



CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

At a Glance

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Established – 2011

Statutory Authority – Title 10a of the Connecticut General Statutes

System Office – 39 and 61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT 06105-2337

Organizational Structure – The Board of Regents for Higher Education is composed of 15 voting members: nine appointed by the Governor, four appointed by legislative leadership, and the chair and vice-chair of the Student Advisory Committee. On the Board as non-voting members are the Commissioners of Education, Economic and Community Development, Labor and Public Health. Beginning October 1, 2013, the Faculty Advisory Committee chairperson will join the Board as a non-voting member. The chair of the Board of Regents is appointed by the Governor.

The Board of Regents is the governing board for 17 public institutions of higher education in the State, including 12 community colleges, four state universities, and one distance learning college.

Appointed Board Members*

Yvette Meléndez – Acting Chair/Vice Chair

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*There are two current vacancies subject to appointment by the Governor

Ex-Officio Board Members**

Eugene L. Bell, Chair, Student Advisory Committee
Tom Failla, Chair, Faculty Advisory Committee (as of October 1, 2013) (non-voting)
Dr. Jewel Mullen, Commissioner, Department of Public Health (non-voting)
Sharon Palmer, Commissioner, Department of Labor (non-voting)
Stefan Pryor, Commissioner, Department of Education (non-voting)
Catherine Smith, Commissioner, Department of Economic and Community Development (non-voting)

**There is one current vacancy, with voting rights, for the vice-chair of the Student Advisory committee.

Institution Presidents

James Lombella, Interim President, Asnuntuck Community College
Wilfredo Nieves, President, Capital Community College
John W. Miller, President, Central Connecticut State University
Ed Klonoski, President, Charter Oak State College
Elsa Núñez, President, Eastern Connecticut State University
Dorsey L. Kendrick, President, Gateway Community College
Anita Gliniecki, President, Housatonic Community College
Gena Glickman, President, Manchester Community College
Anna Wasescha, President, Middlesex Community College
Daisy Cocco De Filippis, President, Naugatuck Valley Community College
Barbara Douglass, President, Northwestern Connecticut Community College
David L. Levinson, President, Norwalk Community College
Carmen Cid, Interim President, Quinebaug Valley Community College
Mary A. Papazian, President, Southern Connecticut State University
Grace Sawyer Jones, President, Three Rivers Community College
Cathryn L. Addy, President, Tunxis Community College
James W. Schmotter, President, Western Connecticut State University

Full-time Employees (Fall 2012) – 5,547

Part-time Employees (Fall 2012) – 5,981

Recurring Operating Expenditures: Operating Fund – \$619,767,505

General Fund – \$488,114,604

Building Value – \$2,869,258,187

Content Value – \$386,334,927

Total Student Enrollment (Fall 2012) – 95,962

Mission

The Connecticut State Colleges & Universities (ConnSCU) contribute to the creation of knowledge and the economic growth of the state of Connecticut by providing affordable, innovative, and rigorous programs. Our learning environments transform students and facilitate an ever increasing number of individuals to achieve their personal and career goals.

About Connecticut State Colleges & Universities

- In the last two decades, ConnSCU institutions have conferred over 311,000 degrees and certificates. Over 22,000 of these completions occurred in the 2011-2012 academic year.
- Connecticut State Colleges and Universities educate Connecticut students. About 96% of ConnSCU students are Connecticut residents.
- With over 95,000 students, the ConnSCU system is the second-largest public college system in New England.
- About 47% of all college students in Connecticut attend a ConnSCU institution.
- Non-credit programs, such as those targeting workforce training, serve an additional 30,000 students.

Notes and Achievements in 2012-2013

BOARD OF REGENTS

- Completed a successful search for a permanent president, Dr. Gregory W. Gray, who began his tenure on July 1, 2013.
- Received the 2013 National Innovation and Integration Award from the Society of College & University Planners for the creation and operation of a statewide advanced manufacturing program at several community colleges.
- Undertaking a state-funded effort to increase the number of full-time teaching faculty, as well as student counselors, for the 2013-2014 academic year.
- Finalized unique mission statements for each subset of institution: the community colleges, state universities, and Charter Oak State College.

ASNUNTUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Career placement rates for Asnuntuck's manufacturing technology center graduates exceeded 80% before graduation and surpass 90% within three months of graduation.
- Signed agreement with UCONN and Pratt & Whitney to establish the first program in the region designed to meet the needs of area manufacturers in the growing field of additive manufacturing technology.
- Holds the highest graduation rate within the Connecticut Community Colleges.
- Featured in the *SENSE* publication Effective Practice with Entering Students (March 2010) as best practice college in the benchmark for setting high expectations and aspirations. In 2012, Asnuntuck had outperformed national top-performing colleges on two of the six *SENSE* benchmarks – High Expectations and Aspirations; and Academic and Social Support Network.

CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Received approval for a \$300,000 challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to sustain its Hartford Heritage Program, an initiative linking courses with the city's cultural and historic institutions.
- Received the inaugural "Higher Education Excellence in Diversity" award from *INSIGHT into Diversity* magazine for its diversity and inclusion initiatives. Capital is recognized as a Hispanic serving institution and enrolls the second highest percentage of minority students among 252 New England institutions.

- Partnered with community based organizations to offer innovative classroom and lab based culinary and urban farming workforce training programs.
- Wilfredo Nieves, president, Capital Community College, was honored with Middlesex United Way's highest and most prestigious volunteer honor, the Community Service Award, for his length and continuity of volunteer service.

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

- The Institute of International Education Open Doors 2012 report ranked CCSU's Study Abroad program twenty-third among master's granting institutions for the number of students studying abroad. CCSU's short-term, faculty-led Course Abroad program received particular distinction, ranking eleventh in the nation among master's-level institutions.
- The Education Trust ranked CCSU seventeenth in the nation among public institutions in closing the achievement gap for African American students, and twenty-third in the nation for improvement in African American student graduation rates.
- Selected by the Princeton Review for the fourth consecutive year as one of the most environmentally responsible colleges in the U.S.A. and Canada.
- The University estimates that its endowment as of June 30, 2013 will reach yet another all-time high of more than \$48,500,000.
- Tamika Knight '00 BS, a fifth-grade teacher at Annie Fisher STEM School in Hartford, received the Milken Educator of the Year award which comes with \$25,000 from the Milken Family Foundation.
- The Honorable Carmen Espinosa '71 BS, a former federal prosecutor and state appellate court judge, became the first Latina to be appointed to the Connecticut State Supreme Court.

CHARTER OAK STATE COLLEGE

- Received \$150,000 Grant from EDUCAUSE and the Innovation League to participate in the *Breakthrough Models Incubator* program organized by the Gates Foundation.
- Performed its first graduate level credit assessment for the Connecticut Science Center's Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Academy for Teachers.
- Gained approval for its second major by converting a concentration in health care administration.
- Grew total credit hours by 4%.
- Expanded offerings of an online faculty training course called iTeach for ConnSCU institutions through the Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium.
- Expanded eTutoring program to two provinces in Canada. Over 130 institutions across 14 states and two Canadian provinces are now users of eTutoring, also through CTDLC.

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

- Named a "Great College to Work For" by the Chronicle of Higher Education for the fifth year in a row.
- Named a Green Campus by the Princeton Review and the U.S. Green Building Council four years in a row.

- Reached a record 4,200 donors (2,100 alumni, also a record). The ECSU Foundation handed out a record \$500,000 in scholarships in April 2013.
- President Elsa Núñez received the Willard M. McRae Community Diversity Award from Liberty Bank in October 2012.
- Alumnus Marc Freeman '93 was awarded a lifetime Howard Hughes Research Grant for his work in cancer research at UMASS Medical School. This means he will continue to receive major research grant funding each year for the rest of his professional career.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Hosted its third annual Veteran's Resource and Job Fair in March 2013. Veterans from all over the state were invited to participate.
- In partnership with the state Department of Public Health and the Connecticut Cancer Partnership, developed the first Patient Navigator Program in the state. Patient Navigators are professionals who work in hospitals, doctors' offices and in social work settings helping patients navigate their health care and teaching them to advocate for themselves to get the care they need and deserve. Initial internship sites include Yale-New Haven Hospital, Columbus House and Project Access.
- As part of a larger plan supporting Gateway Community College's (GCC) LEED Gold building status, the college teamed up with the City of New Haven, CT Transit, and private-sector developer, Carter Winstanley, to offer financial incentives for students to ride Connecticut Transit buses to and from school. The city of New Haven began this successful program by initially distributing free bus passes to students when the Gateway downtown campus first opened in the fall of 2012.
- Partnered with the New Haven Superintendent of Schools to host a discussion with a variety of key stakeholders (educators, funders and community groups) in New Haven and across the state to develop a shared understanding of the data regarding college preparedness for public high school students and to develop a shared commitment to address the need to ensure that students graduate high school ready for college and the workforce. This is part of Gateway's successful Middle College Initiative.

HOUSATONIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- The library received a \$100,000 grant for an 18-month financial literacy program. The grant, awarded by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and the American Library Association (ALA), will be used to establish an eight-part workshop series on financial topics such as budgeting, savings, banking, avoiding debt, handling credit, credit repair, and paying for college. HCC is the only community college library in the U.S. to receive a FINRA grant.
- HCC continued its work with secondary schools with the Girls in Tech Expo program for over 100 girls to explore and consider STEM careers that they might not otherwise have been exposed to, nor considered. Program highlights include: Shelton High School Robotics Team, STEM workshops presented by HCC faculty, Kathryn Hauser from News 12 CT as the keynote speaker. In collaboration with the Bridgeport High Schools, students who are rising seniors attend HCC and earn college credits. Over seventy rising senior students participated in 12/13.
- HCC Foundation reorganized its grant program and dramatically improved both efforts and outcomes resulting in \$294,000 grants received. In addition, the Foundation received

the largest gift in the history of the College – \$400,000 – to support full-time students with full scholarships, including tuition, fees, books and a cash stipend.

- HCC opened the Advanced Manufacturing Center for fall semester 2012 and graduated the first students who earned certificates in May 2013. Multiple local companies participated in the curriculum development, established internship opportunities and donated funds for student scholarships.

MANCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- In September Manchester Community College was named one of the top workplaces in the greater Hartford area, and was recognized again in February 2013 as one of the top 150 places to work in the United States by the Hearst Media Group/CT1 Media and WorkplaceDynamics, LLP. The award is compiled solely on employee feedback.
- MCC was chosen by the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU) as one of ten community colleges to participate in the *Developing a Community College Student Roadmap Project*. The project helps community colleges create programs that support students in their learning outside of the classroom, such as tutoring and mentoring, that are tied to specific learning outcomes.
- Manchester Community College held its 49th annual commencement ceremony which was the largest graduating class ever. With 864 graduates, MCC continued its upward trend of graduates, up nearly ten percent since 2011. Graduates were from 83 towns in Connecticut and ten other states.
- The MCC Foundation held the 21st annual *Evening of Fine Wines* which raised a record-breaking \$156,000 (net) to support student scholarships and collegiate programming. Nearly 700 individuals attended the event, which was sponsored by Rockville Bank and honorary chair William H.W. Crawford, IV.
- Rebecca Townsend, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Communication at MCC, was honored at the White House as a Transportation Champion of Change. Townsend received the award for her work as the Principal Investigator for the Partnership for Inclusive, Cost-Effective Public Participation. Through the project she integrated community service learning, cultural communication, and productive deliberation in transit planning public involvement efforts.

MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Received legislative approval for \$44 million for design and construction of a new environmentally sustainable 69,000 square-foot academic building. The building will house MxCC's health, life sciences, and engineering programs, and will allow the college to offer new courses in the arts, communication, and theater.
- Named a "2012 Great College to Work For" by the Chronicle of Higher Education – making it the only community college in Connecticut to be recognized. The designation is based on a survey of employees at 294 colleges and universities nationwide.
- Became the first community college in Connecticut to start a Mu Alpha Theta national math honor society chapter, and the College inducted the first seven students into the chapter this semester. The chapter supports the College's efforts to move toward a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).
- Peter Galgano, MxCC's media associate and veterans outreach coordinator, was inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2012. After serving as sergeant in

the Marine Corps in Vietnam, Peter became actively involved in countless veterans' activities. Recent projects have been the CT Trees of Honor Memorial, a memorial video for the 63 Gold Star families of Connecticut troops lost in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the Marine Corps League's Military Funeral Honors Detail and Wake Service. At MxCC, he works with state agencies and military support groups to provide counseling and guidance to all servicemen and women – which is part of the reason MxCC was named a 2013 Military Friendly School by G.I Jobs Magazine.

NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- The Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center opened on time and fully staffed this year. A total of 113 Level I and Level II certificates were awarded this spring, with 30 Level II students participating in internships provided by 21 manufacturing companies. Thirty-four students have received firm job offers, or have decided to pursue NVCC Associates degrees, with more pending. NVCC and its partners raised \$165,000 to support the program, which was strengthened when the Smaller Manufacturers Association relocated its office to the College.
- NVCC Danbury Center recently gained approval from the Board of Regents for Higher Education to offer A.S. degrees in Business Management and General Studies, as well as Administrative Support and Business Management certificates. NVCC Danbury Center has experienced significant incremental growth over the last eight years, seeing a 15 percent enrollment growth from spring 2012 to spring 2013.
- Completed its first year administering a GEAR UP program, offering more than 2,400 sixth and seventh grade students academic support and mentorship aiming towards high school graduation. More than 1,000 students visited NVCC throughout the year as part of the program.
- Received “The Father Cascia Community Service Award” given by the St. Vincent de Paul Mission in recognition of the College’s leadership and community service by keeping the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen open on Sundays.
- Selected to host a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence for a second consecutive year. Last year, NVCC’s Fulbright Scholar, Pascal Meccariello, became the first Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence to teach at a Connecticut community college. This fall NVCC and Capital Community College welcome Oonya Kempadoo, a creative writer and novelist from Grenada.

