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Mahatma Gandhi



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A Focused Vision of THE FUTURE

Thanks to your generosity, the UConn Foundation is able to make more resources available for the University of Connecticut than ever before.

This support—in the forms of financial aid for students, faculty funding to promote research and professional development, and program enhancements across every discipline and campus—continues to provide the critical margin of excellence for an institution widely recognized as one of the best public research universities in America.

These results signify a milestone for more than just the obvious reasons. With the arrival of President Michael Hogan, the University has undertaken a comprehensive assessment of its strengths, particularly in areas where there is a critical mass of talented faculty and students whose efforts pose the best chance of devising solutions to today's most pressing issues.

We refer to such cross-disciplinary areas as stem cell research, nanotechnology, renewable energy and the environment, sustainable and safe food supplies, national security and transportation, human rights and the plight of the economically disadvantaged, teacher education, and the increased need for broader global collaboration. These and more are the proper domain of any institution that aspires to viability and relevance in the twenty-first century.

Many of you have heard that we are in the early stages of what will ultimately become the largest fundraising campaign ever undertaken at the University of Connecticut. By next fall, we will launch the campaign publicly to a larger network of alumni and friends. For now, however, it is gratifying to acknowledge the steadfast and inspirational support we have received from those closest to us, who already understand the critical role that private giving plays on behalf of UConn.

For us the message is simple and clear: As with so many of the universities against which we measure ourselves in both academic and economic terms, we depend on the farsighted support of those with the means and inclination to enhance UConn's standing as one of the nation's educational leaders.

In a way, then, this report about visionaries across our campuses—faculty and students, researchers and future leaders—is equally about those who, through their own vision and philanthropy, help move the University of Connecticut ahead toward a fuller realization of its aspirations and destiny.

We are happy to count you among this circle of friends.



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State of the UNIVERSITY

This is my first opportunity to introduce the UConn Foundation's annual report, and it's a significant one. It has been a year of change, opportunity and potential for the entire University.

It has been a wonderful year for the University in terms of the support shown by you, our friends and donors. In fact, 2007–2008 was the Foundation's third-highest fundraising year on record.

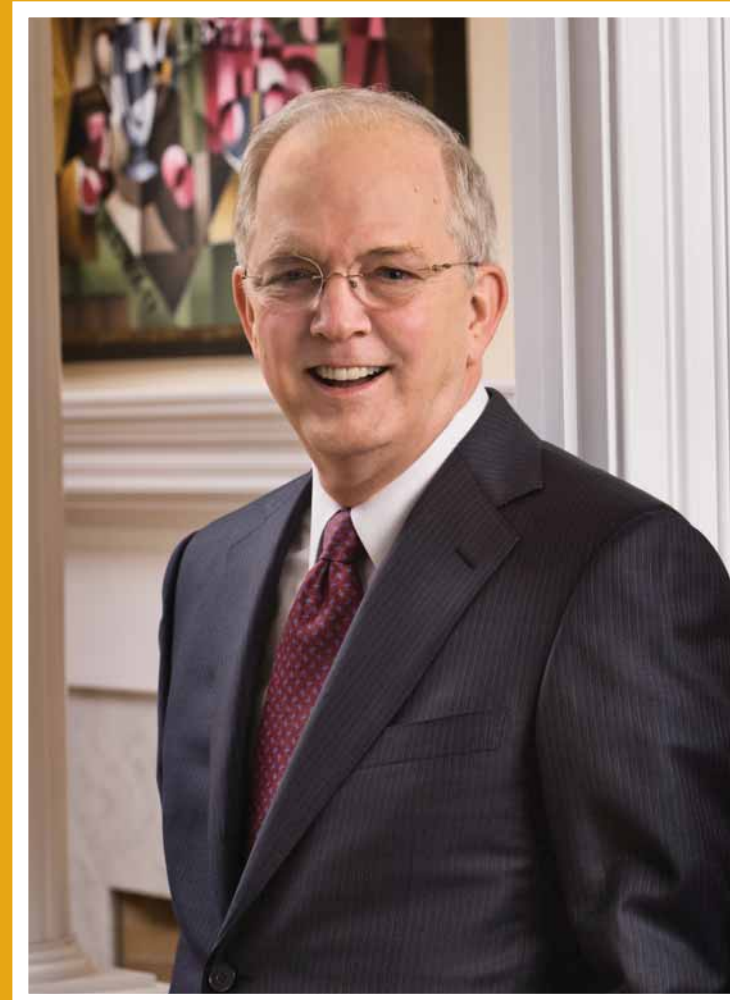
The best is yet to come, however! As an institution, the University of Connecticut has a potential for true greatness and commands a wealth of talent, energy and drive that is evident across every college, school, department and program.

This year's annual report, *Visionaries*, displays the wealth of imaginative, gifted, and far-seeing individuals on all our campuses, doing important work every day. From the cutting edges of science and technology to the arts and humanities, from the lab benches to the playing fields and from the classrooms in our regional campuses to the clinical bedsides at the UConn Health Center, UConn has attained a place among the highest ranks of the nation's great public research universities.

The people and programs highlighted in this report are wonderful representatives of the University. Yet the most exciting part is that they are just a sampling of what we are doing, and what we can accomplish together.

By together, I underscore that none of this progress can come without the backing of our friends and supporters. From the more than 29,000 individuals who give through the Annual Fund each year, to those who make major gifts to those who leave the University in their estates, our donors inspire us with their vision, propel us with their generosity and stand with us as partners.

As we prepare to embark on a visionary capital campaign in the years ahead, the University of Connecticut is fortunate to have each of you as a catalyst for our journey. I look forward to a very successful 2008–2009, and to working with you all to see the very best hopes and aspirations of the University of Connecticut become reality.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Hogan".

MICHAEL J. HOGAN
President
University of Connecticut

VISIONARIES

The stories in this annual report are about visions—great and common, focused and broad. Together, they provide a context for the University of Connecticut's next steps in this dramatic time of its history.

Everyone at the University of Connecticut has a vision. Some are bold, like the researchers who know they are on the edge of something revolutionary. Some are groundbreaking, such as the student who is the first in her family to attend college. These visions, and many others, are possible in large part because of philanthropy.

Each donor to the University of Connecticut Foundation has a vision as well, no matter the size of their gift. This financial support is the manifestation of their passions and dreams, and collectively, it builds the potential of the University's future.

How do we create A JUST FUTURE FOR ALL?

Holocaust Survivor Helps Expand Human Rights Program

Simon '96H, a Holocaust survivor, and Doris M. '50 Konover (photo, seated) focus much of their philanthropy on Jewish life and the research and preservation of Jewish history and materials. Mr. Konover, born in 1922 in Poland, was interned in a labor camp at age 16, and later conscripted into the Soviet army and imprisoned in Siberia during World War II. His parents and more than 50 other 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 successful real estate development firm.

"My history is the catastrophe of the Holocaust as a young man," says Mr. Konover. "I've lost my whole family in Europe and I've seen the cruelty I never can forget. And I want to make sure it never happens again."

In 2007, the Konovers, who are founding supporters of the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, endowed the center's first faculty chair with a \$1.5-million gift. Arnold Dashefsky (photo, standing), a professor of sociology and director of the center, has been named the first Doris and Simon Konover Chair of Judaic Studies.

Dashefsky says the Konovers' gift supports UConn's goal of expanding its human rights education, research and outreach programs. His first initiative is to develop a new course on anti-Semitism. The chair also will provide assistance to graduate students in the Judaic studies program and funding for sponsoring conferences, offering lectures and promoting scholarly publications.

"While the Holocaust is a Jewish tragedy with the murder of 6 million Jews, it is also a human tragedy with the destruction of millions of other human beings of diverse backgrounds. Beyond all of this staggering loss is a question that we all need to address: How does human civilization allow genocide to occur and how can we prevent it from happening again?" says Dashefsky.

Reflecting on his family's professional success and ability to give back, Mr. Konover is proud of what they've been able to accomplish.

"It's amazing for me to think of where I am now starting out where I did. I tried to survive hour to hour, day to day. Here we are in 2008, and doing what we can do for the University and the community. We really feel good about it," says Mr. Konover. "I wish that my parents could be here to see what we accomplished. I wish they could see it."



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ARNOLD DASHEFSKY

What can we do to solve THE STATE'S NURSING SHORTAGE?

Hospitals Support Nursing Program Expansion

Through several major gifts from partnering hospitals, the Master's Entry Into Nursing (MbeIN) program at UConn's Stamford campus is dramatically expanding, a step expected to help ease the shortage of nurses in Fairfield County and across the state.

Stamford Hospital, Norwalk Hospital and Greenwich Hospital have each made recent contributions totaling more than \$250,000 to support MbeIN. The program is designed for those with a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field, and allows students to become eligible to take the RN licensure exam after the successful completion of a calendar year of coursework.

