Alumni Connections

Alumnae Council for Women
by Kerry L. Beckford A'85 (HCW), '88, M'98

Spring is typically associated with all things new. In that spirit, the Alumnae Council for Women held two events this past spring that rejuvenated friendships and recalled fond memories of Hartford College for Women and the University of Hartford.

Parfums du Jour in West Hartford hosted an open house in April. Guests enjoyed a light brunch while renewing acquaintances and browsing in the intimate gift-shop setting. Fifteen percent of purchases were donated to the Women’s Education and Leadership Fund (WELFund). Our thanks to store owner Dorothy Brown for graciously providing a perfect location for a lovely afternoon.

Joan Hurwit A’52 welcomed more than 150 alumnae to her home on May 1. The reception was the premiere event of the Alumnae Council for Women and was co-sponsored by WELFund. Attendees represented more than five decades of HCW and University of Hartford graduates. Among the distinguished guests was Miriam Butterworth, a former president of Hartford College for Women. Butterworth spoke of her love of learning and encouraged us to pursue educational opportunities at every stage of our lives.

Mark your calendars for Alumnae Council for Women events this fall that will inspire, inform, and indulge! On Sept. 25, Mariel the Shoe Bar (see story, p. 21) in Avon, Conn., hosts a social-networking reception. “The Power of Image” workshop on Oct. 2 promises to help us consider how image can equal influence. On Oct. 9 we welcome Kate Buggeln of the Business Council for Peace, a nonprofit foundation that helps women establish businesses in conflict and postconflict regions of the world. ■

For more information about any of these events, contact Kandyce Aust, director of alumni relations and chair of the Alumnae Council for Women, at 860.768.2409.

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Alumni Events

Congratulations to the Class of 2008! And welcome to the University of Hartford Alumni Association. The Alumni Office is here to provide benefits and services, career and networking opportunities, as well as social events and trips. Please don’t hesitate to contact us with any questions, ideas, or input!

SET SAIL FOR NATURE’S MUSEUM
Costa Rica
November 3–11, 2008
Alumni of the University will travel to “Nature’s Museum,” a land of rich natural wonders.

CITY LIGHTS
New York City for the Holidays
December 6, 2008
Travel to the Big Apple in the height of the holiday season, with stops at Rockefeller Center, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and Broadway.

TREAT YOURSELF!
Laughter Is the Best Medicine
March 2009
Watch for details as the Alumni Office hosts a night of comedy at a Hartford-area comedy club.

TAKE A BOW!
A Celebration of Phenomenal Women
May 2009
The Alumnae Council for Women will host a brunch to honor the phenomenal women who have made a difference in our lives.

Additional information on upcoming Washington, D.C.; New York City; and Boston chapter events will be available on the alumni website and in our e-newsletter.

To register for any of the above events, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 888.UH.ALLUMS or alumni@hartford.edu, or register online at www.hartford.edu/alumni.
1956
JOHN G. MASSIMINO (HARTT) of East Haven, Conn., taught a painting course called Different Approaches to Creativity, an offering of the Hamden Art League and the Hamden Arts Commission in Hamden, Conn.

1957
ANSELM FALCETTI (HARTT) of Wilbraham, Mass., was honored by the founder of Roland Corp., a major producer of electronic musical instruments used worldwide. The company presented Falcetti with an FR-7 V-Accordion to mark his retirement as CEO of Falcetti Music.

1962

1969
ROBERT H. VAN HEININGEN (A&S) of Somers, Conn., has accepted the position of vice president of human resources at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Stafford Springs, Conn.

1970
MICHAEL J. MAULUCCI (A, WARD) of Canton, Conn., and his wife, Patricia, have celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. The two met in high school and continued dating while Maulucci attended the University of Hartford.

LEWIS H. ROSENBLUM (M, BARNEY) of Madison, Conn., was appointed to the board of directors of ZOLL Medical Corporation.

1971
PETER SCHAUER, MD (A&S), of Hartford, Conn., is the recipient of the University of Hartford’s 2008 Distinguished Alumni Alumnus Award. Schauer is division chief of the Division of Medical Oncology at Hartford Hospital and assistant clinical professor of medicine at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine.

