateful to be able to make a gift like this to honor her husband's lifelong work as a researcher, teacher and mentor.

Psychology department head Charles "Skip" Lowe remembers Schwarz's

accomplishments in both research and training.

"Usually people focus on one or the other, but he really found a way to balance both in his work," says Lowe.

Schwarz published more than 100 papers during the course of his career. He also served as a consulting editor for *Developmental Psychology*, one of the top journals in the field, and maintained a private clinical practice while advising many students, some of whom went on to highly successful careers in psychology. In the 1980s, Schwarz and Herfkens (an educational psychologist) co-developed a computer software program to help teach reading skills to children with dyslexia.

Schwarz was also in charge of the ethics committee for the Department of Psychology for many years, a position that he took seriously, according to Lowe.

"This was before there were Institutional Review Boards to make sure that research with human subjects was done ethically," says Lowe.

The endowment will support graduate training in clinical psychology, with priority given to students with an



J. Conrad Schwarz

interest in studying the effects of family dynamics or childhood disorders on personality development in children. According to Lowe, the department awarded the first fellowships this fall. Herfkens wants her gift to honor the psychology department as well as her late husband. She says that she and Schwarz formed many close friendships with members of the department faculty, and that this helped the couple build a wonderful life together in their three decades living in Storrs. ■

To support the Department of Psychology, please contact Frank Gifford at 860.486.6798.

Diagnostics/Treatment Suite at UCHC

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uterine and other cancers at the Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center. Brachytherapy is a treatment that uses localized, controlled radioactive implants placed internally near cancer cells. As it was traditionally offered, brachytherapy required the patient to be on bed rest for several days, with limited exposure to others due to their radiation. HDR is offered on an outpatient basis, with 20-minute treatments, typically repeated a few times. The addition of the simulator allows more efficient, convenient and accurate treatment planning to be offered for all cancer patients.

"The addition of HDR dramatically increases our ability to give our cancer patients treatment options," says Robert Dowsett, M.D., of the Division of Radiation Oncology. "It is becoming the standard of care, and offers major improvements in patient convenience and comfort."

Ray Neag says that the decision to give was driven by the desire to offer the state's residents the very best care.

"Carole and I take a broad view about the need to serve the people of Connecticut," he says. "We feel strongly about the state and its University, and believe that our state's flagship research university should have the very best if at all possible."

Douglas Fellows, M.D., F.A.C.R., is the chair of Department of Diagnostic Imaging and Therapeutics at the Health Center, and says that the new equipment could not come at a better time in the field's development.

"As radiology advances, it's important that we remain on the cutting edge at the state's flagship teaching hospital," Fellows says. "The Neags' generosity has made a huge difference to UConn and the patients who depend on us every day." ■

To support the UConn Health Center, please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 860.679.1122.

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Zachs Legacy at UConn

For three decades, Judith '77 (M.S.W.) and Henry Zachs have supported UConn through their philanthropy and engagement on advisory and fundraising boards. In keeping with their lifetime of support for students, programs, and bricks and mortar projects, the Zachs chose to continue demonstrating their interest in the institution by including UConn in their estate plans.

The couple has given generously not only financially but also with their time and energy. Mrs. Zachs serves on the board of the Ballard Institute and Puppetry Museum and previously served on the UConn Foundation's board from 1995 to 2001 and the School of Social Work's advisory board. Mr. Zachs is active at UConn as well and is a board member of Hillel.

The Zachs cite a desire to give back to the community as the primary reason for their largesse. They have supported areas ranging from Hillel and the arts to the School of Social Work and the UConn Health Center, among others.

"We give to the University of Connecticut because it is the premier public university in Connecticut," says Mr. Zachs. "We want to show support for all aspects of the University."

Through his support of Hillel, Mr. Zachs illustrates his passion for creating a welcoming community for Jewish students on campus. Mrs. Zachs has focused tremendous support toward the Schools of Fine Arts and Social Work.

At the School of Fine Arts, the Zachs Endowment Fund provides merit scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students.

"We want to give bright students the opportunity to do creative work," says Mrs. Zachs. "We have a world-renowned puppetry program at UConn. It's exciting, and we're proud to support it."