This effort to attract non-nursing majors ideally fits UConn's mission, believes Dean Anne Bavier (photo, center) of the School of Nursing, and is a recognition that the nursing field is changing with the advent of new technology and market opportunities.

"MbeIN is consistent with the history and heritage of UConn's nursing program, building on a foundation of sciences and liberal arts," she says. "The entire state benefits, because through MbeIN we are creating nursing leaders who are critical thinkers and are from a rich intellectual background that they can apply to nursing."

Facing a projected statewide deficit of 11,000 nurses by the year 2010, several local hospitals in lower Fairfield County joined with UConn to offer space and financial support for the program.

The region's hospitals, who may spend up to \$50,000 recruiting and retaining a single nurse, must compete with higher salaries and flexible shifts offered in New York City, and see an advantage from MbeIN to both themselves and the entire region.

Dean Bavier believes that the market-based realities the hospitals face help to shape the focus of the school.

"Our hospital partners are critical to MbeIN because they understand the workplace needs. That knowledge allows us to direct our attention to preparing nurses who focus on what the patients and clients need the most: critical thinkers who bring nursing care to the bedside."





Where will the energy for the TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY COME FROM?

Partnership with State, Industry Improves Energy Outlook

Signaling its commitment to finding solutions for the world's energy problems, UConn is building a multidisciplinary team of scholars and scientists and providing them the resources to make breakthroughs. The Eminent Faculty Initiative in Sustainable Energy at the School of Engineering is a remarkable public/private initiative supported by an annual \$2-million appropriation from the state and one-time matching gifts totaling \$2 million from corporate partners FuelCell Energy, the Northeast Utilities Foundation and UTC Power.

"This level of sustained commitment from the state and industries enables UConn researchers to focus on multilayered solutions that involve the advancement of fundamental research that provides greater understanding of energy technologies while promoting translational research that may provide more immediate technological impacts," says Dean Mun Choi (photo).

The funding will be used to recruit internationally recognized experts and enhance the education, research and development enterprises at the school, which comprises the Connecticut Global Fuel Cell Center and the Biofuel Consortium. In the 2008-09 school year, the School of Engineering anticipates hiring up to a dozen new faculty members.

"We are fortunate in having diversified energy expertise in fuel cells, photovoltaics and solar cells, energy harvesting, batteries and energy storage, and alternative and renewable fuels," says Choi. "We take a holistic approach that considers multifunctionalities as well as impacts. So, the challenge to develop and distribute clean energy must consider impacts on such elements as carbon footprint, water resources, soil erosion, pollution, energy pricing, and the availability and cost of food crops."

The special partnership among UConn, the state and industry will support economic and workforce development and propel Connecticut onto the international stage in the development of sustainable energy.

"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," says UConn President Michael J. Hogan.

How do we address DISPARITIES IN EDUCATION?

Travelers Supports Diversity Initiatives

With two major gifts, Travelers Connecticut Foundation, the charitable arm of Travelers, is enhancing academic, outreach and diversity programs at UConn.

Education Access Initiative

Travelers committed \$275,000 for the Education Access Initiative to improve access to higher education for underserved populations and build awareness about careers in insurance and finance.

"Research shows that first-generation and non-traditional college students are much more likely to achieve success if they have access to a broad range of supportive programs," says Marlene Ibsen, president of the Travelers Foundation. "Travelers and UConn are structuring a comprehensive approach that we believe is a formula for success for underserved students." The initiative supports a wide range of efforts.

- A new leadership scholarship will be given to students who demonstrate a commitment to multicultural diversity. Travelers also will offer recipients mentorship, internships and summer work.
- Significant funding for the School of Business will support the Multicultural Business Club, faculty mentoring and outreach to high schools in predominantly minority areas.
- Funding supports the Science, Engineering and Health Professions Collaborative Symposium for minority 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 gift is a source of support for a number of things that are critical to our mission, including expanding access and equity for underrepresented students in the state through a variety of activities designed to enhance recruitment, retention and the success of these students," says Ronald Taylor, vice provost for multicultural and international affairs.

Project M³ Enrichment Math Club

Travelers also committed \$150,000 to expand UConn's Project M³: Mentoring Mathematical Minds by creating the Project M³ Enrichment Math Club for underserved students in Hartford.

Project M³, developed by the Neag Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development at the Neag School of Education, was kicked off in 2002 with a \$3-million federal grant to develop math curricula for talented students in grades three through five, provide professional development for teachers and implement field tests in schools.

The curriculum, which is now being used in 42 states and several other countries, targets children with high potential who are often bored by traditional curricula. Results have shown strong quantitative and qualitative evidence of student achievement, according to Katherine Gavin, program director and associate professor at the Neag Center. That success attracted Travelers to fund the implementation of the research findings in a new year-long, after-school enrichment program in Hartford.

"Travelers has a special interest in fostering mathematics skills in young people because they're skills that directly relate to our business. These students are our future workforce, and we will look to them to keep Hartford a thriving community for insurance and financial services," says Ibsen.



How can we offer CUTTING-EDGE CARE?

Gift Provides for Integrated Diagnostics and Treatment Suite at UCHC

A new major gift from the University'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 Health 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 educating 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. (photo, standing), director of the Pat and Jim Calhoun Cardiology Center. "This will truly be an upgrade to state-of-the-art technology."

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."

Advantages of the new CT scanner include dramatically 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, uterine and other cancers. With the addition of the simulator, more efficient, convenient and accurate treatment planning will be offered.

"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."

Douglas Fellows, M.D., F.A.C.R. (photo, seated), is the chair of Department of Diagnostic Imaging and Therapeutics at the Health Center, and says that the new equipment couldn't 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."



How can we view food DIFFERENTLY?

Gift Supports Functional Foods Center

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 addition of 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.

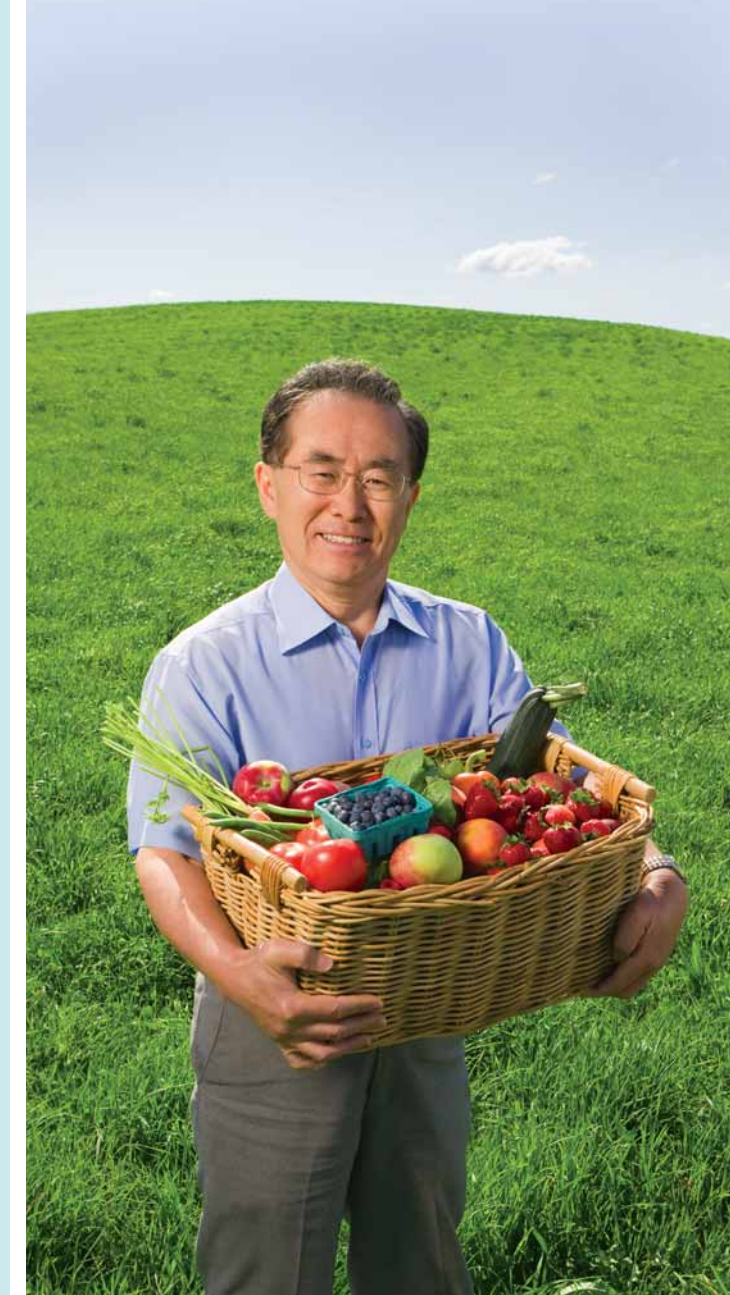
Ian Hart, associate dean for research and advanced studies at CANR, believes the potential for UConn's program is enormous.

