

# Board of Regents for Higher Education



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 CT Board of Regents for Higher Education is the governing board for the Connecticut State College and University (CSCU) System. The CSCU System is comprised of 17 public institutions of higher education, including 12 community colleges, four state universities, and one distance learning college.**

The Board consists of 21 members, including 15 voting members: nine members are appointed by the Governor, four members are appointed by legislative leadership, and two members are students (the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Student Advisory Committee). The six non-voting, ex-officio members are the Commissioner of the Department of Education, the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Commissioner of the Department of Labor, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee.

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***Full-time employees (Fall 2013) – 5,507***

***Part-time employees (Fall 2013) – 5,843***

***Recurring operating expenditures: Operating Fund – \$618,855,418***

***General Fund – \$566,354,117***

***Building Value – \$2,869,258,187***

***Content Value – \$386,334,927***

***Total Student Enrollment (Fall 2013) – 92,644***

### **Mission**

***The Connecticut State Colleges & Universities 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, CSCU institutions have conferred over 244,000 degrees and certificates. Over 15,000 of these completions occurred in the 2012-2013 academic year.
- Connecticut State Colleges and Universities educate Connecticut students. More than 97% of CSCU students are Connecticut residents.
- With over 91,000 students, the CSCU system is the second-largest public college system in New England.
- Approximately 96% of CSCU students are Connecticut residents.
- About 44% of all college students in Connecticut attend a CSCU institution.
- Approximately 80% of CSCU graduates remain in Connecticut after receiving their degree.
- Non-credit programs, such as those targeting workforce training, serve an additional 30,000 students.

## **Notes and Achievements 2013-2014**

### **Board of Regents for Higher Education**

Under the direction of Dr. Gregory Gray, the Board of Regents began “Transform CSCU 2020,” a long-term system improvement plan consisting of 36 critical initiatives across seven broad categories: enrollment and retention, academics and student experience, workforce of tomorrow, transparency and policies, information technology, efficiency, and facilities.

The initiatives are all designed to improve the CSCU value proposition to students, by enhancing the system’s ability to provide a quality student experience, with superior access to courses and programs at an affordable price, that offers the student greater preparation to achieve his or her life and career goals.

Throughout the Transform process and continuing into the fall, the Board of Regents has and will continue to receive input from thousands of stakeholders across multiple constituencies as precise plans and timelines are developed for each initiative. When these initiatives are executed over the course of the next several years, CSCU will be better able to serve the precise needs of students more effectively and efficiently, using facilities and technologies that meet the expectations of students and faculty, for the next decade and beyond.

### **Asnuntuck Community College**

- Celebrated ACC’s Freshwater Poetry Journal’s 15th anniversary. The journal draws from poets in Connecticut and internationally. This year’s publication includes CSCU faculty and students, a recent high school graduate, and a pathologist from a Hartford Hospital.
- Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center achieved National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) Re-certification in August 2014.

- Implemented a 5th Year program in Advanced Manufacturing Technology for middle school students throughout the region. Students will be able to earn an associate degree in Advanced Manufacturing within one year of graduating high school.
- Received two prestigious designations recognizing ACC's outstanding services for military and veteran students from Military Times Edge magazine and G.I. Jobs magazine.
- Received approval of veteran's benefits eligibility from the Connecticut Department of Higher Education for ACC's Continuing Education certificate healthcare programs.
- Asnuntuck's AMTC gave presentations to the National Governors' Association in Stamford, CT, and Santa Fe, NM.
- Opened a new student art gallery in which students design their own show and display their work to the public.
- Secured \$250,000 in year one of new scholarship funding for S.N.A.P. (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) recipients and provided scholarships to more than 100 students in Asnuntuck's Healthcare certificate licensure programs. This award is anticipated to increase to \$300,000 for FY15/16.

### **Capital Community College**

- Capital Community College is part of the Northeast Resilience Consortium to aid workforce development. A \$2.3 million grant from the Trade Assistance Act and the Labor Department is allowing the College to expand programs in green construction, emergency services, health and nutrition and cybersecurity and IT. Programs focus on veterans and dislocated workers and are making Capital more responsive to workforce needs in the regional and state economy. The Resilience grant follows receipt of \$1.3 million in labor department funds for a Health Careers Initiative.
- A seven-year partnership with Travelers Insurance involves Capital interns in the insurance and financial services field through the Crossroads to Careers program. What began at Capital has been extended to CCSU, UCONN and other institutions through Travelers' funded Empowering Dreams for Education and Employment initiative. Crossroads is a model for the partnerships the College is developing with other employers.
- A tuition-free financial literacy and responsibility course was launched enrolling more than 40 students with support from Guardian Life Insurance. Its success has led to a new year of the course in 2014-2015.
- Capital was again designated a "leader college" among two year schools in the nation in the effort to reduce achievement gaps among educationally disadvantaged students.

Reforms and new interventions are continuing from the College's participation in the Achieving the Dream initiative.