Nowhere is the Zachs legacy more noticeable than at the School of Social Work. The Zachs Community Room upgraded the school's facilities, providing a modern space for seminars, lectures and social events. A transformational \$1-million gift, which funded the school's first endowed chair and launched a doctorate program in social work, has contributed toward the school's growing prominence.

"We've supported the Ph.D. program to raise the level of education in the state. This is the only public university in New England to have a Ph.D. pro-



Judith and Henry Zachs

gram in social work. And there's a great feeling of pride for us to have it led by Alex Gitterman, who is a nationally recognized professor," says Mrs. Zachs. Gitterman, holder of the Judith M. and Henry M. Zachs Chair in Social Work, received the 2008 Significant Lifetime Achievement in Social Work Award from the Council on Social Work Education in November.

Mrs. Zachs notes that she's pleased with the direction the school is headed under Dean Salome Raheim's leadership.

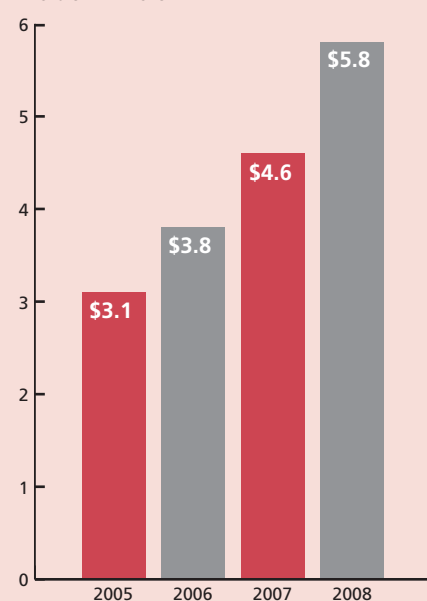
"I have a lot of aspirations for the school's future, to have it grow and continue to identify and solve problems in the community," says Mrs. Zachs. "Salome Raheim is enthusiastic, very bright, articulate and a great asset to the School of Social Work. We'll reach new heights with her." ■

To contact a development officer about supporting Hillel or the Schools of Fine Arts and Social Work, please visit www.development.foundation.uconn.edu.

UConn Foundation Announces Strong Finish to Fiscal '08

Annual Fund Giving

Dollars in millions



The University of Connecticut Foundation's financial performance in fiscal year 2008 was strong, marking the third-best year to date, despite myriad challenges in the economy. The number of donor households totaled approximately 32,000.

The Office of Annual Giving again surpassed its annual goal, this year by 15 percent. Annual donors gave \$1.2 million more than last year, bringing in a record \$5.8 million. This is the sixth consecutive year of significant growth in the Annual Fund.

The Foundation raised \$56.6 million through new gifts and commitments (\$47.4 million), revocable and deferred planned gifts (\$5.6 million) and pledge payments (\$3.6 million).

Of this amount, donors gave \$3.8 million for faculty, \$6.9 million for scholarships, \$40.1 million for programs and \$5.8 million for capital improvements. Donors specified \$43.5 million for operations and \$13.1 million toward endowments. A total of \$22.7 million was contributed for the Storrs and regional campuses, \$15.2 million for the UConn Health Center and \$18.7 million for athletics.

UConn has a trend of strong support from alumni. Alumni gave \$1 million more than last year, contributing \$18.3 million total. Corporations gave \$14.2 million. Foundations and other organizations gave \$13.4 million.

The endowment has grown 52 percent over the past five years, from \$209 million in 2003 to \$317 million on June 30, 2008. ■

Donors Hope to Inspire Giving

Drew '83 and Michele Figdor chose to support the University of Connecticut because they want to make a difference in the lives of students.

"Education is very important to our family. We chose to establish the endowment because we have been fortunate to help others with their college tuition and have seen those gifts create opportunities that might not otherwise happen. We believe strongly that you can change many lives with each random act of kindness," says Mr. Figdor.

The Figdors donated \$50,000 to endow a scholarship at the School of Business. The Drew and Michele Figdor Scholarship Fund will support full-time undergraduate students who demonstrate high academic achievement.

"Merit scholarships based on performance are the best way to encourage students to be motivated and work hard. That will teach them good habits for their careers," says Mr. Figdor. He notes that merit scholarships benefit the school as well: "It will also help put the right kind of person in the School of Business, therefore increasing the prestige of the institution."



