

# Consortium News

HARTFORD CONSORTIUM FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

## New Website for Consortium: [www.hartfordconsortium.org](http://www.hartfordconsortium.org)



In the spring, the Consortium launched a new website that has a fresh look, more content, and a URL that is easier to remember. According to Rosanne Druckman, Executive Director of the Consortium, the new site more effectively supports the work of the

organization. The Consortium is interested in your feedback, so check it out at [www.hartfordconsortium.org](http://www.hartfordconsortium.org). Be sure to send all your comments to [rdruckman@ccc.commnet.edu](mailto:rdruckman@ccc.commnet.edu). Revisions will be made based on your suggestions. ■

### Service Learning

The Consortium will highlight campus activities related to service learning on the new Consortium website and in *Consortium News*, beginning with the next issue. If you have an item you want to share, please contact Rosanne Druckman.

## Cross-registration— New Electronic Option

For the first time, students have the option to register *electronically* for cross-registration. The Consortium has offered a cross-registration program since the 1970s. Full-time, undergraduate students enrolled at a Consortium institution can register in courses at the other Consortium colleges/universities with full credit and generally with no extra fees involved. In the past, all students were required to appear at the registrar's office of the host school to complete a form in order to be processed for a class there. Now, on this pilot basis, students from Saint Joseph College, Trinity College, or University of Hartford cross-registering for Fall 2007 courses at either of the other two institutions may do so by using the *electronic method*: going to the Consortium website and following the instructions.

It is important to note that the *old paper method* for cross-registering is still available for students attending the above three institutions, as well as to the students at the other Consortium colleges/universities. The

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## Fifth Graders Go to College 2007

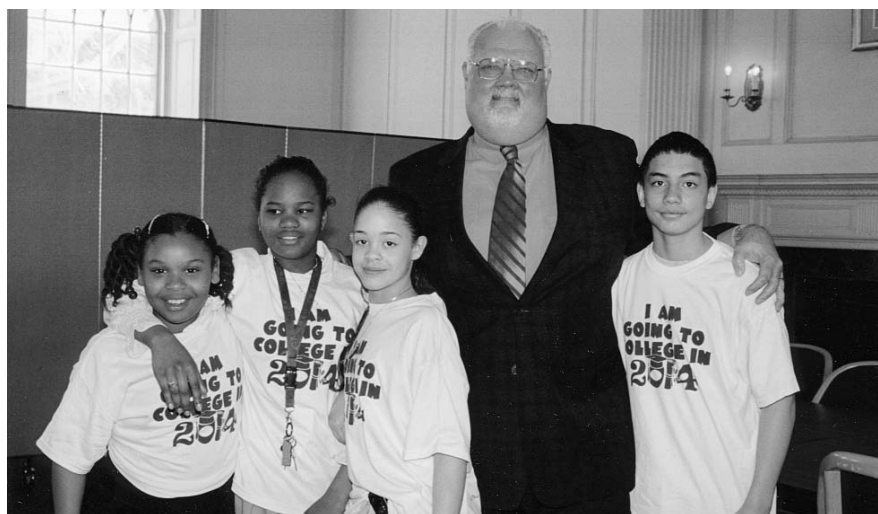
During the week of March 26, it seemed that fifth graders wearing T-shirts that read, "I am going to college in 2014" were spotted everywhere on local campuses. For the third year, the Consortium led an effort to introduce Hartford's 1,600 fifth graders to campus life by coordinating field trips to Connecticut colleges. The Hartford Public Schools was an important partner, along with the office of Mayor Eddie Perez and the Travelers Foundation.

The fifth graders met with college officials, attended classes, talked to college students, ate lunch, and toured campuses. They also received a book of fiction to remind them that reading will open the door to college.

Students enjoyed a day at one the following participating institutions: Capital Community College, Central Connecticut

State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, Goodwin College, Manchester Community College, Saint Joseph College, Southern Connecticut State University, Trinity College, University of Connecticut, Greater Hartford Campus, University of Connecticut at Storrs, University of Hartford, Wesleyan University, and Yale University.

The Consortium extends a special thank you to the staff at the thirteen campuses who created an inspiring experience for future college graduates (Class of 2018), to President Walter Harrison for chairing the Advisory Committee, to the *Travelers Connecticut Foundation* for its strong and consistent support of this collaborative initiative, and to *Bank of America* for providing funds this year as well. ■



**VIP TREATMENT AT CENTRAL CT STATE UNIVERSITY:** *Hartford fifth graders are shown with John Miller, President of Central Connecticut State University. In addition to meeting the President and other college officials, students toured the campus, ate lunch with college students, and participated in activities in a number of locations, including the robotics lab, the computer lab, and the planetarium.*

# Consortium Funds Five Projects

This year the Consortium approved five projects for funding that will foster academic collaboration among local campuses. The Consortium offers a special thanks to the following provosts and academic officers who reviewed all the proposals submitted: Mary Ann Affleck, Billye Auclair, Ann Clark, Chuck Colarulli, Rena Fredan, Ray Hughes, Carl Lovitt, Ian Markham, and David Williams.