"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.

Sung Koo (photo), 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."



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IAN HART

How do we make higher education MORE AFFORDABLE FOR EVERYONE?

Donors' Waterbury Ties Benefit UConn Students

A couple who met while they were undergraduate students at UConn has committed \$100,000 to support scholarships at the UConn-Waterbury campus.

Dorothy Bessette-DeSomma '66 and Martin DeSomma, D.D.S. '66 (photo, right, with Himank Gupta, a DeSomma scholarship recipient) have established an endowment to assist financially challenged students, a decision that they attribute to their working-class upbringing.

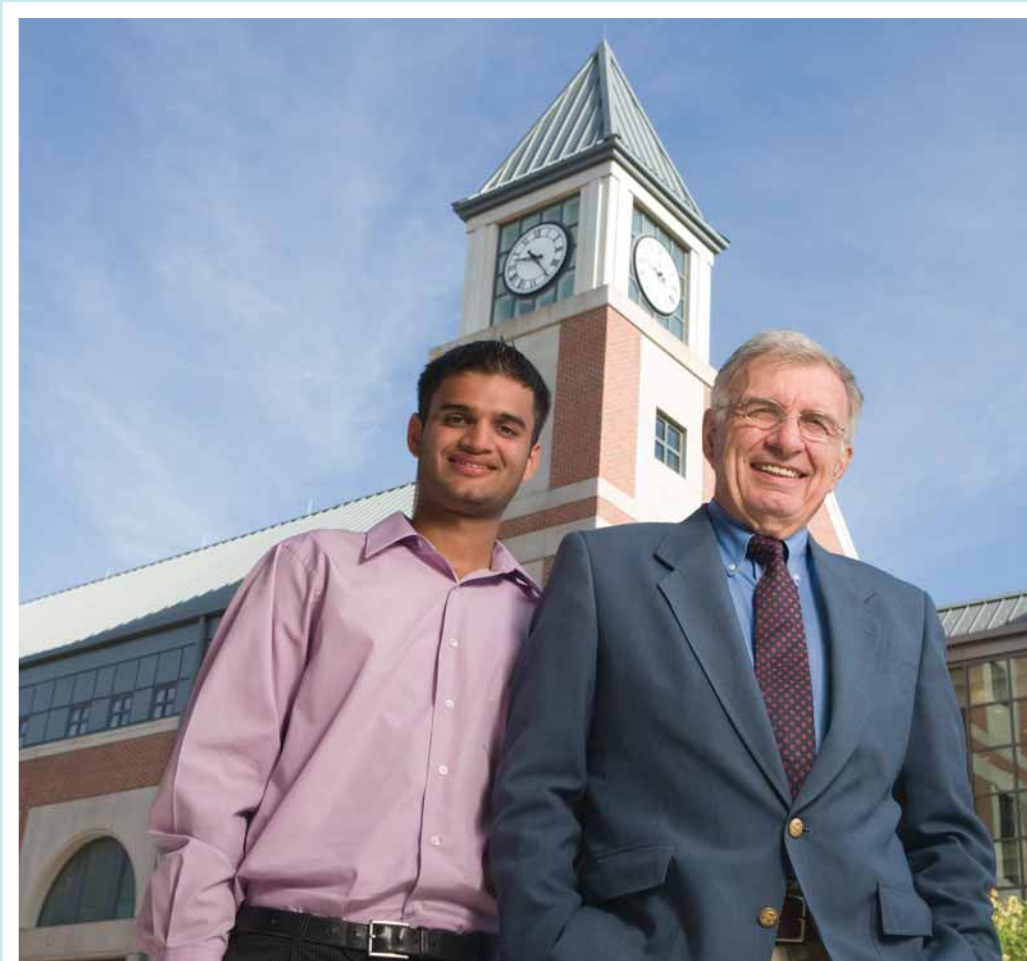
"UConn has helped us move through life, and it was a wonderful experience for both of us," Martin DeSomma says. "Because of where we came from, and having developed a work ethic early in life, supporting students who have a financial need just makes sense."

The DeSommas attended UConn's Waterbury campus from 1957 to 1959, and met while serving on opposing parties in student government. They both graduated from Storrs in 1966, after Mr. DeSomma was drafted into the U.S. Army and had served in Europe for several years. Today, he operates a successful dental practice in Woodbury, Conn., and the couple frequently travels back to France for vacations. One of the couple's children also attended UConn.

"We've been very lucky and fortunate in our life, and there comes a time when you have to think about others, not just yourself," DeSomma says. "There are other people in this world besides us. In 10 years, I hope that our gift will allow young men and women to possibly gain their footing to get into the middle class. Hopefully they'll use their education to do something productive for our society."

Originally from the Town Plot section of Waterbury, the DeSommas believe that the University's presence in the city was a major factor in their decision to give.

"The Waterbury campus is outstanding," he says. "When I was growing up, Waterbury was a strong industrial town, with lots of different groups living and working together. Today, some of that has changed, but the campus, with the renovations, has become an even bigger boost to the city. We're very impressed with what we see."



Retired CANR Professors Aid Animal Science Majors

Two retired professors from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) who have made significant contributions to the field of animal science are helping students follow in their footsteps. William A. "Al" Cowan and Nathan Hale '46, who funded a student award together nearly two decades ago, have established permanent endowed scholarships.

"I was fortunate to have Dr. Hale as a teacher when I attended UConn, and have known Dr. Cowan since that time as well. They have always demonstrated a commitment to student learning through their personal and professional commitments and through their generosity," says Cameron Faustman '82, associate dean of CANR and director of the Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture.

The former professors created their new awards with planned gifts to the UConn Foundation. The W.A. Cowan Undergraduate Award in Animal Science was established with an IRA transfer of \$100,000. Gifts of annuity and stock were used to establish the Nathan Hale Award in Animal Science.

Both new merit scholarships will be given to undergraduate students—with priority given to incoming freshmen—enrolled in either the two-year animal science program at Ratcliffe Hicks or the four-year program at CANR. Recipients will be chosen based on their accomplishments and leadership in working with livestock.

"In some instances [the scholarships] will make the difference between attending or not attending college," says Faustman. "Equally important is that the formal recognition will provide affirmation to the students that their interests are valued and that the faculty is confident that they are the future leaders in animal science."

Cowan and Hale left indelible marks at UConn. Cowan headed the animal science department for 32 years, and was beloved by students and faculty throughout his tenure. In the 1970s, he selected the champion cattle and horse lines that are the backbone of UConn's current herds. Hale, who taught at UConn for 31 years, was given the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1999 by the CANR alumni association for his contributions to animal science.

How do we prepare students for TODAY'S GLOBAL CONNECTIVITY?

Gift Promotes Global Health Studies at UCHC

Students at the UConn Health Center who wish to carry on a long institutional tradition of studying global health issues will now have private financial support to do so, thanks to a scholarship funded by a School of Medicine alumnus.

Edward Hargus, M.D. '73 and his wife Maria have made a gift to provide assistance for students participating in global health education activity through the Center for International Community Health Studies (CICHS) in the School of Medicine.

To recognize the work done by Judy Lewis, M.Phil. (photo, center, with students Jonathan Shupe and Cheryl Bilinski) director of the Global Health Education (GHE) program, and professor in the departments of community medicine and pediatrics, the fund is named partly in her honor.

Since 1985, more than 300 medical, dental and public health students have taken part in global health studies, including language study, research, clinical care and community health improvement projects. The programs have allowed UConn students to collaborate with local community research programs in more than sixty countries to improve patient care and public health.



Lewis says that Dr. Hargus's gift fits perfectly with the increasing awareness of—and interest in—global health issues.

"A majority of incoming students express a desire to participate in global health issues, but many do not because of financial considerations," she says. "The UConn Health Center has been fortunate to have some funding for summer research projects, but it has sometimes been unpredictable and limited. The gift by Dr. and Mrs. Hargus is an important beginning, enabling students with the means to participate."

Hargus says that while he never traveled as a student, he sees a clear benefit to doing so.

"It's a big world. I think exposure to other cultures is very good for students, or anyone who wants to be involved in helping the poor. It's good for the school. And it's good for the country," Hargus says. "Either by sending our students to other countries, or supporting people to come here and get their medical education, I think we're taking great steps to improve the lives of people everywhere."

Scholarships Promote Global Citizenship

Two new scholarships established with a non-endowed gift of \$100,000 are helping undergraduate students gain experience and skills for nonprofit and social entrepreneurial careers. For the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation, Edward Satell '57 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 Ed Satell Non-Profit Internship Program supports students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences working in unpaid positions with nonprofit organizations, such as museums or government agencies that address poverty.

