

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE



106TH CONVOCATION

Thursday, October 1, 2020 | 7 p.m.

Program

PROCESSIONAL	Marc R. Forster, College Marshal, Henry B. Plant Professor of History
INVOCATION AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT	Angela Nzegwu Director, Religious and Spiritual Programs
WELCOME AND REMARKS	Katherine Bergeron, President
CONVOCATION ADDRESS	“Human Development, Liberal Arts Education, and Tupac’s Rose that Grew from Concrete” Michelle Dunlap, Professor of Human Development
THE MATRICULATION PLEDGE	Jefferson Singer, Dean of the College and Faulk Foundation Professor of Psychology Samirah Jaigirdar, Chief of Communications, Student Government Association Featuring members of the Connecticut College community
CLASS WELCOME	DeFred G. Folts III, Chair, Connecticut College Board of Trustees
ALMA MATER AND VICTORY SONG	Featuring Connecticut College students, faculty, staff, and alumni

For a full list of participants in Convocation, please see page 7 for credits.

Connecticut College's Eleventh President



KATHERINE BERGERON became the 11th president of Connecticut College on Jan. 1, 2014. Over the past 6 years, her work has focused on building the College's reputation by building its academic, residential, community, and financial strength. Starting in 2014, Bergeron vigorously supported the faculty's development of Connections, a bold new venture in interdisciplinary education, designed to prepare students for leadership in an interconnected world. During this same period, Connecticut College received some of the largest single gifts in its history to enhance financial aid, career education, academic support, athletics, and the arts. Capital projects completed during her tenure include the renovation of the Charles E. Shain Library, and the creation of both the Walter Commons for Global Study and Engagement and the Hale Center for Career Development. The newest project, now underway, is the revitalization

of the College's historic art deco theater, Palmer Auditorium, into the Nancy Athey '72 and Preston Athey Center for Performance and Research, slated to open in August 2021.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Wesleyan University, Bergeron earned master's and doctoral degrees in music history from Cornell University, and wrote two prize-winning books on French music and culture. Before coming to Connecticut College, she was dean of the college and professor of music at Brown University. She currently serves as Chair of the Board of the Council of Independent Colleges; on the Board of the American Academic Leadership Institute; on the Board of the Association of American Colleges and Universities; and on the Board of Directors of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra. She hosts a podcast, Think.Do.Lead. about creativity and innovation, and has co-taught, with her husband, media artist Butch Rovon, a course on songwriting that has yielded two albums of original songs by Connecticut College students.

Convocation Speaker



A professor of Human Development at Connecticut College since 1994, **MICHELLE DUNLAP** specializes in racial identity development, issues in the contemporary family, community service and intergroup relations, and has published numerous essays, chapters, journal articles and books related to her research, including her most recent book, *Shopping While Black: Minority Experiences in Consumer Marketplaces*.

In 2018, The National Council of Negro Women honored Dunlap with the prestigious Eunice McLean Waller Award for her outstanding contributions to the community. Her other many awards include the Woman of the Year Award from the Connecticut African American Affairs Commission, and the Ernest J. Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement from the New England Resource Center for Higher Education.

A committed advocate on campus and in the local community, she has served as both chair of the College's human development department and as Faculty Liaison to the Connecticut College Children's program.

About Convocation

Convocation is the official calling together of the College community to mark the opening of the academic year. A joyous and proud tradition, the ceremony highlights some of the College's most important values: academic excellence; diversity, equity and shared governance; education of the entire person; adherence to common ethical and moral standards; community service and global citizenship; and environmental stewardship.

During the ceremony, all members of the community are invited to renew their commitment to live according to the principles embodied by the College's Honor Code. This commitment is reinforced at Convocation when all students, faculty, administrators and staff recite together the Honor Code's Matriculation Pledge.