- Capital for a second year received a Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award for demonstrating a consistent effort and new activities in promoting respect for different cultures and traditions and strengthening diversity in teaching and learning.
- Capital in 2013 and 2014 earned a designation as a "Military Friendly School" serving an increasing number of returning veterans. Our veterans' center and services will be expanding at the student union on campus next year.
- The Hartford Heritage program continues to make downtown and the city's cultural and historic places a bigger part of the curriculum and student life. Students now have memberships at the Athenaeum, Mark Twain House, the Old State House and other sites and are partaking of performances at Theaterworks and Hartford Stage.
- Planning and recruiting began for The Capital Community College Magnet Academy that will give 11th and 12th graders the opportunity to earn their high school diploma and complete credits for an associate degree at the same time – free of charge.
- For the fourth consecutive year more than 500 graduates received degrees and certificates at commencement.

### **Gateway Community College**

- July 2013: Gateway campus received CT Green Building Council Public Award of Merit: <http://gatewayct.edu/publicaward>
- September 2013: GCC hosted North Atlantic Symposium for the Society for College and University Planning: <http://www.gatewayct.edu/Offices-Departments/Public-Affairs/News/News-Items/GCC-to-Host-LEEDing-the-Way-to-Change>"-North-Atlan
- December 2013: Gateway Community College among the first in the nation to receive the JED Campus Seal for comprehensive mental health programming: <http://www.gatewayct.edu/Offices-Departments/Public-Affairs/News/News-Items/Gateway-Community-College-Awarded-JedCampus-Seal>
- March 2014: GCC was the first college in Connecticut to receive "smoke-free campus" designation by the State Department of Public Health: <http://www.gatewayct.edu/Offices-Departments/Public-Affairs/News/News-Items/Gateway-Community-College-First-College-in-Connect>
- April 2014: Yale-New Haven Hospital Named GCC Nursing Suite: <http://www.gatewayct.edu/Offices-Departments/Public-Affairs/News/News-Items/Yale-New-Haven-Hospital-Names-GCC-Nursing-Suite>

- April 2014: GCC received 2014 Connecticut Leadership Award by American Lung Association: <http://www.gatewayct.edu/Offices-Departments/Public-Affairs/News/News-Items/Gateway-Honored-by-American-Lung-Association-For-B>
- May 2014: Gateway received the 2014 Workplace Wellness Award by the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.gatewayct.edu/Offices-Departments/Public-Affairs/News/News-Items/header>
- October 2013: President Kendrick received Community Leadership Award by Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce: <http://gatewayct.edu/kendrickchamber> and [http://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/kendrick\\_destefano\\_nab\\_chambers\\_top\\_awards/](http://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/kendrick_destefano_nab_chambers_top_awards/)
- December 2013: NAACP names Dorsey Kendrick among Connecticut's most influential African-American Leaders: <http://www.gatewayct.edu/Offices-Departments/Public-Affairs/News/News-Items/NAACP-Names-GCC-President-Kendrick-Among-Connectic>
- May 2014: President Kendrick received honorary degree and delivers keynote address at UNH graduation: <http://www.gatewayct.edu/Offices-Departments/Public-Affairs/News/News-Items/Dr-Dorsey-Kendrick-to-Receive-Honorary-Degree-from>
- September 2013: Professor Lorraine Li named 2013 CBEA Business Educator of the Year: <http://www.gatewayct.edu/Offices-Departments/Public-Affairs/Faculty-Staff-News/faculty-staff-news/Associate-Professor-Li-Recognized-for-Outstanding>
- April 2014: Susan Swirsky named PTK Distinguished Advisor: <http://www.gatewayct.edu/Offices-Departments/Public-Affairs/Faculty-Staff-News/GCC-s-Susan-Swirsky-Named-One-of-Phi-Theta-Kappa-s>
- April 2014: GCC student named New Century Scholar: <http://www.gatewayct.edu/Offices-Departments/Public-Affairs/Student-News/student-news/Gateway-Student-Named-New-Century-Scholar>

### **Housatonic Community College**

- Received a \$2.2 million grant from the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) program to train trade-impacted workers, veterans and others for high-skill, high wage jobs in information technology and health care fields. With this grant HCC established non-credit Certificate programs including Computer Support Specialist, Community Health Worker, Certified Nursing Assistant, Patient Care Technician, Pharmacy Technician, and Medical Coding and Billing. The grant also established a credit Certificate, Associate's Degree Medical Assistant program, and IT programs.