The Ed Satell International Social Entrepreneurship Fund supports students in any school or college working on economic and social development projects while studying abroad. 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. Max P. Chanoch '09 (photo) was among the first group of 10 students to take part in the social entrepreneurship program in Guatemala in summer 2008.

"I wanted to participate in the social entrepreneurship program because it offered something different than every other study abroad," says Chanoch, who is pursuing a major in management, a concentration in international business and a minor in philosophy. "My favorite part of Guatemala was the people. It was a very rewarding experience to see how delighted people were when we told them we were in Guatemala to help improve their country, rather than exploring it as a tourist."



The program gets students out of the classroom and into real-world situations. "The program focused more on hands-on activities rather than classes, something that was a huge draw for me," says Chanoch.

Beyond intensive Spanish classes, Chanoch spent the majority of the trip learning firsthand about Guatemalan and Mayan society, culture and history by interacting with communities, exploring the country, and studying local business and the economy. Among various experiential projects, the students helped expand a business that creates jobs for entrepreneurs to sell eyeglasses to, among others, aging women so they can continue their work as craftswomen.

After returning home, Chanoch started his senior year and began working at the Innovation Accelerator at the School of Business's Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation in East Hartford.



What role does UConn play IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES?

Writers Project Attracts Noted Authors, Literary Discussion

A \$250,000 gift to UConn-Torrington is enhancing the Litchfield County Writers Project (LCWP), a program that has become a touchstone of the University and brought dozens of highly acclaimed authors and artisans to campus.

The gift is the largest ever to support the Torrington campus and will allow for a room to be renovated into a dual-purpose teaching and gallery area. It will also sustain the LCWP itself through an endowed fund.

“This has come as a wonderful honor and an unexpected delight,” says Robley E. Whitson, a Litchfield County writer and artist who helped to coordinate the gift from an anonymous couple. “I think what is most impressive about the program is that it allows for a connection between academics and the community. It moves beyond the narrow side of academia and has become something unique, wonderful and valuable—truly where the University meets the public.”

Involving the entire community plays a large role in the LCWP’s success. It is the primary outreach effort of UConn’s Torrington campus, and has attracted such authors as Frank McCourt (photo, right) and Arthur Miller. The free and informal nature of the lecture programs attracts an audience from across the state. Director Davyne Verstandig (photo, left) believes the surroundings of Litchfield County itself may provide some of the artistic and literary inspiration for the program to thrive.

“I don’t think there’s any other community quite like this one,” she says. “There are dozens of award-winning authors in this area, and it’s fascinating to see that talent come together and dialogue with this community. The fact that our project is free and open to the public matters a great deal.”

Geraldine Van Doren is an English professor at the campus and a member of the LCWP Advisory Board. She says the project has helped to encourage faculty from a number of disciplines to come together.

“This campus has such an interdisciplinary atmosphere,” she says. “Torrington is so intimate, which I think gives us a certain freedom to work together. There’s a wonderful value to the community through the writers and filmmakers who have come, and the more we invest in it, the more it will give back to the entire University and the state.”

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DAVYNE VERSTANDIG

Envisioning a WORLD WITHOUT CANCER

Volunteer Leaders at the Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center

Through signature special events, the UConn Health Center is supported by a dedicated core group of volunteers, working with staff from the UConn Foundation’s Office of Development and Alumni Relations in Farmington.



Cancer Golf Committee

Now in its thirty-first year, the Cancer Golf Committee has raised more than \$2 million for the UConn Health Center and the American Cancer Society, including \$150,000 in 2007 to expand the Health Center’s public tumor bank. The 2008 UConn Cancer Research Golf Tournament supported the acquisition of a new hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC) system at the Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center. This therapy enables physicians to deliver chemotherapy to difficult-to-reach cancerous cells.

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Marv Lewtan	Ellen Roth	



Imagine Gala Committee

The inaugural Imagine Ball, benefiting the Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center, was held in October 2007. Proceeds supported the development of a Cutaneous Oncology Center at UCHC. Three individuals who have made considerable contributions to raise awareness about cancer were honored: Coach Jim Calhoun, UConn Board of Trustees Chairman John Rowe, M.D., and The “Today” show’s Judith Reichman, M.D.

The 2008 gala featured Connecticut native and Tony winner James Naughton and honored Peter Deckers, M.D., dean emeritus of the UConn School of Medicine; Michael Economos of the Lea’s Foundation for Leukemia Research; and former UConn Men’s Basketball Coach Donald “Dee” Rowe. Proceeds will benefit The Lea’s Foundation Center for Hematologic Disorders and the “U-Conn Survive” Program, a new initiative to support clinical and research for young adult cancer survivors.

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Cheryl & David Epstein	Barbara & Malcolm Roth
Martha Finkel	Fran & Steven Rutstein
Pamela & Roger Freedman	Renee & Robert Samuels
Carolyn & Jeffrey Gitlin	Carla & Stephen Schwartz
Nancy & Richard Gitlin	Remy & Hy Schwartz
Nancy & Louis Green	Barbara & Robert Simons
Debra & Glen Greenberg	Laura Stevenson-Flom & Elliott Flom
Cathy & Geoffrey Karp	Jill & Melvin Stoner
Judie & Coleman Levy	Ferne & Peter Youmans
Jane & Dirk Lewis	Joan & Edward Zieky

Cancer Advisory Board

This dynamic group of volunteers, advocates and supporters of the Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center is leading the way in advising and guiding the program’s direction and focus. The board boasts members from a range of backgrounds, experiences and skills, all of whom share a passion for cancer prevention, treatment and advocacy. The board works with Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center Director Carolyn Runowicz, M.D. and her staff on a range of strategic issues impacting the center. Members also lead by example; as a group, they have donated more than \$20 million to the Health Center.

Sheldon Cherry, M.D.	Alan & Doris Kosloff
James Doran	Michael & Roxane Lipton
Michael & Bess Economos	Natalie Morales
Roger & Pam Freedman	Ray & Carole Neag
Louis & Nancy Green	Susan Neistein
Debra Greenberg	Donald “Dee” Rowe
Roman “Ray” Herz	Jerry & Marlene Scharr
Robert Jones	Joel & Judith Weisman
Edmund Kindelan	Laura Yellin

Special Donor Profile: THOMAS '56 AND BETTE WOLFF

From the Division of Athletics to the School of Business, few family names have left such a lasting, intergenerational impact on UConn as the Wolffs.

Thomas Wolff '56 (photo), Bette, his wife of 60 years, and their three children (Greg '74, Gary and Debi Davis '79) have endowed no fewer than seven funds, supporting areas as wide-ranging as swimming and basketball scholarships, along with an annual business plan competition for entrepreneurial MBA students.

More than 50 years since he graduated *cum laude* in economics, Tom and Bette Wolff remain among UConn's most devout philanthropists and fans. They have held season tickets for men's basketball since 1950. Their son, Greg, is a former UConn swimmer, and the family still regularly attends games and swim meets together, followed by ice cream at the UConn Dairy Bar, a decades-long tradition.

The founder and chairman of Wolff-Zackin & Associates, Wolff credits much of his success in business to his UConn experience, particularly working with the late Professor Emeritus of Insurance and Finance David Ivry, and a degree of luck.

Commuting to classes in 1952, Wolff was fresh from service in Korea and working part-time testing milk for UConn's cooperative extension system and selling insurance. Ivry took him under his wing and encouraged him to consider insurance full-time.

"He was a dynamo; such a tremendous influence on me," Wolff recalls. "I had picked up selling insurance as just a part-time thing to get through school, but Dave Ivry put the finishing touches on me."

Those initial steps catapulted Wolff to success running one of Connecticut's leading financial services companies. On campus, his presence and leadership has inspired others.

"He is an incredible man of dignity, huge integrity, with the highest standards and values," says Donald "Dee" Rowe, former UConn men's basketball coach and one-time instructor for Wolff's son, Greg. Rowe says that Wolff's friendship and good counsel greatly impacted his career at UConn starting in the turbulent 1960s, and the two have remained close friends. When Rowe helped launch the UConn Athletic Development Fund, he says Wolff was an early advocate of the need to give back.

"He stepped up to support Athletics early on, and he's never stopped," Rowe says. "He's totally committed to making our world a better place. He's an example and an inspiration to everyone who has been privileged to touch his life. The Wolff family's giving has left an incredible legacy for the University and UConn's student-athletes."

The Wolff name is prominent on campus. The Wolff-Zackin Natatorium, part of the complex that includes Gampel Pavilion, is home to UConn's swimming and diving programs. The Wolff Family Park features the iconic statue of Jonathan, the Husky mascot. Additionally, the Wolffs have sponsored a lecture series, endowed a chair in strategic entrepreneurship in the School of Business, and sponsored the Wolff Business Plan Competition for M.B.A. students. The Wolff chair is held by Professor Michael Lubatkin, one of the preeminent scholars in the field.