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Obtained over \$1,000,000 in federal and private foundation grants.
- Completed comprehensive self-study and team visit for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) regional accrediting commission. Specialized accreditations granted for Nursing (RN program) and Early Childhood Education.
- Had a record number of graduates in Nursing, Veterinary Technology, Medical Assisting, and Early Childhood Education.
- Dr. Pat Bouffard, Dean of Academic and Student Affairs, received Woman of the Year award from National Association of Professional Women.

NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis came to Norwalk in October to announce the award of \$12.1 million in Department of Labor funding for a workforce training grant. NCC will lead a seven-college ConnSCU consortium in establishing programs in the expanding health and life sciences fields.
- In observance of the sesquicentennial of the Emancipation Proclamation, The National Endowment for the Humanities chose NCC as one of 25 sites in the nation to host a travelling exhibition on “Abraham Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War.” The exhibition included interactive displays depicting key points in history and never before seen documents, including slavery bills of sale and the hand-written autobiography of an Ohio schoolteacher whose home was a stop on the Underground Railroad.
- Earned a place on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll (2010, 2012, 2013) for the widespread institutional commitment to community and civic engagement. In 2012, NCC students contributed more than 8,120 hours of volunteer service to 40 organizations in lower Fairfield County.
- Finalized its Climate Action Plan, a blueprint for becoming a climate neutral campus by 2025 and for integrating concepts of sustainability throughout the curriculum. NCC’s Building Efficiency and Sustainable Technology degree program won a 2012 Green Coast Award from Conscious Decisions, a national organization dedicated to raising awareness of green living practices.
- Professor of History and Political Science, Steven Berizzi, received the John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award for outstanding community college teaching and leadership from the League for Innovation. A graduate of Harvard University, Berizzi is a Civil War scholar who lectures widely on Abraham Lincoln, slavery and the Constitution.

QUINEBAUG VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Awarded over \$8 million to build an Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center on the Danielson campus. The Center also recognized its first graduating class of 33 students with 31 of those gaining employment in manufacturing – 77% of those students had a GPA of 3.4 or higher.
- Began construction for a new facility in the way of a 38,000 s/f addition for the Quinebaug Middle College and Quinebaug Valley Community College, and 12,000 s/f renovation to the existing cafeteria and library.
- QVCC engineering student and an intern at local aerospace manufacturer Whitcraft, Edward Graff, received the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. Graff is graduating with the highest GPA of any engineering science major in the College’s history.
- QVCC was awarded a \$154,211 ConnCAS grant from the Connecticut College Access and Success Program through the Connecticut Office of Higher Education. Designed to strengthen minority retention and graduation at Connecticut’s colleges and universities, the QVCC Willimantic Center will administer the grant and their proposal titled “The Learners, Leaders, Partners program (LLP)” that targets Windham County students entering college for the first time.
- Ray Coombs, President of Westminster Tool and Quinebaug Manufacturing Institute, was the winner of the Manufacturing Leadership 100 Award in the individual category of Advocacy. These awards honor companies and individuals that are shaping the future of

global manufacturing. He was also the winner of the QVCC Community Merit Award for his commitments to QVCC and manufacturing education over the past years.

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

- Broke ground for a major renovation of Buley Library, that will double the size of the original building, and for a new academic and laboratory science building that will be home to cutting-edge programs in nanotechnology, applied physics, chemistry and other STEM fields. The university also opened a new School of Business building and a new, 1,200-space parking garage.
- Southern's new home for the School of Business received LEED Gold certification – only the second building in the state to receive this recognition of “green” construction. The university also received the statewide Power of Change Top Building Award for its team-based effort to reduce electricity use in nine residence halls.
- Southern introduced a new master's degree in applied physics, designed to promote workforce development in Connecticut by providing an educational pathway for individuals seeking applied research and management positions in the state's high-tech industries.
- Chosen to participate in a seven-year, \$31.5 million GEAR UP project designed to serve 3,000 middle school students in New Haven, Waterbury and East Hartford. The university will offer services, mentoring, summer programs, and academic and arts enrichment to 320 entering New Haven seventh graders and their families through 2018, with the selected students being eligible for college scholarships.
- Deborah Carroll, professor of psychology, was named Connecticut Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement and Support of Education. Noted by peers as “the epitome of the teacher-scholar,” Carroll drew praise for both her innovative pedagogy and her mentorship of students.
- Brendan Walsh, a student in the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program, was chosen for a Fulbright U.S. Student Award to teach English in Laos. He is just the second Southern student to receive this prestigious national award.

THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- 2013 marked the 50th Anniversary of the creation of Three Rivers Community College. Mohegan College and Thames Valley State Technical College merged in 1963 eventually becoming one campus known as Three Rivers Community College. A celebration was held at the college on May 8th.
- Received the Garrett Lee Smith Suicide Prevention Grant, a \$100,000 annual grant designed to promote suicide prevention on college campuses. TRCC has taken a holistic wellness approach to the grant, offering services and programs across the wellness spectrum, from physical (free yoga, total body conditioning, and tai chi classes) to mental health (drop-in counseling, depression screenings).
- Three Rivers Middle College (TRMC) opened September 4, 2012. This middle college is a high school within the College. Eleven students graduated from TRMC in June 2013; the majority will continue at TRCC.
- The Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut named Three Rivers Community College President Grace Sawyer Jones its Citizen of the Year. The announcement was made at a February 3, 2012 press conference during which Chamber President and CEO

Tony Sheridan commended Jones on her hard work, professionalism and contribution to the southeastern Connecticut community.

TUNXIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Recently opened new classroom building containing 17 general purpose classroom and two computer labs. This building represents phase two of the campus construction master plan and will add 56,000 square feet of space to the campus “footprint.”
- Held its first recognition ceremony for Transportation Security Administration employees who graduated from the homeland security certificate program. The graduates received certificates from the Transportation Security Administration, which they can apply toward an associate degree in criminal justice or other programs at Tunxis. Tunxis is the only college in Connecticut, and one of approximately 50 colleges from across the country, participating in the training program which encourages TSA employees to further their post-secondary education and attain credentials to advance in their careers.
- Chosen by the MetroHartford Alliance for Careers in Healthcare (MACH) to deliver accelerated Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) training as part of a pilot initiative that responds to employer demand for CNAs with enhanced skill sets.
- Received a \$5,000 grant from Liberty Bank Foundation to purchase equipment to expand its mobile dental hygiene program. The mobile dental units, which supplement the work the students perform in community dental clinics, are part of its outreach to Avery Heights Nursing Home in Hartford, Marlborough Nursing Home and other sites.
- Tunxis Community College librarian Rachel Hyland was one of ten librarians in the country to receive the 2012 Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times “I Love My Librarian” Award during a ceremony at The Times Center in New York City. The annual award recognizes the contributions of exceptional public, school, college, community college and university librarians. Hyland received the honor for changing the way students, faculty and administrators think about information literacy at Tunxis, and her skill for finding relevant, authoritative material to share with the college community.

WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

- His Holiness the Dalai Lama presented talks on “The Art of Compassion” and “Advice for Daily Life.” More than 6,000 people attended the events over two days in the university’s William O’Neill Athletic and Convocation Center. President James W. Schmotter presented the Nobel Prize winner and spiritual leader of Tibet with an honorary degree.
- Named a University of Compassion – one of the first in the country – and founded a Center for Compassion, Creativity and Innovation to promote understanding of the ways that compassion can influence decisions in business, personal relationships and other aspects of daily living.
- Named to the 2013 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, recognizing the university’s commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement. One project that helped Western earn the distinction is “Building a Bridge to Improve Student Success,” a collaboration between WCSU and Bethel and Danbury high schools and middle schools that matches high school standards with college expectations by preparing students to continue onto a higher education and skip over remedial classes.

- Jazz artist and WCSU professor Jimmy Greene received the Governor's Arts Award during the International Festival for Arts and Ideas in New Haven. Greene, an assistant professor of music and assistant coordinator of jazz studies, led a performance by the Jimmy Greene Quartet to conclude the ceremony. The award recognizes outstanding service to the arts in Connecticut.
- Katherine Marsan became the fourth WCSU student in the past five years to be named a Fulbright scholar. This fall she will be working at the University of Tartu in Estonia for nine months, during which time she will take fiddle lessons and study education and the folk music of the European nation. While at Western, Marsan served as president and vice president of the Newman Club; treasurer, vice president and co-creator of the Chamber Music Club; and volunteer at the Salvation Army in Danbury. She was also a member of the Honors Student Organization and WCSU Opera Ensemble.