



# ENVIRONMENTAL CONNECTIONS

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GOODWIN-NIERING CENTER FOR CONSERVATION BIOLOGY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES  
AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

## FIRST CCBES CERTIFICATE CLASS ADMITTED

Last fall the Goodwin-Niering Center for Conservation Biology and Environmental Studies introduced its new Certificate Program with the goal of enhancing the undergraduate academic experience with emphasis on environmental issues. Designed to allow students in any major to focus their liberal arts education in the environmental realm, the program helps prepare them for a ten-week internship during the summer following the junior year. Students must also complete an independent study or honors thesis during the senior year, attend a conference on environmental issues and make a public presentation on their senior project. They will participate in a special two-year Certificate Seminar designed to help prepare them for their internships and senior projects.

Starting in fall, 2000, eight juniors will be entering the program as the first CCBES Certificate class. All have developed certificate proposals specifying their core courses and describing their internships. They have also outlined the goal of their senior integrative project. Proposed internships include field research in marine biology, ethnobotany applications, policy studies of rivers, economic impacts of environmental issues and cultural ecology. The students accepted into the inaugural Certificate class are

Leys Bostrom, Marjorie Lundgren, Laura Rowe, Jessica Schwartz, Hannah Shayler, Maria Sinnamon, Emily Templin, and Rachael Towers. More information will follow in upcoming issues of *Environmental Connections*.

### SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Twelve members of the class of 2001 have received support to pursue internships this summer thanks to a grant from the A.W. Mellon Foundation. Next year they will join the Certificate Program Seminar and discuss their internship and research experiences with the underclassmen. The seniors are a diverse group with majors in biology, zoology, anthropology, English, economics, history, art, government and environmental studies. They are participating in many different types of internships, including environmental policy and management, biological fieldwork, envi-

ronmental education and marine biology. The students and their internship destinations are : Jaimie Atlas (Greenbelt Alliance, CA), Hope Dalton (Meigs Point Nature Center, CT), David Fyrberg (National Marine Fisheries Service, MA), Dana Gaeckle (New England Wildlife Center, MA), Jamie Haines (Marine Biological Lab, Woods Hole,



The first CCBES Certificate Class. They are (front row) Jessica Schwartz, Laura Rowe, (back row) Marjorie Lundgren, Leys Bostrom, Emily Templin, Hannah Shayler, Maria Sinnamon and Rachael Towers.

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Established in 1993, The Center for Conservation Biology & Environmental Studies (CCBES) is an interdisciplinary program that draws on the expertise and interests of faculty and students in the liberal arts to address contemporary ecological challenges. CCBES strives to integrate all areas of learning to deal with the issues of sustainability and the natural environment. Building on a scientific understanding of the natural world, the Center invites the social sciences, the humanities, and the arts to help understand and solve difficult environmental issues.

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