- A grant from the Financial Industry Authority (FINRA), Investor Education Foundation, and the American Library Association funded eight workshops on personal finance held at the college and open to the public at no charge. The workshops, “Smart About Money,” covered such subjects as banking basics, paying for college, credit, avoiding fraud, leaving the nest, tight-money budgeting, financial resources, and investing. The workshops were designed to enable students and graduates to deal more effectively with the today’s financial complexities.
- Received a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to develop curricula using solid modeling and technical computing to link mathematics and engineering technology, creating three dimensional objects. Students will actually hold 3D mathematical equations in their hands. Students will use integrated multidisciplinary software to develop software modules that teach mathematics, science, engineering and engineering technology courses, embedding the 3D modules into STEM courses.
- The HCC Foundation steering committee launched the American Manufacturing Hall of Fame at a kick-off event held at the college. Actor and Bridgeport native John Ratzenberger named the local manufacturers who will be formally inducted into the Hall of Fame in October, National Manufacturing Month. The Hall of Fame is designed to raise awareness of the positive aspects that Advanced Manufacturing brings to the economic health of the area.
- Led by Mike Amico, HCC Associate Professor of Psychology, HCC hosted two psychology conferences; the 19th annual meeting of the Northeast Conference for Teachers of Psychology, and the 53rd annual meeting of the New England Psychological Association. Dr. Daniel Schacter of Harvard delivered an update on the current understanding of the seven types of “errors” he has explored with special attention to absent mindedness. The roster of speakers also included nutrition expert Dr. Kelly Brownell of Yale, and autism specialist Dr. Kevin Pelphrey, also from Yale. The conference drew over 200 professionals in the field.
- Dr. Laurie Noe, professor of Early Childhood Education and coordinator of the Early Childhood Education Program, has received a multi-year Fulbright Scholarship to travel abroad to share her knowledge and expertise to benefit local educators in the importance of early childhood development and education. Dr. Noe will first visit Lima, Peru where she will consult for two weeks in August with the education faculty of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru.
- President Anita Gliniecki was elected president of the Bridgeport Rotary Club, a branch of Rotary International for the 2013-14 term of office.
- Additionally, President Gliniecki received the August F. Serra Award for a Lifetime of Excellence in Community Engagement given by the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County, the Susan L. Davis Women’s Leadership Award from the Women’s Leadership Council, an affiliate of the Regional Business Council, and the Leadership award from the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce.

- Shirley Gedney-Rubel, HCC graduate with a psychology concentration and Psi Beta officer, received the 2014 New England Psychological Association Honorary Undergraduate Scholar Award. This award is given to the top associate or baccalaureate graduate in psychology. It is the first time in the fifty-two year history of the New England Psychological Association to select an associate degree graduate.

### **Manchester Community College**

- Highlighting the critical importance of improving student success in America's community colleges, the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program named Manchester Community College as one of the nation's top 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the 2015 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence and \$1 million dollars in prize funds.
- The MCC Foundation, Town of Manchester and First Niagara Bank were awarded a 2014 Connecticut Main Street Center Award of Excellence in the "Main Street Partnerships" category for MCC on Main.
- MCC was one of six colleges and universities in Connecticut, and nearly 50 nationwide, to join the Multistate Collaborative to Advance Learning Outcomes Assessment. Higher education leaders and faculty from nine states are working together to evaluate authentic student work in ways that allow measurement of student achievement.
- MCC was rated 6th among 2-Year colleges by mtvU's Ratemyprofessors.com, the largest online destination for college professor ratings based entirely on students' input.
- The Alpha Upsilon Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at MCC was named a "5 Star Chapter" at the 2013 Annual Convention. The Five Star Chapter designation is the highest level that can be achieved by the chapters.
- President Gena Glickman was appointed to the Commission on Research, Technology and Emerging Trends with the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). She is also the incoming Vice President of the Greater Hartford Arts Council Board of Directors
- Endia DeCordova, Dean of Institutional Development and Community Engagement, was recently appointed to the Northeast Regional Board of the National Council on Black American Affairs.
- Four MCC faculty members presented at National conferences. English professors James Gentile and Ken Klucznik presented the college's work on college readiness at the American Association of Colleges and Universities Network for Academic Renewal Conference. Additionally, Professors Paul Edelen (math) and Tanya Millner-Harlee (English), together with CAO Sandra Palmer presented at the American Association of

Community Colleges Annual Conference on ways in which MCC is responding to the recently-introduced state law on remediation.

### **Middlesex Community College**

- Middlesex Community College continued its leadership role in sustainability efforts with dozens of environmental improvements such as: adding gardens and low-mow grass areas; use of LED and solar lighting; increasing recycling; using green chemistry techniques in labs; becoming a smoke-free campus; and creating the Student Environmental Association for Sustainability (SEAS) organization. The College set sustainability goals for its Strategic Plan, completed its first Greenhouse Gas emissions inventory, and is in the process of developing its Climate Action Plan (CAP).
- Full-time equivalent enrollment at MxCC increased 2.5 percent from 2012-2013, and the College graduated its largest class in its history. The College also renewed its shoreline presence by starting to offer college courses at Westbrook High School, and became part of the enhanced manufacturing apprenticeship through a multi-agency partnership, which includes the Connecticut Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship Training, Board of Regents for Higher Education, Connecticut Colleges and Universities, and the State Department of Education.
- MxCC began work on a \$1.6 million expansion to the cafeteria located in Founders Hall – which includes building an attached, covered, outdoor deck. The project adds 3,413-square feet of meeting and gathering space for students, and will serve as a stage for outdoor campus events. The College also designed and built a Center for New Media in the lower level of Chapman Hall.
- MxCC was named a “2013 Great College to Work For” by the Chronicle of Higher Education – the only community college in Connecticut to be recognized. The designation is based on a survey of employees at 300 colleges and universities nationwide, and is a reflection of the College's best practices and policies.
- MxCC received several grants and donations to improve services to students and the community. These include: \$5,000 from the Home Depot Foundation to fund a veterans memorial garden on campus; \$1,000 from Price Chopper's Golub Foundation to provide supplies for the Transitional Year Program (TYP); \$1,500 from Connecticut Humanities to fund the College's Women's History Month program, featuring events with best-selling author and MxCC alumna Beverly Donofrio; and \$9,840 from the Cuno Foundation to fund the Meriden Center's New York Times in College project for the academic year and to partially underwrite the Meriden Center's intensive college prep summer workshops in math and English.
- The Telly Awards has named Middlesex Community College's Corporate Media Center as a bronze winner in the 35th Annual Telly Awards for their piece titled “The Functions and Values of Wetlands and Watercourses.” With nearly 12,000 entries from all 50 states