Michelle and Drew Figdor

"Merit scholarships allow us to attract more high-caliber students. These students raise the level of educational experience for all students through interactions with others both within and outside the classroom. Thus, merit scholarships help the School of Business provide a more highly qualified pool of candidates to meet the increasing complexity of the current work environment," Klein explains.

Mr. Figdor, a general partner at Tiedemann Investment Group, and Mrs. Figdor hope their new scholarship will inspire recipients who move on to have successful careers to consider giving back to UConn to support the next generation.

"We would like to offer the opportunity for highly motivated students to study at UConn, and have the same great experience that Drew had," says Mrs. Figdor. "We hope that the student who receives this gift will do the same for someone else." ■

To support the School of Business, contact Diana Timlin at 860.486.2656.

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Thomson Reuters Upgrades E-Classroom

As university research libraries grow apace with the twenty-first century, adding such features as digital archives and subscriptions and employing new technologies, it is important to advise students how to navigate them. Having the knowledge and skills to take advantage of the myriad

resources within a top research library are key components of a comprehensive education.

At UConn's Stamford campus, students and faculty are trained in a sophisticated classroom. The Thomson Reuters e-Classroom at the Jeremy Richard

Library is a high-tech learning environment with wireless connectivity, laptops, state-of-the-art software, a sound system, a DVD player, LCD projectors and moveable furniture to accommodate various class and lab settings.

"The classroom has given students hands-on experience and promoted effective faculty-librarian collaborations on assignments," says Nancy Gillies, director of the regional campus libraries. "The room has helped to transition the library into a learning commons."

The classroom, which also can be reserved by faculty members for other courses, provides a flexible space that works well for wide-ranging needs. Gillies notes that the room has greatly improved group work with spreadsheets and teaching with video and audio presentations.

"The classroom has been popular for years with economics classes," she says. "The instructor follows up a lecture with a hands-on exercise using the laptops. Students work individually or

in small groups on Excel-based applications that illustrate economic concepts."

The wireless classroom—the first at UConn's libraries—was created in 2001 with a \$250,000 gift from Thomson Corporation (now Thomson Reuters), a global leader in integrated information solutions for businesses. Thomson Reuters has now given an additional \$90,000 in new gifts since last year to fund maintenance and upgrades, including better lighting and a new touch panel control system to automate various electronics, among other improvements.

"With the current and planned changes to the e-Classroom, our library instruction will see an increase in the ability to adapt to meet the demand for effective information literacy training on campus. The ease of use of the new control system will provide will only enhance an instructor's teaching methods," says Phara Bayonne, director of the Jeremy Richard Library. 📍

To support UConn libraries, contact Linda Perrone at 860.486.0479.



Thomson Reuters e-Classroom

Seed Fund Supports Innovative Breast Cancer Research

A \$100,000 gift will further breast cancer research at the Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center by allowing researchers to develop innovative techniques and novel research concepts that other funding streams might not initially support.

When Gregory Contas's wife, Georgia, passed away from breast cancer in 2003, he felt strongly that much more could have been done to alleviate her suffering. To support programs to that end, Contas donated \$100,000 in 2007 to enhance cancer-specific clinical trials at the UConn Health Center. He believes that access to the latest cancer-specific clinical trials might have made a significant difference in Georgia's quality of life.

His new gift, which supports the Georgia Contas Fund for Breast Cancer Research, builds on a similar desire to improve the lives of patients with cancer through innovative research. The fund is designed to "seed" the initial research by providing financial support to develop novel concepts and research ideas. Based on this preliminary research, the researchers can apply for larger grants to support the continuation of the research on a larger scale.

"We operate in a very restrictive and competitive research funding environment. For scientists to have a better chance of attracting larger grants, there has to be a demonstration that novel ideas and research will work. Once the scientists have preliminary data,

they stand a much better chance of obtaining more funding," says Carolyn D. Runowicz, M.D., director of the Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center. "This is where philanthropy can play such a key role. We're very grateful to Mr. Contas for his vision and continued support of our cancer center. To keep innovative ideas and research moving forward, private giving like his makes all the difference."

One recent analysis found that investigators were ultimately awarded an average of \$15 for every seed dollar received. This return on philanthropic investment has resulted in numerous grants and programs at the Health Center, including an extensive program for vaccine trials and cancer research.

