

WHO WE ARE

- Connecticut College was founded as a women's college with the belief that all qualified students—women as well as men—deserve to pursue an education. The College's full-time undergraduates come from 41 states, the District of Columbia and 47 countries.
- Together, U.S. students of color and international students comprise 28 percent of the student body.
- Conn's nationally-recognized career program gets results: 95 percent of alumni are employed or in graduate school one year after graduation.
- Connecticut College alumni work in the private, nonprofit and government sectors. Employers include Amazon, Merrill Lynch, Boston Children's Hospital, Conde Nast, Walt Disney Studios and Google.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION

- The College's direct impact on the Connecticut economy is \$577 million, including \$77 million in wages, salaries and employee benefits, and \$84.4 million in spending by students, employees and visitors.
- The College brings opportunity to the region by creating nearly 5,000 jobs.
- Connecticut is home to 3,458 alumni who generate \$39.2 million in Connecticut-based income.
- Nearly 500 alums are teachers and school administrators in the state.
- Career-Informed Learning brings together alumni, professors and students to solve real-world problems. In the past four years, there have been more than 50 classes featuring 50 alumni.

EQUITY, INCLUSION AND OPPORTUNITY

- The College's six-year graduation rate for Pell students is 95 percent—the fifth highest in the country, outranking nearly all New England liberal arts colleges and far above the national average.
- Connecticut residents receive \$7.6 million in financial aid annually. Financial aid for New London residents, available through the Jane Bredeson Scholarship, covers up to half the cost of tuition for full-time students.
- Conn's financial aid is for all students, regardless of socioeconomic background, and includes the nationally-recognized Science Leaders program and a reduced loan program for households with income below \$50,000 and assets of less than \$200,000.
- Since 2009, Connecticut College has partnered with the Posse program to recruit talented students from under-resourced schools in Chicago. In 2020, we added a second cohort from New York. Posse Scholars are chosen for academic and leadership potential and admitted to select colleges and universities that provide full scholarships, mentoring and support.
- One hundred percent of the student body engages with our Academic Resource Center, a national leader in academic skill-building and among the most well-endowed centers in the country.
- In 2018, the College published the Equity and Inclusion Action Plan. Goals include increasing faculty, staff and student diversity and ensuring active engagement of all members of the community. To help achieve our goal to provide out-of-classroom opportunities for the College community, in 2020 we launched Conversations on Race. This series of events, co-hosted with The Day and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, touch upon timely topics of race and society.

COMMUNITY ACTION

- In recognition of a historic and longstanding partnership, the College's Board of Trustees made a commitment to pay the City of New London \$50,000 per year for five years for a total investment of \$250,000. This is in addition to a one-time voluntary payment to the City of \$100,000 in 2018.
- Students contribute 18,000 community service hours annually to the City of New London in education, government and nonprofits. The College also supports New London Public Schools, recently helping them secure grants of \$2.5 million to support the Full Services Community Schools and \$800,000 to support the 21st Century Community Learning Center.
- Serving more than 200 children, the award-winning Enrich partnership pairs Connecticut College students with Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School students to increase their civic understanding, enhance reading skills and build communication in multiple languages.
- The Connecticut College Child Development Lab School serves approximately 90 New London County children and their families each year. This model child and family-focused preschool program offers wrap-around care for children and a pre-school and toddler summer program.

ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

- Connecticut College and The Day established the Theodore Bodenwein Fellowship, creating student internships and opportunities for The Day's seasoned professionals to teach on campus. On March 26, we will host the first Bodenwein Lecture on Media with Frank Sesno, director of the school of media and public affairs at George Washington University.
- Conn's Office of Community Partnerships works with 50-plus regional partners to offer volunteer and internship experiences for more than 500 students per year.
- Connecticut College hosts many free artistic, musical and educational events throughout the year, reaching thousands of people across Southeastern Connecticut.
- An ongoing partnership with One Book One Region of Eastern Connecticut brings together community members and the College to discuss ideas and broaden appreciation of reading. A yearly author lecture draws more than 1,000 people to campus.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

- Connecticut College has long been a leader in sustainability, purchasing renewable and carbon offsets as early as the 1990s. In the past decade, the College has updated its central steam plant and installed geothermal wells to heat New London Hall, leading to a decrease in greenhouse gas emissions. By 2025, the goal is to reduce carbon emissions by 26 percent.
- In 2018, the College received a STARS Silver rating from the Association for the Advancement for Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) in recognition of our efforts to reduce waste, use energy efficiently and engage with the campus community about sustainability initiatives.
- Conn's arboretum campus encompasses 750 acres, including the main campus. Educational programs such as The Arbo Project, Smaller American Lawns Today (SALT) Conference and Flock Theatre engage thousands of adults and children from the local community.
- The Sprout Garden is a student-run organic garden on campus that provides an educational space and community where students, in collaboration with faculty and staff, gain hands-on experience with sustainable, small-scale agriculture. The College partners with FRESH New London to grow healthy food to feed New London families through a community support agriculture (CSA) program that charges families only what they are able to pay.

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