and numerous countries, this is truly an honor. A team of faculty, staff, and students produced the video, including Dan Nocera, Doug Rogers, Barbara Rogers, Rick Eriksen, and Lloyd Langevin. Student production assistants include Hollie Kinney, Trent Jones, Basheer Troche, Lahcen Rachem, and Cindy Gerstl.

- Professor Terence McNulty received the 2014 Board of Regents Teaching Award for Middlesex Community College.
- Professor Stephen Krevisky, a recipient of the 2013 Educational Excellence and Distinguished Service Award, used the funds to travel to Africa in July 2014 to teach a two-day workshop, “Early Developmental Mathematics: Foundational Skills for Teachers of Young Children,” for 200 teachers during the Summer Institute for Teachers of Young Children at the Center for Gender and Child Development, Michael Okpara University Agriculture College in Umudike Umuahia, Abia State, Nigeria.

### **Naugatuck Valley Community College**

- For the fifth consecutive year, NVCC broke its previous commencement record, granting 1,353 awards to 1,043 students this spring including 807 Associate in Science degrees, 66 Associate of Arts degrees and 480 certificates in various subjects and areas of specialization.
- In May 2014, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) officially accredited NVCC’s Danbury Center as a full-service campus which will enable the College to customize academic offerings with full instructional, student services, and administrative supports for students. A lease will be signed for a new Danbury Campus location in the near future.
- The Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center awarded 113 Level I and Level II certificates in its second year of operation. Of the 49 Level II graduates, 35 have been offered full-time employment and several others have offers pending. Grant applications have been submitted to offer the program at Abbott Tech in Danbury, and to create a Level III certificate program. The College continues to partner with the Smaller Manufacturers Association to meet the needs of our students and local manufacturers.
- Pass rates on certification and licensure exams for five of NVCC’s career programs are at or near the 100% level. NVCC’s Nursing program ranks in the top 5% nationally according to the National Council of State Boards for Nursing, and first in Connecticut, with a 97% pass rate on the NCLEX exam. The renovation of Founders Hall into a Center for Health Sciences will allow us to increase course offerings and update our labs and facilities.
- NVCC hosted Junot Díaz the Pulitzer Prize-winning author in November 2013. Díaz made NVCC the only community college stop on his international book tour to promote his work, *This Is How You Lose Her*.

- NVCC English Professor Juleyka Lantigua-Williams authored “This Is Our Story,” the last-ever print cover story for JET magazine, the African-American-focused news weekly, which will shift to a completely online format.
- The College hosted its second Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence, renowned author Oonya Kempadoo. Ms. Kempadoo taught Caribbean Literature and Creative Writing at NVCC and at Capital Community College, and established the ongoing, multi-media, interactive story project, “Naniki,” as her educational legacy.
- William H. Foster, III, NVCC Professor of English and comic book historian, created an exhibition about black comic book heroes. Housed in Denver’s Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library in February 2014, the exhibition detailed the rise and struggle of African-Americans to get fair and equal representation in the medium. In addition, Professor Foster was also featured in a full page article in the Litchfield County Times detailing his education, love of comic books and role in coordinating the fifth annual Brass City Comic Convention held at NVCC on July 20, 2014.

### **Northwestern Connecticut Community College**

- Northwestern received the Quality of Life Award from the NW CT Chamber of Commerce for its outstanding Associate Degree in Nursing Program and its non-credit Manufacturing Training program. Both programs have very high job placement rates.
- The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded a \$200,000 grant to Northwestern to develop a Manufacturing Technology degree. “MADE (Manufacturing Associate Degree Education) in NW Connecticut” will be developed in collaboration with area manufacturers and Oliver Wolcott Technical High School.