"If my gift helps bring a promising research project to fruition, I'll be very pleased," says Contas. "We often look at issues as large as cancer and wonder how we individually can make a difference. I'm not a clinician and I'm not a researcher. But I can do this for the future, and I hope others will consider doing the same. We've all seen how cancer can touch our lives, but we can also see how some of our best efforts are being devoted to beating it." 📍

To support cancer programs at the UConn Health Center, please contact Wendy Lux at 860.679.6032.

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Couple Aims to Strengthen Families

Although neither Jeanne H. Bartman '43 nor Raymond Bartman, Jr. '41 majored in family studies, they decided that was the area where they wanted to make a difference. The Bartman Scholarship in Family Studies was created for sophomores, juniors and seniors who need financial assistance and are committed to helping families cope with the challenges they face.

"It is our hope that the broad field of family studies will interest men and women to study problems and help with solutions which will once again strengthen the well-being of the family," says Mr. Bartman. "We believe that strong family ties strengthen the culture of a country and in turn help to build a stronger and more cohesive society."

"We hope that our very small gift will assist students complete their education. We hope that their training will enable them to work for change in guiding and influencing our diverse population to once more understand the value of the strong family unit and its benefit to our entire society," adds Mrs. Bartman.

Ronald Sabatelli, professor and head of the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, explains that the Bartmans' gift will help students go on to



Raymond and Jeanne Bartman

become human service providers, educators, counselors and therapists.

"In this day and age, it is apparent that the strength of our society is tied to the strengths present within families. As such, I am extremely grateful to the Bartmans for their effort to make a generative impact on our society through the support of students committed to working in the service of individuals and families," says Sabatelli.

"We believe that strong family ties strengthen the culture of a country and in turn help to build a stronger and more cohesive society."

LOVE OF SPORTS AND UCONN LEADS TO A LIFETIME OF GIVING

Alumna Supports Women's Basketball, School of Business

A lifelong appreciation of athletics has taught Colleen Gruner '82 the value of teamwork and leadership. Her strong ongoing support of UConn, particularly the women's basketball program, is giving others the chance to learn those same lessons and many more.

Gruner, a business unit finance director at Aetna, recently made a major gift to support the UConn women's basketball program. More than 20 years of giving has now positioned her in the Charles and Augustus Storrs Circle of the Founders Society at the UConn Foundation.

While Gruner didn't participate in UConn athletics while she was a student, she was an accomplished high school athlete and sees the importance of sports to her life's success.

"Particularly when you play team sports, you learn traits like leadership, communication skills, collaboration, and how to work toward common goals. These are skills that you can use throughout your life," she says.

"Basketball brought national prominence to an already good school. The entire University has benefited from its athletic success. It has helped UConn to recruit better students and student-athletes, attract donors, and build up the entire University," she says.

Gruner credits the UConn women's basketball team with energizing alumni and fans, including her whole family, from an out-of-state niece who listens to UConn games on the Internet, to her 89-year-old father who faithfully follows the Huskies.

"The women who play for UConn have become role models," she says. "They're succeeding on and off the court, and not only while they are at UConn, but also after graduation. By donating, hopefully I'm giving these great young women a chance to succeed and grow even more."

UConn Director of Athletics Jeffrey Hathaway says that the support of fans and alumni like Gruner has helped to transform the Division of Athletics and the University.

"We deeply appreciate Colleen's dedication to our women's basketball program," Hathaway says. "Her generosity is allowing our student-athletes to succeed in the classroom and on the court, and helping to prepare them for whatever their future brings. Colleen's enthusiastic and loyal support reflects the passion of our University's outstanding donors."

Along with her support for the Division of Athletics, Gruner has also contributed to support the School of Business. She speaks highly of the education she received as an undergraduate.



Colleen Gruner

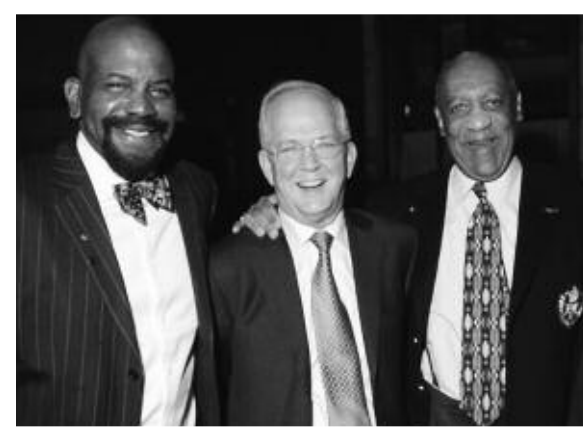
"I had a very positive experience at UConn, both academically and personally," she says. "My experience in the School of Business—particularly with accounting Professors Gramling, Hussein and Kochanek—has given me the foundation for a successful career." 📍

To support UConn's student-athletes, please contact the Athletic Development Office at 860.486.FUND (3863).