The projects that will be implemented in 2007-2008 are as follows:

## Connecticut Partnership for Chemical Education Research

This project will create a new collaboration among professors who study teaching and learning issues pertaining to the field of chemistry. The sponsors expect there will be more collaborative research projects as a result of the partnership.

*Sponsors: Gloria Brown-Wright, Professor, Department of Chemistry, Central Connecticut State University; Guy Crundwell, Professor, Department of Chemistry, Central Connecticut State University; Laura Pence, Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Hartford; and Tyson Miller, Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Connecticut.\**

## Latin American Studies Research Conference

The sponsors are planning a research conference to be held

in October 2007 at Central Connecticut State University. The conference will bring together scholars, business people, students, and members of the community. During one portion of the meeting, there will be a teacher-training component for faculty and teachers in K-12 schools.

*Sponsors: Katherine Sugg, Professor, Department of Latin American Studies, Central Connecticut State University; and Anne C. Gebelein, Visiting Professor, Modern Language Department, Trinity College.\**

## Cross-consortium Major in Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies

The proposal will create a planning process with faculty and administrators that will lead to a proposal for an undergraduate major in peace and conflict studies. The sponsors are considering a model created by the Five Colleges, a consortium in Amherst, Massachusetts.

*Sponsors: Donn Weinholtz, Professor of Educational Leadership, College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions, University of Hartford; Sharon Toffey Shepla, Professor of Psychiatry, Hillyer College, University of Hartford; Alexander Mikulich, Assistant Professor of Theology and Religious Studies, Saint Joseph College; Carol Shaw Austad, Professor of Psychology, Central Connecticut State University; Mary Lee Morrison, Pax Educare,*

*Inc., and Adjunct at Saint Joseph College and Central Connecticut State University; and Jay Stewart, Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Hartford.\**

## Learning Community for Student Teaching Supervisors

A workshop for supervisors of student teachers is planned. The sponsors hope to create an ongoing learning community of supervisors that would result in more joint training and more shared materials.

*Sponsors: Claudia Nunn, Professor and Coordinator of Student Teaching, University of Hartford; Holly Hollander, Director, Office of Field Experiences, Central Connecticut State University; and Jeffrey Bongard, Director of Student Teaching, Saint Joseph College.\**

## Service Learning Through Nutrition Education

A seminar for faculty on the topic of service learning through nutrition education will be held at Saint Joseph College. Students involved in specific courses will provide nutrition education services to students in Hartford public schools. The focus will be on reduction of childhood obesity.

*Sponsors: Meg Gaughan, Assistant Professor of Nutrition, Saint Joseph College; and*  
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# Celebration of Academic Achievement

The Washington Room at Trinity College was overflowing with ninth-grade students and their family members on March 20, 2007. The Consortium's Career Beginnings program held an event that evening to recognize high-achieving honor roll students from six local high schools. It was a festive evening. However, the featured speakers, David W. Williams, Director of the University of Connecticut, Greater Hartford Campus, The Honorable James Boucher, Hartford City Councilman, and The Honorable Calixto Torres, Hartford City Councilman, each offered a serious message about the importance of higher education for future success in the competitive global economy.

A dinner program was also held at University of Hartford on April 24 for high achieving students from Bloomfield High and Big Picture High School. John Motley, civic leader and consultant, and Dean Lee Peters from University of Hartford were featured speakers. ■

CONGRATULATIONS: Two students who attend Pathways to Technology, a magnet high school, are shown after they received their certificates at an honor roll celebration dinner. The two students, who are cousins, are Parris and Jammell Redding. They are accompanied by their family members.



HONOR ROLL DINNER: Rosanne Druckman, Executive Director of the Consortium, second from left, and Eileen Peltier, Program Manager of Career Beginnings, welcome the featured speakers. From left to right: David W. Williams, Director of the University of Connecticut, Greater Hartford Campus, and City Councilmen Calixto Torres and James Boucher.

## Cross-registration

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Consortium plans to expand the electronic options to all undergraduate students after a pilot phase.

The following institutions and their students participate in the cross-registration program: Capital Community

College, Central Connecticut State University, Goodwin College, Hartford Seminary, Saint Joseph College, Trinity College, University of Connecticut, and University of Hartford. For a list of courses available for cross-registration for Fall 2007, go to [www.hartfordconsortium.org](http://www.hartfordconsortium.org) and click on "cross-registration." ■

## Five Projects

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**Marissa Clouter, Instructor, Biology and Nutrition, Hillyer College, University of Hartford.\***

\* The Lead Sponsors are in bold type and the co-sponsors are listed below them. ■