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DONALD "DEE" ROWE

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THOMAS WOLFF

"Tom Wolff was the visionary for the study of entrepreneurship at UConn," says John Veiga, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor and former chairman of the Department of Management. "From offering a minor in entrepreneurship, to hosting entrepreneurial speakers, what we're doing today is what he envisioned 20 years ago. He moved us in this direction, and has urged and supported us along. That the state provides \$2 million annually to fund our Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation has its roots in Tom's seed money. To me he is the consummate entrepreneur."

Jeffrey Hathaway, director of athletics, says that Wolff's personal leadership has made all the difference.

"UConn is extremely fortunate to have supporters as dedicated, as engaged and as personable as the Wolffs," he says. "When you look at the range of programs they have supported, both in Athletics and across the University, you can see that Tom has established a legacy of giving, which not only includes him and his wife, but the entire family."

Wolff says that Bette has been an active and equal partner in everything since those early days of commuting to classes, and believes supporting UConn is merely a way of giving back. He echoes a point he made in 2003 when awarded the University Medal, UConn's highest honor.

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Year IN REVIEW

In uncertain economic times, the University of Connecticut Foundation achieved its third-best year to date in fiscal 2008, receiving \$56.6 million in new gifts and commitments, revocable and deferred planned gifts, and pledge payments (page 21). Across the Foundation and the University, private giving played a major role in new initiatives to serve UConn's missions of education, research and public service.

Major Gifts

Carole and Ray '56 '01H Neag (photo) continued their transformational giving with a \$3.8-million pledge to fund a computed tomography (CT) suite at the UConn Health Center (page 8). The center will become the first facility in the region to offer such an integrated diagnostic, planning and treatment suite.



Also at the UConn Health Center, strong support for cancer programs culminated in both the development of new initiatives and a bolstering of existing ones. A \$750,000 pledge from the William Raveis Charitable Fund will expand the Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center's Navigator Care Program, which pairs newly diagnosed patients with trained volunteers who assist them through treatment.

A \$300,000 grant from the Connecticut Breast Health Initiative will support the recruitment of a nationally recognized physician-researcher and will enhance breast cancer research. Three major gifts, one from Gregory Contas and the others from anonymous donors, will boost other ongoing cancer research, treatment and prevention efforts. Lastly, a \$500,000 planned gift from Allen M. Ward, Sr. will benefit the Lea's Foundation Center for Hematologic Disorders.

Across the University, major gifts made a dramatic impact on UConn's research and academic offerings. Two founding supporters of the Center for Judaic Studies and Contemporary Jewish Life, Simon '96H and Doris M. '50 Konover, endowed the center's first faculty chair. 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 (page 4).

UConn continues to attract strong support from corporations. Two gifts totaling \$425,000 from the Travelers Connecticut Foundation are enhancing academic, outreach and diversity programs (page 7). In a year filled with his own health challenges, Men's Basketball Coach Jim Calhoun came through in supporting UConn. Despite the oppressive heat, the 2008 CIGNA-Jim Calhoun Cancer Challenge Ride saw a dramatic increase in riders, volunteers, donations, spectators and coverage. In August, the Calhoun Celebrity Classic attracted hundreds of golfers to support the Jim and Pat Calhoun Cardiology Research Endowment.

Annual Giving Breaks Records

The annual giving program experienced its strongest year ever, handily exceeding its goal of \$5 million by more than 15 percent, ending at \$5.8 million. More than 29,000 households contributed to annual giving appeals this year, on par with last year's total. The student-run calling program generated more than 28 percent of the total amount raised, and connected with 134,096 UConn alumni, parents and friends.

New Leadership and Opportunity across the University

In May, Cato T. Laurencin, M.D., Ph.D. was named the vice president for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine for the UConn Health Center (page 19). Laurencin's selection follows a comprehensive national search to find a successor to Peter J. Deckers, M.D., who left his position after more than 20 years of service.

The presidency of Michael J. Hogan began in summer 2007 as the UConn community welcomed him to Connecticut from the University of Iowa. Hogan immediately engaged himself in the University and tackled strategic issues, including the March 2008 Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE) report on the future of the UConn Health Center. While not ruling out new or renovated facilities in

Annual Fund Giving



Farmington, the CASE report determined the best alternative was a regional relationship between John Dempsey Hospital and one or more regional affiliates working together toward a solution that benefits UConn, the state and area hospitals.

"It's a critical issue for us and the University," says Laurencin. "Our vision for the Health Center's future will build on our ongoing successes at the lab bench, in the classroom, and by the bedside, and truly elevate the stature of Connecticut's academic medical center."

Athletic Success on the Field of Play and in the Classroom

The UConn Club marked 55 years of supporting the UConn Division of Athletics in 2008. In the past five years, over \$75 million has been generated by more than 6,000 annual donors to support UConn's student-athletes and two-dozen varsity sports programs. The athletics endowment, less than \$1 million in 1990, is currently valued at \$47.8 million. It was another strong year for success both on and off the field of play. The Huskies captured nine Big East Conference championships, including the University's first-ever title in football. UConn field hockey and women's basketball teams each advanced to the NCAA Championship national semifinals. An incredible total of 17 UConn student-athletes captured All-America honors during the past year. In the classroom, nearly half of UConn's 650 student-athletes achieved at least a 3.0 (B or better) grade point average in the 2007 semesters, including 17 who achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

The Future of UConn Basketball

The Division of Athletics announced the selection of HOK Sport of Kansas City to coordinate architectural and design services for a new men's and women's basketball practice facility. The proposed facility will include practice space for both the men's and women's teams, along with areas for academic support, sports medicine, strength and conditioning, video services and coaching offices. More than \$5 million has been committed to date by alumni and friends of the University for the project. HOK will also be developing plans for the proposed relocation of Joseph J. Morrone Stadium, the home of UConn soccer, to the existing site of Memorial Stadium.

"HOK has extensive experience in the design of similar basketball facilities and has performed outstanding work for the University on past projects," said Director of Athletics Jeffrey A. Hathaway. "Together, we will undertake a planning process which will result in greater opportunities for the student-athletes, coaches and support staff within our basketball programs. This will assist in enhancing the outstanding success which is associated with our UConn basketball programs under the direction of our Hall of Fame coaches Geno Auriemma and Jim Calhoun. For this facility to become a reality, we look forward to the ongoing and active participation of the entire UConn family, including coaches, staff, donors and other friends of the University."

Planning for Big Ideas

As the Foundation ends another successful year, its volunteers, staff and leaders remain focused on the future. In late 2009, UConn will publicly launch a \$600-million capital campaign. The campaign comes on the heels of UConn's unprecedented physical transformation through UCONN 2000 and 21st Century UConn and aims to secure its position among the top 20 U.S. public research universities.

To support the campaign, the UConn Foundation established the National Development Council, an exclusive coalition of alumni and friends who are committed to UConn and are directly involved with the campaign. Members include business, civil and philanthropic leaders who have the experience, drive and networking skills to help propel the campaign to success.

University Welcomes New Dean, Vice President for Health Affairs

In May 2008, President Michael J. Hogan announced that Cato T. Laurencin, M.D., Ph.D. (photo), a nationally prominent orthopaedic surgeon, professor and administrator from the University of Virginia, would become the new vice president for health affairs at the UConn Health Center and the seventh dean of the School of Medicine. Laurencin will also hold the Van Dusen Endowed Chair in Academic Medicine and will be a professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.



"The University of Connecticut is a wonderful institution with an outstanding young medical school. I am excited about leading this great medical center," Laurencin said. "The opportunities for the Health Center and for the University are enormous."

Laurencin is an expert in shoulder and knee surgery and an international leader in tissue engineering research. He is widely published in scholarly journals and holds more than twenty U.S. patents. Raised in North Philadelphia, Laurencin earned his undergraduate degree in chemical engineering from Princeton University and his medical degree from Harvard Medical School, where he was a *magna cum laude* graduate. During medical school, he also earned his Ph.D. in biochemical engineering/biotechnology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Financial PERFORMANCE

The University of Connecticut Foundation's financial performance in fiscal year 2008 was strong despite myriad challenges in the economy. Again this year, goals were surpassed for the Office of Annual Giving and new gifts and commitments.

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.

New gifts and commitments (\$47.4 million), revocable and deferred planned gifts (\$5.6 million) and pledge payments (\$3.6 million) totaled \$56.6 million, which represents 103 percent of the \$55 million goal for the year.