EVENTS



The second annual Imagine...Unmasking a Cure for Cancer Gala was held on October 18 at the Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts in Hartford. Connecticut native and two-time Tony winner James Naughton entertained attendees as they honored leaders in the fight against cancer, including Peter J. Deckers, M.D., dean emeritus of the UConn School of Medicine and former executive vice president of the UConn Health Center, Michael Economos, chairman of the Lea's Foundation for Leukemia Research, Inc., and Donald "Dee" Rowe, former head coach of the UConn men's basketball team and University Medal recipient. Proceeds from the gala will go toward the Lea's Foundation Center for Hematologic Disorders and "U-Conn Survive," a new initiative to support clinical and research programs for cancer survivors. The event is organized and run by a committee of nearly three-dozen volunteers, chaired by Carla Schwartz. Pictured (left to right), Peter J. Deckers, Cato Laurencin, M.D., Ph.D., Carolyn Runowicz, M.D., Michael Economos, President Michael Hogan and Donald "Dee" Rowe.



On October 2, more than 140 friends, donors and members of the UConn community attended a reception to welcome Cato T. Laurencin, M.D., Ph.D. as vice president for health affairs at the UConn Health Center. The UConn Foundation hosted the event, which was highlighted by a presentation from Bill Cosby '96H. Both Cosby and Laurencin are alumni of Central High School in Philadelphia. Pictured (left to right) are Cato Laurencin, President Michael Hogan and Bill Cosby.

Giving Teachers a Global Perspective

For fifth-year Neag School of Education student Katy Yates, her summer study abroad experience in Spain is just one asset she brings to her work with Latino students at East Hartford High School. That travel, supported by a 2007 scholarship from Robert E. '51 (M.A.) '55 (Ph.D.) and Gladys B. Dunn, taught the aspiring teacher the value of immersing herself in other cultures. With an eye on a career in bilingual education, she says firsthand experiences like hers are critical to relating with America's increasingly diverse student population.

"I think teachers should have a global perspective, especially in urban school environments where you often teach students from around the world," Yates says. "We need to embrace and understand that diversity in the classroom."

Those sentiments are in line with the strong interests of the Dunsns, who have traveled to more than 100 countries. The couple has now added to their support of global studies with a new major planned gift.

A former principal of William H. Hall High School in West Hartford and a lifelong educator, Robert Dunn says the lessons learned by the couple's travels have demonstrated the importance of education worldwide, which they think pays great dividends for American students studying abroad.

"You can immediately see the respect that is extended to education by families around the world," he says. "Especially for education students, it's so important to gain those lessons, participate in opportunities to enrich their own learning, and make lasting friendships across cultures. You can't really duplicate the experience through book learning alone. You have to be a part of it."

"Studying abroad brings everything down to the personal level, and we're happy to help provide that experience for as many students as we can."

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one of the priorities in our academic plan. The TEAI program helps us by supporting community and school-based efforts to keep students on the path of achievement from middle school to a rigorous high school curriculum. This is essential to prepare them for college and to compete on an equal level with their peers."

TEAI touches many different programs and disciplines at UConn. Priorities include funding at the School of Business to support the Multicultural Business Club, faculty mentoring and outreach to high schools in predominantly minority areas.

Dean Richard Schwab of the Neag School notes that providing that global perspective remains a high priority for the school and the greater University.

"Our students will find themselves teaching in a world that is remarkably different from even a few years ago," he says. "It's our goal to expose our education students to many experiences that they can then bring to the classroom. The support of the Dunsns inspires us and allows us to take their vision of a truly global education and bring it to fruition."

Gladys Dunn enjoyed a long career as an elementary teacher in West Hartford and as a guidance counselor at King Philip Middle School. With her husband, she also served five years as an administrator of the Seoul International School in South Korea.

