State of the College

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Vision

Increased recognition for this extraordinary education in the liberal arts and sciences
Liberal Arts and Sciences

Best preparation for life and career

- Rigorous academics - interdisciplinary
- Learning beyond classroom
- Faculty, teacher-scholars
- Diversity, core community value
- Educate the whole person
Achieving the Vision

• Investing in historic strengths
• Investing in our future:
  - life sciences
  - internationalization
  - residential life experience
  - financial aid
Achievements: Academic Excellence

- 10 Fulbrights in two years
- Marshall & Truman finalists, Goldwater & Udall honorable mentions
- Freshman seminars in residence halls
- Faculty scholarship
Achievements: Excellence & Diversity

- Admission outreach
- LGBTQ Center thriving
- Opened Women’s Center
- Launched ‘Science Leaders’
Achievements: Reputation Building

- Enhanced alumni programs
- Integrated marketing
- Strong national media placements
Liberal Arts Schools Are Producing Tomorrow’s Leaders
By Leo I. Higdon Jr.

Faced with a contracting economy, Connecticut’s future depends on the talent of our next generation of workforce. Today’s college graduates will have to manage as leaders amid a thriving, healthy economy or find themselves wringing their hands in frustration as knowledge workers continue to flow out of the state and the country.

Among college graduates, those who have completed a comprehensive liberal arts program will have the advantage of an education designed to prepare them for leadership. Today’s students are competitively identified as tomorrow’s leaders by their ability to think critically, act democratically, communicate effectively and lead autonomously.

The Providence Journal
Leo I. Higdon Jr.: College president-trustee relationship
Sunday, May 18, 2008
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Hartford Courant
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The Philadelphia Inquirer
Commentary
College tuition: A great investment
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Includes residences for nearly 2,000 people, complete with three meals a day, health and counseling services, general maintenance and security. Staffing and maintaining this site and its services accounts for nearly half our annual expenditures and more, which we offer to enhance our students’ residential and intellectual experience.

Private colleges cost more than public institutions, in large part, because they are not funded with public money. Why is this so?
Achievements: Campus Renewal

- New fitness center
- Common rooms
- Classrooms
- Plaza/walkway
Achievements: Alumni Support

• Strong fundraising – record seven-figure gifts
• Alumni participation high
• Senior giving - 96%
• Class of 1958 - 100%
Help Us Be Extraordinary

Spread the word
  ▪ Bring back unconnected alumni

Remain involved/get involved

Invest in the College

Join us Oct. 24-26 for Celebration 2008
  ▪ Help kick off the College’s future