### **Norwalk Community College**

- In February, NCC was named one of only three colleges nationwide to lead a STEM Regional Collaborative to strengthen college-to-career pathways in “middle skill” occupations in science, technology, engineering and math. The college hosted an In-State Kickoff Institute in May which brought together community and educational partners for a strategic planning session led by facilitators from Achieving the Dream and Jobs for the Future.
- In April, Governor Malloy held a press conference at NCC to announce that Connecticut’s first Pathways in Technology Early College High School will open in fall 2014 and that NCC is a key player in the initiative. The six-year academy is a collaboration between NCC, IBM and the Norwalk Public Schools. Students will graduate with both a high school diploma and Associate degree from NCC.

- In May, The NCC Foundation received a \$700,000 grant from the Dalio Foundation to support Start2Finish@NCC, the college's three-year pilot program for student success. The program begins in fall 2014 and aims to significantly increase the number of students who complete an Associate degree or credential leading to employment or continuing education.
- In June, NCC received the Campus-Community Partnership Award from Connecticut Campus Compact for its partnership with Norwalk-based Family & Children's Agency (FCA) providing an afterschool program for 50 at-risk middle school children on the college's campus. NCC students assist as tutors and mentors for the children, and FCA has placed a social worker on campus to support college students in need of social services.
- NCC hosted a STEM Summer Bridge Program in July to prepare incoming freshmen for college-level work in STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and math) and to introduce them to STEM career pathways. The program was funded by the Connecticut Health and Life Sciences Career grant from the U.S. Dept. of Labor, with support from the Dalio Family Foundation.
- NCC President David L. Levinson, Ph.D. received the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County's Elizabeth Roberts Award for Excellence for furthering the United Way's work in education. He was honored for "leadership and dedication to providing educational opportunities and life success for all."
- Dr. Forrest Helvie, a professor in the NCC division of Academic Enrichment and First-Year Experience, received the 2014 Indiana University of Pennsylvania Scholarly Excellence Award for his doctoral dissertation on "Capes and the Canon: Comic Book Superheroes and Canonical American Literature." The dissertation was recently accepted for publication by McFarland Press.
- The NCC department of Marketing and Public Relations received a 2014 Gold Paragon Award for outstanding communications from the National Council on Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) for its "Annual Report on the College and Foundation." The award signifies First Place among all participating community colleges nationwide. NCMPR is an affiliate of the American Association of Community Colleges.

### **Quinebaug Valley Community College**

- At the beginning of 2014, QVCC opened Quinebaug Middle College, a 38,000 square-foot magnet school that will enhance educational opportunities for Northeast Connecticut students in grades 9 – 12.

- The College launched a Student Success Center – a one-stop location for the services most frequented by students, including admission, registration, academic advising, and financial assistance. The Center provides comprehensive information to help students with college processes, planning, and decision making to aid in their success.
- The Foundation established an endowment for the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center. To date, some \$400,000 has been raised to support the AMTC initiative.
- For the third consecutive year, QVCC students transferred to a four-year college or university or entered the workforce without any federal loan debt.
- Student Services initiated the Connect for Success Mentoring Program by assigning a “mentor” to all first-year fall and spring students. Mentors were on hand throughout the year to provide support when needed.
- Associate Professor of English Jon Andersen was a visiting poet at the International Poetry Festival in Serbia.
- Associate Professor of Psychology Ling-chuan Chu received the BOR Scholarship Award for ongoing research in the area of happiness and for her commitment to student research.
- Associate Professor of English Brian Kaufman earned the BOR Teaching Award for his work to develop a “reflective and strengths-based teaching practice.”

### **Three Rivers Community College**

- **Terrific Three Rivers Nuclear Technology Program Earns Visit from Washington D.C. Official:** One of the five Commissioners for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) with his chief of staff from Washington, DC visited the nuclear technology program at Three Rivers College to see firsthand “the best nuclear technology program in the nation.” Commissioner William D. Magwood, IV had a tour of the state-of-the-art nuclear simulator and health physics laboratories and held a 90 minute interactive session with the nuclear students about a wide range of commercial nuclear power topics. He also met with Professor James Sherrard, the nuclear program chairman, and Trad Horner, the Dominion Nuclear Connecticut scholarship coordinator, about the 30 year program to create a well-educated and trained nuclear workforce, which is considered to be the national model for academe-industry educational support.
- **Three Rivers Wins Approval From The Fiber Optic Association:** Three Rivers has been named an approved training school by the Fiber Optic Association, allowing TRCC to offer certification for basic fiber optic skills. Three Rivers will be the only approved school in southern New England! Professor Judy Donnelly has been certified as an instructor for the basic skill level course and Dan Courtney will also be a certified trainer.