Of this amount, donors directed \$3.8 million for faculty, \$6.9 million for scholarships, \$40.1 million for programs and \$5.8 million for capital improvements. 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. Donors specified \$43.5 million for operations and \$13.1 million toward endowments.

Forty-five new endowments were established, bringing the total number of endowments to 1,250.

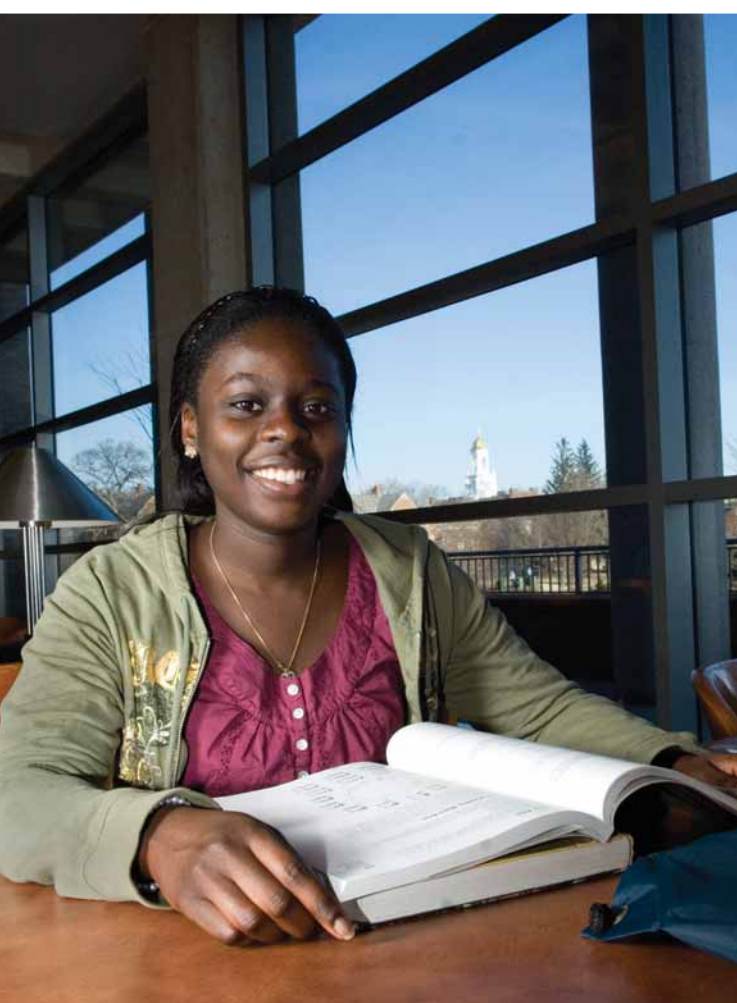
The number of donor households held steady at approximately 32,000, while the trend of strong support from alumni continued. Alumni gave \$1 million more than last year, contributing \$18.3 million total. Parents donated \$1.3 million, other individuals gave \$9.4 million, corporations gave \$14.2 million, and foundations and other organizations gave \$13.4 million.

The University requested \$31.4 million of the record \$50.2 million made available by the Foundation for various programs in fiscal year 2008. Of the total used, \$11.5 million was disbursed for scholarships, fellowships and awards. Other appropriations included \$9.4 million for faculty and staff support, \$3.6 million for programs and research and \$2.5 million for facilities and equipment.

Endowment performance was affected by a bear market and an economic slowdown. The pooled investment portfolio posted a 5.5-percent loss for the fiscal year, running close to the portfolio's benchmarks, which lost 5.4 percent. Returns of more than 14 percent in private capital, 10 percent private real estate and 7 percent in U.S. TIPS were outpaced by losses of more than 12 percent in global equities and 18 percent in public real estate.

The total endowment ended the year at \$317 million, down by \$18 million from the end of fiscal year 2007. The decrease was caused primarily by the negative investment return, but was partially offset by \$8 million in new endowment gifts and \$3 million in state endowment match. However, even including this subpar year, the endowment has grown 52 percent over the past five years, from \$209 million in 2003 to \$317 million on June 30, 2008.

Finally, the Foundation's total assets now equal \$397 million, an \$11 million decrease over last year. Over the past five years, the total assets have grown by \$140 million, or 54 percent.



Consolidated Statements of FINANCIAL POSITION

As of June 30, 2008

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	2008	2007
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,136	\$ 1,169
Cash restricted for debt service	893	779
Pledges receivable, net	24,862	27,676
Prepaid expenses and other receivables	381	347
Investments	351,894	363,550
Funds held in trust by others	11,243	7,763
Cash surrender value of life insurance	186	178
Property and equipment, net	5,182	5,386
Deferred bond issuance costs, net	445	476
Research and Development Corporation	580	576
Total assets	\$ 396,802	\$ 407,900
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 6,613	\$ 4,580
Trusts and annuities payable	2,821	2,806
Accrued debt service interest	144	128
Bonds payable	7,165	7,290
Research and Development Corporation	58	157
Total liabilities	\$ 16,801	\$ 14,961
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted		
Research and Development Corporation	522	419
Foundation	8,883	7,375
Total unrestricted	\$ 9,405	\$ 7,794
Temporarily restricted	109,978	137,774
Permanently restricted	260,618	247,371
Total net assets	380,001	392,939
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 396,802	\$ 407,900

NOTE: This data is summarized from the Foundation's financial statements. Complete audited financial statements are available upon request.

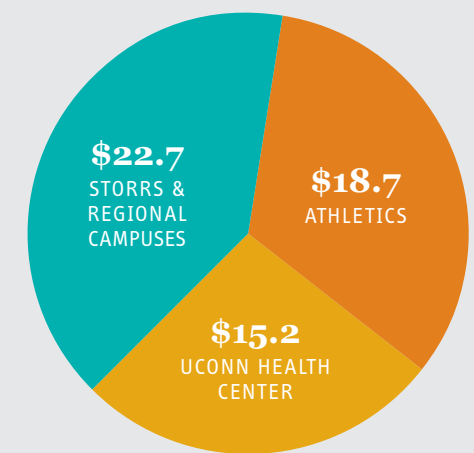
New Gifts & Commitments

DOLLARS IN MILLIONS



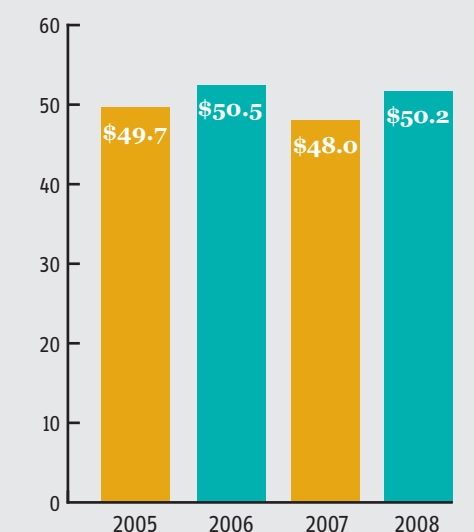
Distribution of New Gifts & Commitments

DOLLARS IN MILLIONS



Dollars Made Available to Support University Purposes

DOLLARS IN MILLIONS



Consolidated Statements OF ACTIVITIES

As of June 30, 2008

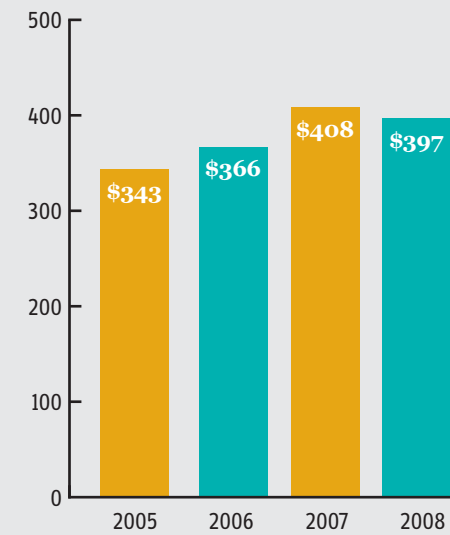
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	2008	2007
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT		
Contributions	\$ 35,978	\$ 29,384
Net total investment return	(12,503)	48,334
Contractual payments from the University of Connecticut	8,586	8,513
Memberships and other income	558	536
Research and Development Corporation	139	78
Total revenues, gains and other support	\$ 32,758	\$ 86,845
EXPENSES		
UNIVERSITY SUPPORT		
Student scholarships, fellowships and awards	\$ 11,490	\$ 11,098
Facilities construction, improvements, and related expenses	930	2,890
Faculty and staff compensation	9,357	9,138
General program and research support	3,381	3,566
Fundraising, events, promotions and donor cultivation	2,071	2,354
Faculty, staff and student travel, conferences and meetings	1,847	2,433
Equipment	1,579	1,117
Alumni Association	130	192
Research and Development Corporation	554	544
Total University support	\$ 31,339	\$ 33,332
FOUNDATION SUPPORT		
Development expenses	10,908	10,329
Fiduciary expenses	3,449	3,326
Total Foundation support	14,357	13,655
Total expenses	\$ 45,696	\$ 46,987
Change in net assets	(12,938)	39,858
Net assets, beginning of period	392,939	353,081
Net assets, end of period	\$ 380,001	\$ 392,939