1972
CHARLES D. OSBORNE (HARTT) of Suffern, N.Y., was a featured soloist for the Pike County Choral Society’s presentation of Brahms’s *A German Requiem* and Gabriel Fauré’s *Cantique de Jean Racine*.

1975
JACK M. MURRAY JR. (M, BARNEY) of London-derry, N.H., is senior vice president and chief auditor for Danvers Bancorp, Inc., in Danvers, Mass.

JOSEPH B. WOCOSKI (M, BARNEY) of Gaithersburg, Md., was promoted to mission assurance manager, mission systems sector, defense missions systems, at Northrop Grumman Corporation in Herndon, Va. He is happily married to Gayle, and they have a daughter, Chelsea, who has just finished her third year at High Point University, High Point, N.C.

1976
MORRIS D. CHESTER (M, ENHP) of Bexley, Ohio, is the new commissioner of education for the Massachusets Board of Education in Malden, Mass.

1978
PAUL P. BISACCIA (HARTT) of Hartford, Conn., gave a piano performance that tipped its top hat to the lively era of the 1920s and 1930s at the First Congregational Church in Westfield, Mass.

MICHAEL J. GARGANO JR. (BARNEY) of Baton Rouge, La., has accepted the position of vice president for student and academic support services in the Louisiana State University System.

ROBERTA S. SCHWARTZ-FRIEDMAN (HAS) of Cranston, R.I., graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design with a concentration in drawing and painting.

DONALD S. TRINKS (A&S) of Windsor, Conn., won reelection as mayor of the town of Windsor, Conn. A six-year veteran of the Windsor Town Council, he was the top vote-getter in the run for his fourth term as mayor.

1979
J. EDWARD BRYMER JR. (BARNEY, M’83 BARNEY) of Westerfield, Conn., was elected to the board of directors of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association for the 2008-10 term.

JOHN R. HARVEY (M, BARNEY) of Glastonbury, Conn., was recognized by the Rocky Hill, Conn., Chamber of Commerce as Best Accountant for 2007.

SUZANNE KAZI (ENHP) of Princeton Junction, N.J., is head of the Lower School at Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart in Princeton.

JAMES C. WING JR. (A&S) of Simsbury, Conn., is the immediate past-president of the Hartford County Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Hartford County Bar Association. The foundation’s mandate is to address the fundamental needs of Greater Hartford’s needy children and homeless adults.

1980
WAYMAN L. CHIN (HARTT) of Norwood, Mass., was named dean of the conservatory at Longy School of Music in Cambridge, Mass.

STUART E. ROSENBERG (M, BARNEY) of Bristol, Conn., has accepted the position of director of human resources and labor relations for the north campus of Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, Conn.

**WWII Angel of Mercy**

Helen Harmann ’42 (shown seated with Kandyce Aust, director of alumni relations) flew to Washington, D.C., on May 31 as a passenger on a second Connecticut Honor Flight (see Observer, winter 2008). After graduating from the original Hillyer College, Harmann went on to graduate from Hartford Hospital’s nursing school and joined the U.S. Army Nurse Corps.

During World War II, Harmann traveled on the USS Comfort, a hospital ship, to the Philippines, where she worked in a hospital in Manila. She treated injured U.S. soldiers evacuated from Okinawa as well as captured Japanese prisoners of war.

The Honor Flight program takes veterans of World War II to the nation's capital to see their memorial, which opened in 2004. The first Honor Flight took place in September 2007. Barney alumnus Christopher Coutu M’03 organizes each trip and raises funds to sponsor each veteran. The average WW II veteran is more than 85 years old. For information on future Honor Flights, visit www.americanwarrior.us.

**DEGREE KEY**

Alumni Connections entries are distinguished by types of degrees and certification:

- **A**: associate’s degree
- **AD**: artist diploma
- **C**: sixth-year certificate
- **D**: doctorate
- **GPD**: graduate professional diploma
- **M**: master’s degree

No letter designation before a degree year indicates a bachelor’s degree.
JOAN-ALICE TAYLOR (M, ENHP) of Newington, Conn., was sworn in as the new Newington Chamber of Commerce president. She is the first woman to hold this position.