- Techapalooza at Three Rivers a Success: The Eastern Advanced Manufacturing Alliance (EAMA) which consists of local manufacturing companies, Three Rivers Community College and Quinebaug Valley Community College hosted Techapalooza at Three Rivers from 5-8 PM on Thursday, May 8th. The manufacturing labs at Three Rivers were open for touring and manufacturing companies demonstrated the types of manufacturing that are done locally.
- TRCC Hosted Laser Camp VIII on February 21, 2014: This was the 8th year of Laser Camp, which brings high school students from Eastern CT to Three Rivers for a day of light-related activities. This year, students from Windham High School, Woodstock Academy and Plainfield High School visited. Laser Camp is supported by EastConn, the Optical Society of America (OSA), SPIE (the international society for optics and photonics) and the NSF Regional Center for Next Generation Manufacturing. Workshops included Making Stuff (with lasers), Light You Can't See and College and Careers.
- Three Rivers Community College Hosted “Security In An Insecure World” Global and Internet Security and Homeland Security and The Law: Three Rivers Community College hosted an event June 9 to June 13 entitled Security in an Insecure World. Presentations were on global security, homeland security, domestic terrorism, online security and the second amendment. Guest speakers included Rob Simmons, Col. U.S. Army (retired) and former U.S. Congressman from Connecticut and Captain Glenn M. Sulmasy (USCG), Chairman Humanities Department U.S. Coast Guard Academy.
- Three River’s Judith Albright MSN, RN, CWOCN 2014 Nightingale Recipient: Judy is deserving of this award for her hard work in the Nursing Department and the college. Judy serves a critical role in educating our students at TRCC. Judy demonstrates exceptional compassion for students who are entering the nursing program through guidance, mentoring, and supporting each student holistically.
- TRCC Professor Judy Donnelly Elected to 2013 Optical Society of America’s “Class of Fellows”: Professor Judy Donnelly, Program Coordinator, Laser and Fiber Optic Technology, was elected to be one of the 2013 Optical Society of America's "Class of Fellows." Only about 70 people have obtained this award, and Judy Donnelly is the only one from a community college to do so. (Professor Donnelly is among four women who have achieved this honor.)
- TRCC Professor James Sherrard Wins Prestigious Award: Dr. Sandra Krebsbach and Dr. Mike Mires presented the prestigious American Technical Education Award for the Best Technical Program in the Nation to Professor James Sherrard for the Nuclear Engineering Technology Degree Program at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich, CT. The nuclear program was selected among the technology disciplines from all technical degree programs at all two and four year colleges/universities in the nation. The ETAC of ABET accredited program was also cited for the exceptional scholarship/internship opportunities for local residents that it has maintained with Millstone Station since the inception of the program in 1983.

## **Tunxis Community College**

- In partnership with CT Women’s Education and Legal Fund (CWEALF) and Capital Workforce Partners, the Tunxis accelerated Certified Nurse Aide Training program, created to respond to employer demand for CNAs with enhanced skill sets, was recognized by Vice President Biden as an innovative model for meeting employer’s needs for health care workers.
- Tunxis Business & Industry Services delivered customized Lean Manufacturing training to two groups of employees from TRUMPF Inc., the largest manufacturer of fabricating equipment and industrial lasers in North America.
- Tunxis was ranked third in Connecticut in a 2013 Safety Rankings list by StateUniversity.com, and is the top ranked public Connecticut college on the list. To compile the list, StateUniversity.com utilized Cleary and FBI data from over 1,400 colleges and universities to assign the safety ratings.
- Over 70 dental hygiene and dental assisting students, faculty and alumni of Tunxis Community College volunteered their services for the Connecticut Mission of Mercy’s (CTMOM) seventh annual clinic, held April 25-26 at the XL Center in Hartford. The large-scale, multi-chair dental clinic provides free dental care to the underserved and uninsured in Connecticut, and is one of several community based learning experiences in which Tunxis dental students participate each year. Over 2,300 patients received approximately \$1.6 million of free dental services during the clinic.
- Professor Terry Cassidy, Ed.D., was a recipient of the Connecticut Board of Regents Teaching Awards for 2014. Awards are granted to nominees who have distinguished themselves as outstanding faculty through exceptional teaching methods and creative instructional delivery that enhance student learning.
- Professor of psychology, Fran O’Neil, Ph.D., received the Faculty Engaged Scholarship Award at CT Campus Compact’s 15th Anniversary Awards Breakfast at The Hartford Club earlier this summer. Dr. O’Neil, who has researched and taught the history and culture of Native Americans of the Southwest for over 15 years, was one of three Connecticut faculty awarded at the event. Her civic engagement projects with students have advocated for several of the Native American tribes during trips to the Reservations, including production of videos that are shared and distributed to the tribes and throughout Connecticut.
- Large-scale outdoor sculptures by Tunxis Community College professor Stephen Klema, “Hobbes’ Claw 2” and “Hobbes’ Claw—Unsheathed 2,” were on display in two national juried exhibitions through summer 2014: the 2013-2014 Sculpture Walk in Evergreen, CO, and the Jackson, TN/Union University Sculpture Tour (JUST) 2013-2014. Klema has produced over 50 pieces for exhibition throughout his career.

