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Alumni Insights: A Note from Jennifer Lapan Mann '94, *Alumni Board President*

As president of Conn's alumni association, I represent all alumni on the Board of Trustees. Many trustees are also alumni, including all current officers. Our collective on-campus and life experiences continue to shape the strategy for college's future and fuel the art of the possible.

If you read the most recent issue of CC Magazine, you likely noted President Chapdelaine's resounding appreciation for alumni throughout her letter on page 2. She ends with, "Conn remains both a point of departure and a lasting home for all of us." As many of us on the alumni board say, "you're only on campus for four years, but you're a camel for life." Our arcs of formative growth and shared time living at 270 Mohegan Avenue, mingled with Conn traditions, shape our personal memories of life at Conn.

And as spring really comes into focus, I picture the track and field athletes who will enjoy the newly upgraded Silfen Field and our women's and men's lacrosse teams who've already been training intensively and have been waiting for the snow to melt on the field. By June, spectators will be sitting in the shade of the new [grandstand](#) named in honor of Fran Shields P'14, *Athletics Director Emeritus*, watching those lax games. And I glimpsed the recent [Instagram post](#) of our powerhouse camel sailors practicing on the Thames River while it was SNOWING. Conn makes the absolute most of having the NESCAC's only waterfront campus for our sailing and rowing teams.

I truly love hearing where alumni lived while on campus, their favorite spot to study, or the location of a core memory like a Unity House dance party or the one-day-per-year hangout at the library amphitheater for Floralia. We share memories of spaces and traditions, yet we experienced those asynchronously. [Please tell me](#): what defined "home" for you while you lived at Conn?

It's almost time to welcome the class of 2026 to the alumni herd. While on campus, they experienced the transformation of many rooms in Cro, improvements to the service area and dining room in Harris, and the full reimagining of Cro Blvd. as a pedestrian plaza. Long discussed, eliminating the comings and goings of car traffic through the middle of campus has made a remarkable difference. This class will carry many "before and after" memories of so many changes across campus.

Your alumni board continues to highlight vibrant spaces and experiences, share news, and help drive programming to engage alumni wherever they make their home now. We look forward to seeing you at in-person and online events, and we invite you to volunteer to [host](#) or give input on future gatherings of fellow camels. And congratulations to all 1s and 6s on their reunion in May. See you there!



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