The Matriculation Pledge

I accept membership into Connecticut College, a community committed to cultural and intellectual diversity. I understand my obligation to this community under the Honor Code and pledge to uphold standards of behavior governed by honor. I pledge to take responsibility for my beliefs, and to conduct myself with integrity, civility and the utmost respect for the dignity of all human beings. I pledge that my actions will be thoughtful and ethical and that I will do my best to instill a sense of responsibility in those among us who falter.

Alma Mater

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OLIVE LITTLEHALES '21

EDITH C. SMITH '20



Al - ma Ma - ter by the sea, Our hearts in love are
Hail to our col - lege, white and blue. Keep through the years all our



lift - ed to thee; We'll car - ry your stand - ard for - ev - er,
love deep and true, Our Al - ma Ma - ter we love thee,



Loy - al - ty To C. C. Faith, Friend-ship and Love.
I - vied walls, C. C. calls To Loy - al - ty true.

Victory Song

We Are Camels!

KATHERINE BERGERON

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We are Ca-mels! To you, We are stead-fast and true; We will fight with all our might For the

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White and the Blue! We are Ca - mels! So proud, We are loy - al and loud; Ev' - ry

7 C F

score we ask for more: Hear the roar of the crowd! In New Lon - don

10 C Dm C/G G

By the Thames Wo - men and men bring Glo - ry and fame. We are

13 C Em F G C

Ca - mels! From Conn, and we keep mar-ching on To sing our Vic' - try Song! GO CONN!

Acknowledgments

We would like to thank the following individuals for being a special part of this Convocation:

Special thanks to our presenters

Michelle Dunlap, Professor of Human Development

DeFred G. Folts III, Chair, Connecticut College Board of Trustees

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Angela Nzegwu, Director, Religious and Spiritual Programs

Jefferson Singer, Dean of the College and Faulk Foundation Professor of Psychology

Samirah Jaigirdar, Chief of Communications, Student Government Association

Connecticut College Matriculation Pledge Video

Students and Alumni:

Nouman Ahmed '23

Catherine Gwinnett '24

Samirah Jaigirdar '22

Ava Spitzer '24

Emily Suher '21

Faculty and Staff:

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Director/Pre-Business Adviser,

Hale Center for Career Development

Jennifer Gorman, Senior Lecturer,

Psychology

Tek-wah King, Senior Lecturer in Chinese

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of German

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Equity and Compliance Programs
and Title IX Coordinator

Miles S. Sax, Charles and Sarah P.
Becker '27 Arboretum Director

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Connecticut College Alma Mater, music by Edith C. Smith, Class of 1920 and Olive Littlehales, Class of 1921
100th Anniversary Performance by Conn students, faculty, staff, and alumni

Students and Alumni:

Meg Aldrich '21
Brielle Blood '24
Nora Cahill '23
Kelly Clark '24
Mary Conklin '79
Christine Duncan '05
Erin Flanagan '24
Vance Gilbert '79
Miles Griffin '23
Sophie Hage '23
Megan Hrinda '23
Mia Jurkunas '24
Sam Kasem-Beg '22
Stephanie Lewis '21
Claudia Marmelo '23

Victoria McCallion '24

Natalie Pelon '23

Ellie Pieper '23

Frida Rosner '23

Kate Rubel '24

Clare Peyton '21

Garth Ross '93 P'23

Evan Strouse '24

Matthew Yamamoto '23

Faculty and Staff:

John Anthony, Professor of Music

Katherine Bergeron, President

Rachel Feldman, Director,
Connecticut College Chorale and
Camel Heard

Persephone Hall, Hale Family Director,
Hale Center for Career Development

John McKnight, Dean of Institutional
Equity and Inclusion

Ben Parent, Art Director/Senior
Designer

Butch Rován, Multimedia Artist and
spouse of President Bergeron

Mara Suttman-Lea, Assistant
Professor of Government

Midge Thomas, Sylvia Marx Professor
of Music

Jurate Waller, Adjunct Associate
Professor of Music

Maksim Zhdanovskikh, Adjunct
Professor of Music

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