## **Charter Oak State College**

- Gained approval for our third major—Cybersecurity.
- Successfully launched Go Back to Get Ahead project for the CSCU system.
- One of seven colleges nation-wide to be selected by Public Agenda to serve on Competency Based Education think tank steering committee.
- Completed college-wide revamp of the student enrollment/registration process.
- Launched prior learning assessment scholarship pilot as part of Breakthrough Models Initiative grant.
- Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium (CTDLC) was awarded \$1.87 million from the State's IT Capital Investment Fund to develop the CT Education Academy program which will facilitate state employee training and professional development through an online learning platform.
- CTDLC's eTutoring.org online tutoring program continues to expand across North America, serving over 140 institutions across 14 states and two Canadian provinces.
- CTDLC formed the North East OER Consortium with sister consortia Massachusetts Colleges Online and UMassOnline. The North East OER Consortium was developed to build awareness and facilitate the adoption of open education resources regionally to increase student access to course materials while greatly reducing the cost of college textbooks.

## **Central Connecticut State University**

- The University welcomed President Barack Obama to campus as he joined Governors Dannel Malloy, Davao Patrick, Peter Shumlin, and Lincoln Chaffee, as well as US Labor Secretary Thomas Perez to rally support for the minimum wage increase.
- The C.J. Huang family bequeathed a gift of \$6.5 million to the University. The largest bequest in Central history, the gift will benefit the existing Huang scholarship fund and establish a new fund supporting scholarships to students in the CCSU schools of Business, Education & Professional Studies, and Graduate Studies. The gift will also provide supplemental support for a proposed new student recreation facility.
- The Institute of International Education's 2013 Open Doors Report ranked CCSU 17th in the nation for its short-term study abroad academic programs, and 27th for sending students abroad on all types of study abroad programs, including semester- and year-long programs. This is the sixth consecutive year CCSU has placed in the national rankings, and no other Connecticut institution of higher education places as highly.

- The University officially opened a new Confucius Institute, providing a gateway for educational, cultural, and business opportunities between Connecticut and mainland China. The Institute will offer study abroad opportunities, student scholarships, academic exchanges, teacher training, a summer language camp in China, and after-school and summer programs for at-risk youth in New Britain.
- The CCSU School of Business was awarded accreditation by the AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business). CCSU is only the second public university in Connecticut to earn this accreditation, and is one of only 687 worldwide.
- Professor of Engineering Nidal Al-Masoud received the “Distinguished Engineer of the Year” award by the Hartford chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Presented annually, this tribute acknowledges exemplary achievement and professionalism in the field of engineering.
- Professor of Geography Charles Button was one of 23 to be recognized by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) for efforts to protect the environment and natural resources during DEEP’s Green Circle awards ceremony. Button is the founder and chair of CCSU’s Global Environmental Sustainability Action Coalition and the President’s Advisory Council for Environmental Sustainability.

### **Eastern Connecticut State University**

- Following months of curricular development by faculty, Eastern launches five new majors this fall. Health Sciences, New Media Studies, Finance, and Liberal Studies (for early childhood and elementary education teaching candidates) will provide students with professional skills while responding to Connecticut’s workforce needs. A new Philosophy major—the linchpin of a liberal arts college—will invigorate intellectual dialog on campus.
- Academic year 2013-14 saw a milestone reached at Eastern, when we reached 201 full-time faculty. This fall, Eastern filled 20 tenured faculty positions to further strengthen our academic ranks.
- For several years, Eastern has hosted an on-campus “Work Hub,” where students could work in paid internships without having to leave campus. Students have gained valuable skills and frequently have been hired following graduation, while guest organizations have access to enthusiastic, competent undergraduates. Following a successful working relationship with CIGNA Insurance, this fall the University will offer internships to Social Work, Psychology, Health and Physical Education, and Education students through a partnership with Horizons, Inc., a regional nonprofit agency working with special needs and developmentally disabled persons.

- Eastern’s Child and Family Development Resource Center (CFDRC)—the learning lab for early childhood teaching candidates—received a new, five-year term of accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). NAEYC-accredited programs must score at least 80 percent on each of the association's ten program standards. Scores are based on a site visit, which includes an observation of classroom sessions and an overall environmental assessment, as well as a review of the program's portfolios. The CFDRC scored 100 percent on every standard.
- Eastern’s Institute for Sustainable Energy (ISE) received the 2014 Energy Star Partner of the Year Award from the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Among the ISE’s continued efforts this past year to promote environmental stewardship and a sustainable future was its sponsorship of a statewide sustainability conference this past spring at Middlesex Community College; a partnership with Yale University—the “Connecticut Alliance for Campus Sustainability”—to create an ongoing statewide network to facilitate greater coordination and cooperation on sustainability among public and private institutions of higher education; and the ISE’s continued work with Connecticut schools to develop “green” curriculum for schoolchildren.
- Eric Cerino ’14, a psychology major from Stratford, has received a \$30,000 National Science Foundation Fellowship to pursue his doctorate at Oregon State University, one of only five candidates to enter OSU’s program in gerontology this fall. Cerino’s interest in the emotional and psychological well-being of the elderly began when he was a volunteer at the Trumbull Senior Center. He presented his research findings earlier this year to congressional leaders in Washington, DC.
- Eastern President Elsa M. Núñez received the Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement in March 2014 at the 2014 Excellence Awards Banquet of the New England Board of Higher Education. McMahon was the first commissioner of higher education in Rhode Island, past president of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and past chair of the New England Board of Higher Education.
- History Professor Anna Kirchmann published “Letters from Readers in the Polish American Press, 1902-1969: A Corner for Everybody,” a unique collection of 500 letters from Polish American readers that were published in Ameryka-Echo between 1902 and 1969. The letters are a rich source of information on the history of Polish Americans and a primary source for students and scholars.