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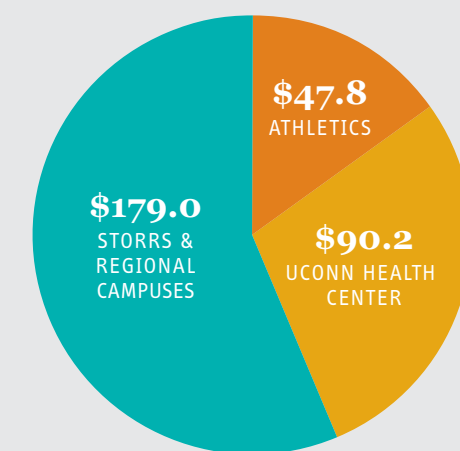
Total Assets

DOLLARS IN MILLIONS



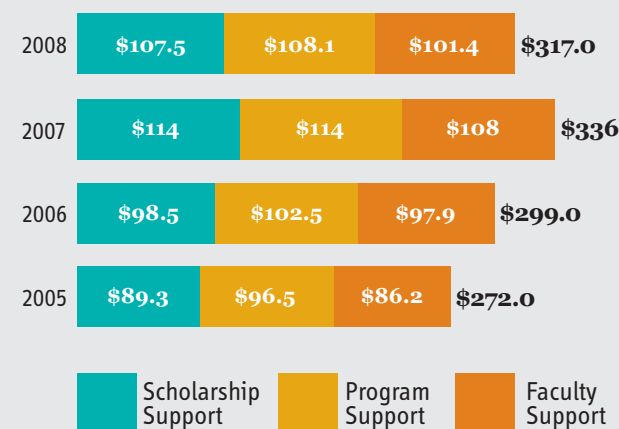
Endowment Distribution

DOLLARS IN MILLIONS



Endowment Assets by Purpose

DOLLARS IN MILLIONS



The FOUNDERS SOCIETY

The Founders Society was established in 1996 to recognize the University's most generous benefactors. All gifts to benefit the University, including contributions to the UConn Foundation, the University Athletic Development Fund, the UConn Law School Foundation and the UConn Health Center, count toward membership in The Founders Society. Fifty-five new members were welcomed into the society this year. Founders Society members contributed more than \$18 million in new gifts this year in support of colleges, schools, programs, students, faculty and athletics.

Neag Circle

Named in honor of Raymond Neag '56 '01H, whose \$23 million gift in 1999 to the Neag School of Education and the UConn Health Center represents the largest single gift to the University by an individual, the Neag Circle recognizes donors who have made cumulative gifts and pledges in excess of \$5 million.

Ray '56 '01H and Carole J. Neag

1881 Circle

Named to mark the year of the University's founding, the 1881 Circle honors donors whose cumulative gifts and pledges total between \$1,000,000 and \$4,999,999.

Kevin A. '80 and Lorraine R. '80 Bouley
 Henry S.* and Julia B. Budney
 Robert G. '00H and Paula Burton
 Arnold L. and Sandra M. Chase
 Cheryl A. Chase '78 and Stuart D. Bear
 David T. and Rhoda L. Chase
 Marianne Hartly* and Irving Cohen
 William R. '55 and Doris M. Davis
 James L. Draper, Jr. '41
 Michael G. and Bess Economos
 Barbara L. Flynn
 Keith R. '80 and Pamela A. Fox
 Mark E. Freitas '81
 Edith D. Gampel
 Gary S. '66 '08H and Judith A.* Gladstein
 Charles E. Heilig, Jr. '94H*
 Fred M. Hollfelder
 Nafe E. Katter
 John W. Kluge '03H
 Michael C. and Vicki M. '96 Konover
 Simon '96H and Doris M. '50 Konover
 Philip H. '66 '67 and Christine '67 Lodewick
 Philip J. '65 '67 and Joyce E. Mahoney
 Denis M. '64 '65 and Linda H. McCarthy
 Denis J. '76 '77 and Britta R. '76 Nayden
 Rodney R. and Janice B. Reynolds
 David M. '78 and Linda H. Roth
 John W. and Valerie A. Rowe
 Raymond R. '98H and Beverly '98H Sackler
 Harold S. Schwenk, Jr. and Paula H. Schwenk '79
 Mark R. '65 and Rosalind E. Shenkman
 Morris N. '48 and Shirley Trachten
 Richard Treibick

Wilda E. Van Dusen*

George W. Whelen IV and Kathleen O. Whelen
 Thomas J. '56 and Bette W. Wolff
 Judith M. '77 and Henry M. Zachs

Charter Oak Circle

Named in honor of the famed Charter Oak, symbol of Connecticut's fight for independence during the Revolutionary War, the Charter Oak Circle honors donors whose cumulative gifts and pledges total between \$500,000 and \$999,999.

David I. '61 and Trisha Barton
 Arthur O. Bayer '50
 Alan R. Bennett '69
 William R. and Marjorie J. '99 Berkley
 Anthony T. Bianca, Sr.
 Robert C. Burrill, Jr. '74 and Barbara A. Burrill '74
 Charles J. Burstone
 Carol Carrick
 Richard W. '78 '90 and Ellen S. Cartun
 Robert '53 and Jane Cizik
 Tomie dePaola '99
 J. Robert* and Mary Jane Donnelly
 Herbert L. '61 and Marcia B. Dunn
 Donald F. Flynn '50*
 Timothy K. '80 '83 and Patricia H. '80 (Huber) Friar
 Helen D. Fyler*
 David A. Gang '81 and Charmaine Dittmar
 Roger A. '65 and Marjory C. '66 Gelfenbien
 Evelyn S. Gilman '47
 Harry J. '82H and Helen B. Gray
 John C.* and Carol B. Hunt
 Erwin Jausz
 John Y. '87 and Diane M. Kim
 Albert J. '53 '56 and Alida Kleban
 Roland G. and Marilyn P. Labonte
 Scott A. and Sally Labonte
 Eric A. '80 and Penelope C. Marziali
 Roger S. '74 and Coco K. Newton
 Paul S. Polo, Sr.
 John W. '71 and Dyanne M. '73 Rafal
 Carl W. and Marian E. Rettenmeyer
 Frank D. Rich, Jr. '99H* and Jean A. Rich
 Theodore R. Rosenberg '55 and Mary F. McVay
 Robert T. and Renee P. Samuels
 William T. Sherman '58 and Ms. Sam Smith
 Marc and Sara Simont

Robert S. Smith '70
 Lucia M. Spakowski
 Allen M. Ward, Sr.

Charles and Augustus Storrs Circle

Named in honor of the Storrs brothers, whose gift of land and money in 1881 enabled Connecticut to establish the Storrs Agricultural School, the Charles and Augustus Storrs Circle honors donors whose cumulative gifts and pledges total between \$250,000 and \$499,999.

David M. and Sandra Adams
 K. Tucker and Karen K. '66 Andersen
 Charles Dean Bakes
 Katharine Derr Barney*
 Lester J. and Devra N. Baum
 John W. Beck and Cynthia A. Francis '77
 George R. and Diane Beckerman
 Thomas E. '89 and Karen Brophy
 David R. Buchholz, Jr.
 Christian S. and Jessica L. Burrill
 Cameron '55 and Dorothy Carlyle
 John P. and Susan Cary
 Robert A. '69 and Susan Caserta
 Ruth W. Clark
 Hill W. and Judy Colbert
 Jan Y. Cook
 Robert T. Crovo '74H '74
 Richard R. '56 '58 and Barbara Del Favero
 Richard A. '65 and Patricia Demsey
 Peter S. '64 and Hinda M. Drotch
 Stephen D. and Camille Fish
 Arnold H. and Norene Z. '79 Foster
 Audrey E. Foster
 Geraldine U. Foster
 Norman R. '58 and Winifred A. Freyer
 Timothy L. and Anne B. Gallagher
 Dorothy C. Goodwin '57 '88H*
 Colleen Gruner '82
 Marilyn Hafner
 John M. '53 and Betty Y. Herr
 Harvey Hoberman '57 '60
 G. Michael '67 Ph.D. and Jane D. Howard
 Byiung Jun and Chungha Park
 Samuel S. '61* and Virginia S. Kalmanowitz
 Chester W. Kitchings, Jr.
 Charles R. Klewin '71 '74
 Karl J. and Tina K. Krapek
 Robert J.* and Nihla Lapidus

Peter '50 and Carolyn Lind
Henry B. Low
John P. and Judith A. Maloney
David P. Marks and Dr. Ann M. Sagalyn
Elaine '78 and Christopher McLeod
Michael E. '81 '94 and Barbara A. McPhee
John H. and Anita Miller
William M. '57 and Diane E. Morlock
Victoria C. Nozko
Emeka Okafor '04
Robert G. Oneglia
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Robert N. Rich
Anthony Rizza '87
Theodore P. and Ruth Rossi
Benjamin C.* and Joyce Schilberg
Helene D. Scoville
Peter M. '57 and Judy Shanley
Pat L. '51 and Josephine A. '50 '55 Sinatro
Benjamin J. and Helene R. Sisti
John A.* and Florence M. Solomon
J. Roger and Joyce A. Tamer
Daniel D. '87 and Tresa Toscano
Zoltan B. and Joy Tuba
Peter J. Werth
Peter J. Werth III '80 and Suzanne Werth
W. Douglas '65 '75 and Diane Willett
Bob L. Wright and Charlene M. Basso-Wright
Eric M. and Jessica P. Zachs

Constitution Circle

Named in honor of Connecticut, the Constitution State, the Constitution Circle honors donors whose cumulative gifts and pledges total between \$100,000 and \$249,999.

