

# Consortium News

HARTFORD CONSORTIUM FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

## High-Achieving 9th Graders Honored by Consortium

On March 19, 2008, more than 380 students, family members and friends gathered in the Washington Room at Trinity College to honor ninth-grade students from seven area high schools. Students who made the honor roll at the beginning of the year were recognized for academic achievement by the Consortium and its college promotion program, *Career Beginnings*. Students from seven area high schools were invited to attend, including Bloomfield High School, Bulkeley High School, Hartford Public High School, Pathways to Technology, Sport and Medical Science Academy, University High School for Science and Engineering and Weaver High School.

The energy in the room was in evidence as students filed up to the stage to receive a small gift and a certificate. Dr. David W. Williams, Director of the Greater Hartford University of Connecticut Campus, and featured speaker, gave an



**FAMILIES CELEBRATE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:** *Parents and family members applaud the ninth-grade students being recognized at the Consortium's Honor Roll Reception.*

impassioned address to the students. He asked them to prepare for college by challenging themselves in high school. Williams encouraged students to enroll in rigorous courses, take advantage of leadership opportunities and participate in community service activities.

The Honor Roll Reception is part of a college preparation initiative offered to ninth graders by *Career Beginnings*. Workshops on skill building and career exploration, campus tours, briefings for parents on financial aid, and one-on-one advising are available to participating students. ■



**FEATURED SPEAKER:** *David W. Williams, Director of the Greater Hartford University of Connecticut Campus, is shown as he addressed the large audience gathered at Trinity College.*

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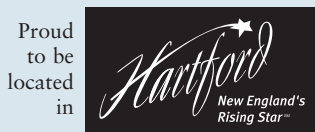
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## Consortium Welcomes Two New Board Members

Pamela Trotman Reid and Edward Klonoski, Presidents of Saint Joseph College and Charter Oak State College, respectively, will both serve on the Consortium Board of Governors. The Board welcomed them to their first meeting in February.

President Reid comes directly from Roosevelt University in Chicago, where she was the Provost and Executive Vice President. Reid has begun her duties at Saint Joseph College with high energy and an obvious enthusiasm for her new campus. She is frequently spotted at events across the state.

Dr. Reid said, "I find the campus and the Hartford area to be warm and engaged communities. Our plan is to strengthen the college's visibility, programming and engagement with downtown Hartford and Greater Hartford." Dr. Reid also noted that enrollment is up at Saint Joseph College and, with a new strategic plan to guide the institution, expectations are high for the future.

Having served for ten years as the head of the Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium, a membership organization of more than 35 higher education institutions, President Klonoski is familiar with the power of collaboration. "His experience working successfully with so many Connecticut higher education institutions will be



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an enormous asset to the board," commented Rosanne Druckman, Consortium Executive Director.

According to Klonoski, he expects to place a high priority on marketing the college because he believes that too many people are unaware of Charter Oak's unique role in higher education. In addition to 200 online courses, the college offers students the chance to earn credit in a variety of ways, including experiential learning, standardized tests and independent study. He also hopes to expand the college's partnerships with businesses by providing more flexible training opportunities for companies. ■

## Consortium Sponsors Service Learning Roundtable

Service learning is expanding on local campuses. To support faculty efforts, the Hartford Consortium for Higher Education sponsored a luncheon in partnership with the Office of the Provost, Central Connecticut State University. The program, held on January 31, was a forum for faculty to share experiences and to learn from each other about the benefits and challenges of course-based service learning.

There was general agreement among the panelists that service learning offers students unique learning opportunities in many diverse fields, from business to history to psychology. The four presenters, enthusiastic practitioners of service learning, were

*Dina Anselmi*, Associate Professor, Psychology Department and Coordinator of Community Learning at Trinity College; *Bernard denOuden*, Professor of Philosophy and Executive Director of Connecticut Campus Compact, University of Hartford; *Briann Greenfield*, Associate Professor, History Department, Central Connecticut State University; and *Margery Steinberg*, Associate Professor of Marketing and Executive Director of the Center for Customer Services, University of Hartford.

The Consortium will be updating its website during late summer to feature more resources for faculty on service learning. Please visit us at [www.hartfordconsortium.org](http://www.hartfordconsortium.org). ■

## Thank You, Merle Harris

For more than eleven years, Merle Harris, who recently retired as President of Charter Oak State College, served on the Hartford Consortium board. Dr. Harris resigned from the board at the time of her retirement. Her dedicated service and extraordinary contributions to higher education and to the Consortium were recognized at her last Consortium board meeting in February.

Walt Harrison, President of University of Hartford, recently commented, “Merle Harris was a wonderful leader for Charter Oak State College. She leaves her strong and distinctive stamp on that important institution. Merle was also always interested in issues involving the Hartford area, and she was an active and involved board member of the Consortium throughout her career.” ■



**HARTFORD CONSORTIUM LUNCHEON ON SERVICE LEARNING, HOSTED BY CCSU:** *Gathering after the program were, from left to right, Professor Margery Steinberg, University of Hartford; Professor Dina Anselmi, Trinity College; Carl Lovitt, Provost, Central Connecticut State University; Professor Briann Greenfield, Central Connecticut State University; Rosanne Druckman, Executive Director, Hartford Consortium for Higher Education; and Professor Bernard denOuden, University of Hartford.*

# Consortium Supports Symposium that Will Address Global Warming

Save April 15-17, 2009, on your calendar! On those days, Central Connecticut State University (CCSU), University of Connecticut and University of Hartford will sponsor the second annual global environmental sustainability symposium. The program will focus on renewable and carbon-free energy resources and technologies. The sponsors will reach out to faculty and students from all disciplines in order that the symposium can offer a rich discussion of solutions and implications of climate change. At its May meeting, the Board of Governors of the Consortium approved a grant to support this symposium to be hosted by CCSU.

The other two grants approved for funding by the Consortium board in May are a service learning project that addresses childhood obesity and the development of an online tutorial for engineering students. The service learning project will build on the partnership created with the Hartford Public Schools last year by faculty at Saint Joseph College and University of Hartford. The project will involve creating a nutrition education manual and teaching key staff in selected elementary and middle schools how to use it in their schools. Students from Saint Joseph College and University of Hartford will be

**Congrats to Sponsors of Funded Projects  
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**Global Environmental Sustainability Symposium**  
SPONSORS:  
Professor Charles Button,  
Central Connecticut State University  
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involved in the development of the manual and in training of the staff. By creating an online interactive tutorial, the third project will assist engineering students to master complex learning concepts applicable to industry settings. Please see the list above for the sponsors of the funded projects.

The Consortium thanks the provosts and academic officers involved in the review process of the grants this year. Hats

off to Mary Ann Affleck, Billye Auclair, Ann Clark, Chuck Colarulli, Rena Fredan, Ray Hughes, Carl Lovitt and David W. Williams for their generous gifts of time, energy and good judgment. ■

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