### **Southern Connecticut State University**

- Southern received the largest donation in its history – a gift of \$3 million from the Woodbridge, Conn. – based Werth Family Foundation, offering enhanced scientific research opportunities for students and faculty. The contribution includes a \$1.5 million endowment for the newly named Werth Center for Coastal and Marine Studies.

- Southern broke ground 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 \$49 million building is slated for completion in spring 2015. A major renovation of Buley Library will also be completed by spring.
- President Mary Papazian introduced campus-wide initiatives to promote student success by improving graduation and retention rates, reinvigorating offerings at the graduate level and devising innovative new programs that will enhance workforce development, including hybrid and online courses.
- Southern now has a presence in the heart of New Haven’s downtown business district, providing the university with the opportunity to expand its student services and enhance its institutional profile. “Southern on the Green” is a suite of offices and seminar rooms on the 10th floor of 900 Chapel Street. It will serve as a center for fundraising; admissions, financial aid and advisement; business development and community engagement and academic programming.
- 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 consecutive statewide Power of Change Top Building Awards: for the energy efficiency of the School of Business building and for Southern’s team-based effort to reduce electricity use in nine residence halls.
- Biology Professor Sarah Crawford and former student Erin Boisvert earned a patent for a fern extract made from the Christmas fern that has demonstrated anti-cancer properties in pre-clinical testing. A three component cocktail – including the Christmas fern – was effective in killing half of the brain cancer cells created in the Biology department lab.
- 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.
- Southern’s Owls celebrated a highly successful year in athletics, with two individual national championships in swimming, and another on the track, while the men’s basketball team reached the Elite 8 in the NCAA Division II championships for just the second time in the program’s history.

### **Western Connecticut State University**

- Received New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Reaccreditation in June 2014: The letter from the Commission noted that the self-study was “comprehensive and well-written” and praised Western for clearly articulating our mission and for creating a structure of self-governance that is open and transparent. The visiting team that produced the report for the Commission’s consideration indicated they were witness to an engaged, student-centered campus.

- Opening of the Math Emporium: This learning center which assists students to be successful in math uses software-based learning tools, traditional lecture-style instruction, and one-on-one tutoring. One of our math professors, Dr. Senan Hayes, produced a workbook for the pilot course which ran in fall 2014. Also worthy of note is that this 88-station facility helps us to fulfill the mandate under Connecticut Public Act 12-40.
- WCSU and Danbury High School launch Teaching Fellows, a minority/bilingual teacher pipeline initiative: In less than four months, with very little financial resources, we have created an innovative way to attract first generation college-bound students to come to WCSU to earn their degree in Education, while simultaneously filling a critical shortage of bilingual teachers in this part of the state.
- WCSU received the two largest individual gifts in its history: \$1.25M from Earl and Irene Hagman, parents of two undergraduate students; and \$3M from Brookfield businessman and entrepreneur Constantine “Deno” Macricostas. The Hagman gift will support scholarships; Macricostas’ generosity will enhance programs in the School of Arts and Sciences.
- WCSU has been awarded a three year, \$174,331 grant to develop and implement a First Year Experience as part of the new general education tiered competency framework adopted in May 2014: This grant was received from the Davis Educational Foundation established by Stanton and Elisabeth Davis after Mr. Davis’s retirement as chairman of Shaw’s Supermarkets, Inc. Funds will support the development of online materials that can be used by any faculty member who wishes to offer an FY course, part of the last steps in implementing WCSU’s general education curriculum.
- JC Barone, Associate Professor of Communication and Media Production, is the recipient of the Board of Regents Teaching Award. Barone is praised by his students for his patience, understanding, and clarity. His special topics course, Live News and Election Coverage—just one example of his energy and dedication—was launched after a year of planning and involvement by more than 45 students, faculty and staff from 11 departments as well as community groups and businesses.
- Mary O’Neill, Adjunct Instructor in the Department of Philosophy and Humanistic Studies, is the recipient of the first Board of Regents Adjunct Teaching Award. O’Neill is known for her energy and creativity and for her ability to challenge students in a kind and compassionate environment. Most recently, she designed a course called Philosophy of Happiness which draws on Eastern and Western philosophy, current events, and matters of public policy to consider the meaning of happiness in theory and in practice.
- Nursing faculty members Dr. Catherine Rice, Monica Sousa and Linda Warren authored chapters in “Simulation Scenarios for Nursing Educators: Making It Real,” recognized for its contributions to nursing instruction by the American Journal of Nursing (AJN). The chapters offer innovative scenarios designed to be used by nursing educators in

planning their own simulation-based exercises for instruction. The book earned second place in the information technology category of the 2013 AJN Book of the Year Awards.