"It was refreshing to see the priority given to education by Korean parents. Affluent or not, they arranged for extra tutoring, music and art lessons for their children," she says. "There was an emphasis placed on all school activities."

Robert Dunn says the couple is impressed that UConn has identified study abroad and global studies as priorities, and they see great potential ahead.

"We admire the University's efforts to allow more students to study abroad. We met Katy Yates recently, and she really put a face on what all of this is about. Studying abroad brings everything down to the personal level, and we're happy to help provide that experience for as many students as we can."

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Other key areas of support include the Science, Engineering and Health Professions Collaborative Symposium (for minority undergraduate students considering careers in those fields) and the National Middle School Science Bowl, which is co-sponsored in the Northeast by UConn's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

This new commitment from Travelers strengthens the longstanding partnership between UConn and Travelers, a company with more than 700 UConn alumni in its ranks.

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Humble Roots Leads to Gift of Scholarships

Despite graduating from UConn in the same year, Barbara '61 and Myron '61 Dickstein never knew each other in school, but shared a commonality of humble roots that has fostered a lifetime of giving back.

Citing the support their parents gave their respective families, the couple has now made a gift of \$100,000 to support student scholarships in the School of Business. Myron graduated with a degree in accounting, and credits his education for making his later success in business possible.

"I can now see that the main thing UConn did was open up doors that wouldn't have been available to me otherwise," he says. "When I think back, I pinch myself and say, 'Wow, things really have worked out very well for us.' But I think the cost of education can be a stumbling block for some families today. It could very well have limited what I ended up doing with my own life. So to help a student afford college, that really is the primary driving force for us to give back."

Following stints at a "big eight" accounting firm and on Wall Street, Myron had a successful 40-year career in real estate development. While he considers himself quasi-retired today, he still manages the day-to-day ownership of some commercial and multifamily residential property in California.

Barbara has been by his side the entire way. In her own right, she is vice president/treasurer of Play For P.I.N.K., a charity that since 1996 has raised almost \$16 million for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation through lifestyle sporting events nationwide.

"We had talked about giving to UConn for many years," she says. "Our feeling is that if you can do

something that truly makes a difference in someone's life, you should do it. If we can support a student who really needs the help, maybe that person can come out of college into the world better prepared for his or her future."

Both Barbara and Myron transferred to the Storrs campus; Myron attended UConn's Waterbury campus to save money before transferring, and Mrs. Dickstein had been commuting to the University of Bridgeport while living at home. Individually, they both found a home at UConn in Greek organizations: Myron in Tau Epsilon Phi and Barbara in Phi Sigma Sigma. Myron says the connections made at UConn have lasted a lifetime.

"I hadn't been on campus for a long time, but kept in touch with several of my fraternity brothers over the years," he says. "We still talk about the good times we had, playing cards or going into Willimantic. And of course, I have watched the results of the UConn teams over the years. I have very fond memories of the University of Connecticut. You make your way through life, but you don't forget the trip that helped to get you where you are today."

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Business School Hosts Investiture for Fox Chair



Christopher Earley

The School of Business hosted an investiture ceremony on October 17 to officially confer Dean Christopher Earley the Auran J. Fox Chair in Business.

Earley is an internationally recognized leader in business education and research. Prior to joining UConn in January, Earley was the dean and Cycle & Carriage Professor at the National University of Singapore School of Business. He also previously held chairs at London Business School and Kelley School of Business at Indiana University and professorships at top institutions around the world, including Sasin Institute of Business Administration of Chulalongkorn University in Thailand, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and the Graduate School of Management at the University of California, Irvine, among others.

Earley earned a B.A. from Knox College. He earned an M.A. and a Ph.D. in industrial and organizational psychology from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

The Auran J. Fox Chair in Business was established by Keith R. Fox '80, who led the international dean search with fellow alumnus Denis Nayden '76 (B.A.) '77 (M.B.A.) and Ross MacKinnon, retired dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Fox graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in marketing from the School of Business. He was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in 2001 in honor of his professional and entrepreneurial success. Fox, who currently runs the Keith and Pam Fox Family Foundation, previously was founder and chief executive officer of Brandsoft—a consulting and software



Keith Fox (left) and Christopher Earley

company—and vice president of worldwide corporate marketing at Cisco Systems. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the UConn Foundation.

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