Ann S. Abbott
Elias F. '74 and Annette W. Aburdene
Neil A. Alan and Franciene A. Lehmann '89
David L. Albrycht '89
Jan A. Alpert '78 and Cal Beltman
Samuel '50 and Nancy Jo Altschuler
Carmen J. '68 and Marlene T. '68 Ammirato
Frank '77 and Rebecca Antonacci
Nancy A. Antonez
Timothy J. '79 and Suzanne '80 '84 Arborio
Dorothy Archibald*
Geno and Kathryn Auriemma
Karen H. and Carl S. '63 Balko
Paul F. and Barbara E. Barbour
Arline J. Baum
Michael D. and Deidra L. Baum
Christopher S. and Catherine C. Beckius
Ramona T. Beckius
Scott F. '80 and Sandy Beecher
Stuart '53 and Barbara Benson
Douglas A. '85 and Melissa B. Bernstein
Louise S. Berry '52 '61 '80
Andy F. Bessette '75 and Cheryl Noel-Bessette '87
John M. Biancamano, Jr. '70 '88 and Shelley A. Biancamano
Phillip I. Blumberg '94H and Ellen A. Peters '92H

Louis A. '67 and Claudia Boggio
Lee F. and Donna L. Bolger
Kenneth L. and Judith W. Boudreau
Bert Boyson
W. Philip Braender, Jr.* and Nancy C. Braender
Donald G. Brenner '75
Neil C. Brickley '77
Jeffrey L. '78 and A. Elaine '78 '80 Brickman
Louis and Gertrude Y. Brown
Ronald L. and Carin S. Buckman
Robert J. '74 '77 and Beverly G. Bundy
Peter S. and Sally R. '90 Burgess
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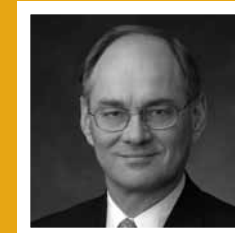
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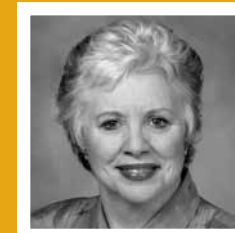
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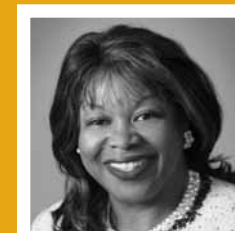
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MARY ANN W. GILLEECE '62 is a partner at Holland & Knight in Washington, D.C. Gilleece began her career as a teacher. Following law school, she was appointed assistant attorney general in Massachusetts. She held positions as a partner at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips and founding attorney and managing director at Van Scoyoc Kelly. She served as counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Armed Services and deputy undersecretary of defense for research and engineering at the U.S. Department of Defense. She also has been an adjunct faculty member at George Mason University. She is on the boards of AverStar and Firearms Training Systems. She is on the boards of McDonald Bradley, the USO of Metropolitan Washington and the National Contract Management Association, where she's also a fellow. She has been elected to the boards of the National Defense Industrial Association, and was elected to a lifetime membership of Women in Defense. Gilleece earned a B.A. in education from the Neag School of Education, a J.D. from Suffolk University Law School and an LL.M. from George Washington University Law School.



GWENDOLYN SMITH ILOANI is chairman, president and CEO of Smith Whiley & Co., which she founded in 1994. Smith Whiley, which manages more than \$222 million in assets, is one of the largest private equity firms in the country owned by a woman or African-American. In 2006, Iloani was named one of the 50 most powerful businesswomen in America by *Black Enterprise* magazine. Previously, she was managing director at Aetna. She is a member of the Board of Trustees and former chair of the audit committee of Colgate University. She is a lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Iloani earned a B.A. in sociology from Colgate College and an M.B.A. from the University of Hartford.



JOHN F. KRENICKI, JR. '84 '07H is vice chairman of General Electric and president and CEO of GE Energy. During 23 years at GE, he has served as CEO of GE-Bayer Silicones, GE Transportation Systems, GE Plastics and GE Advanced Materials. He also has served as VP and general manager of the Americas for GE Lighting and GE Superabrasives. He has been co-chair of the GE African-American Forum, GE university executive for the University of Michigan and a member of the GE Elfun Society. He is on the Advisory Board of the UConn School of Engineering. The school honored him with the Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award in 2000 and inducted him as a founding fellow of the Academy of Distinguished Engineers Hall of Fame in 2003. Krenicki earned a B.S. in mechanical engineering from the School of Engineering, an honorary doctorate from UConn and an M.B.A. from Purdue University. Krenicki and his wife, Donna, are Constitution Circle members of The Founders Society.



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JOHN W. RAFAL '71 is founder, president and CEO of Essex Financial Services (formerly John W. Rafal & Associates). Essex Financial Services, a subsidiary of Essex Savings Bank, is a financial services firm that manages more than \$1.7 billion in assets. Rafal has been named to lists of top financial advisors by *Registered Rep.*, *Research Magazine* and *Barron's*. Previously, he was director of Maritime Bank and Trust. He serves on the boards of Essex Savings Bank, Middlesex Memorial Hospital, the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center and the Cove Center for Grieving Children. He has been a trustee of the Connecticut River Museum and the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra. He is a member of the Connecticut and American Bar Associations, the Investment Management Consultants Association and the Financial Planning Association. He earned a B.A. in political science from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and a J.D. from Temple University. Rafal and his wife, Dyanne, are Charter Oak Circle members of The Founders Society.



GENERAL ROBERT W. RISCASSI '58 (ret.) is senior VP of L-3 Communications Holdings, a leading supplier to the aerospace and defense sectors. Riscassi retired as a four-star general from the U.S. Army after 35 years of distinguished service. Previously, he was U.S. Army commander in chief of the United Nations Command and the U.S. Combined Forces Command in Korea. In private industry, he served as VP of land systems at Lockheed Martin. Riscassi is on the Advisory Board for the Spectrum Group and has been on the boards of ATK Corp., the National Defense Panel, the Commission on Roles and Missions, the National Intelligence Council and the Washington Institute of Foreign Affairs. He is on the Boards of Directors for the Fort Leavenworth Foundation, Command and General Staff College Foundation, the Korea Society and the Atlantic Council of the United States. Riscassi received the UConn Distinguished Alumni Award in 1989. Riscassi earned a B.A. in history from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, an M.S. in political science from Auburn University and degrees from the U.S. Army War College and the Air Command and Staff College.



STEPHEN J. SILLS is co-founder, chairman, president and CEO of Darwin Professional Underwriters. Previously, he was founder and CEO of Executive Risk, Inc., which was bought by the Chubb Corp., of which he became executive VP. Sills is president of the Professional Liability Underwriting Society, which honored him with the Founders Award in 1997. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Sills earned a B.S. in economics from the University of Tennessee.



DANIEL D. TOSCANO '87 is co-head of leveraged and acquisition finance in the Americas at HSBC. Previously, he was managing director and head of senior debt capital markets in the Americas at Deutsche Bank in New York City. Toscano also held top-level positions at Deutsche Bank's predecessor, Bankers Trust. Toscano philanthropically supports Norwalk Hospital, Stepping Stones Museums for Children, the Joshua House Fund, the Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah, the University of Utah Health Sciences Center and Special Olympics. Toscano was elected in 2006 and 2007 to serve on the Board of Directors of the Loan Syndications and Trading Association. He graduated *magna cum laude* with a B.S. in finance from the School of Business and earned an E.M.B.A. from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

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