

FALL 2015 SAMPLE CORRESPONDENCE

Dear (Nickname),

Once again, HAPPY FALL – and I hope you are all well!

This past year has seen both change and exciting growth on the College campus.

Last November, our women's soccer team won the College's first ever New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) championship, qualifying for NCAA DIII National Tournament. The team, which finished with an incredible record of 16-3-1, knocked off Swarthmore in the first round before their season ended in a dramatic double-overtime loss in the second round.

In March, we reopened the newly renovated Charles E. Shain Library — months earlier than expected — which brought more technology, collaborative student space and natural light into the 40-year-old structure. Students toured the remodeled library at the ribbon-cutting ceremony that followed, and a spectacular dedication ceremony is scheduled for the upcoming Fall Weekend celebration.

But buildings aren't the only things that have been rebuilt: The College's curriculum has also undergone an incredible overhaul. In May, faculty approved a new curriculum, Connections, that will foster an integrative and intentional approach to learning. The four-year plan includes a strengthened first-year foundation; a bolstered sophomore year in which students map out their future course of study; a junior year during which they engage with the world beyond campus; and a senior year that puts it all together in an integrative project.

And many people have seen incredible accomplishments in the past year. Hisae Kobayashi, senior lecturer in Japanese, was named Connecticut Professor of the Year. Dana Heinz Perry '85 won an Academy Award as producer of the documentary film "Crisis Hotline: Veterans Press 1." Junior Nicolae Florin Dorlea '17 was selected as one of 16 students nationwide for a Fulbright language immersion program, spending an entire semester in China.

There are many exciting things happening in the College community — and we want to hear more from you! Please keep us all updated by submitting class notes to one of our two class correspondents: (insert name) at (insert email address) or (insert name) at (insert email address). Also feel free to contact me at (insert email address).

All best wishes.

Sincerely,

Class President