KEITH GOLLENBERG (BARNEY) of Granby, Conn., was inducted into the 18th class of the University of Hartford Alumni Athletics Hall of Fame.

MICHAEL E. MCCARTHY (HARTT) of Storrs-Mansfield, Conn., directed the Renaissance Revival, an a cappella singing group, for “A Renaissance Bestiary of Madrigals,” held at the South United Methodist Church in Manchester, Conn. McCarthy has been leading the group since 1988. He is also director of music at Saint Joseph Church in Willimantic, Conn.

BRUCE B. MONAHAN (M, BARNEY) of Newton, N.J., is vice president of internal audit at Selective Insurance Co. of America.

1982

JOHN A. ELSESSER (M, BARNEY) of Coventry, Conn., was honored by the Town of Coventry for his two decades of service as town manager.

PATRICK V. KENNY (A&S) of East Setauket, N.Y., received the United States Regional Sales Leader Outstanding Sales Performance Award. Kenny was honored for excelling in KCI Wound VAC orders for the Queens, N.Y., territory.

MICHAEAL A. MILES (HARTT) of Durant, Okla., is director of the School of Music at the University of Southern Mississippi.

PATTY D. TANNOCK (BARNEY) of Southampton, Bermuda, has accepted a position with the Butterfield Bank Board of Directors in Hamilton, Bermuda.

1984

NANCY L. ANDREWS (A&S) of Wethersfield, Conn., was named president of the 2008 board of the Public Relations Society of America, Connecticut Valley Chapter.

WILLIAM F. FARRELL (M, Barney) of Vienna, Va., will be reading and signing copies of his new children’s book, Walter’s Pond: The True Story of Three Brothers Who Went Fishing for Trouble (Lower Lane Publishing), on campus at Homecoming in October. Farrell’s career plunge into children’s literature comes after more than 30 years as an IT executive.

ERIC THORMANN (M, BARNEY) of Seattle, Wash., is the new managing director at Power Climber in Seattle.

1985

JUDITH A. HANDLER (M, HARTT) of Vernon, Conn., and her husband, Mark Levesque, gave a concert at the Russell Library in Middletown, Conn. The duo blends Brazilian, Latin American, swing, gypsy, classical, and folk influences to create its eclectic arrangements.

1986

GWENDOLYN L. WINKEL (HARTT, C’91 HARTT) of Farmington, Conn., presented a clarinet recital in Hartford, Conn., premiering Vermont composer Zeke Hecker’s “Duo for Clarinet and Piano.” Winkel currently teaches music at the Squadron Line School in Simsbury, Conn.

1987

LINDA H. BONADIES (M, HARTT) of Hamden, Conn., was featured in the Republican-American newspaper for her work penning a song for Bob Veillette, a stroke victim. Although the two had never met, Bonadies was inspired by Veillette’s story of losing his ability to perform as a musician. Bonadies performed alongside two other musicians in a benefit for Veillette at the Mattatuck Museum Arts and History Center in Waterbury, Conn.

VIRGINIA K. JOHNSON (HARTT) of Rockland, Mass., received the 2008 Vocal Duo of the Year, New Country award at the Eleventh Annual Country Music Week held by the North American Country Music Association, International.

KAREN M. REGE (HARTT) of Wilmington, Del., received her doctorate in educational leadership with a specialization in educational technology from the University of Delaware. She currently works as an administrator for Delaware County Community College in Media, Pa., where she also teaches world music.

MICHAEL E. SILVERMAN (A, HILLYER; ’89 A&S) of Staatsburg, N.Y., is an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry and co-director of the Division of Cognitive and Behavioral Neurology at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in Manhattan.

Music, a Universal Language

Hartt alumnus Jeffrey Kreiger ’85 (front row, fourth from left) brought his electric cello to the Mumbai, India, stage at the invitation of the U.S. Embassy. “Videocello,” Kreiger’s performance of works for e-cello, video, and sound, was created by Connecticut composers and media artists.
1988
LISA M. HUBERT-CURL (BARNEY) of Norfolk, Mass., is vice president of the general internal audit department of Citizens Bank in Providence, R.I.

ETHAN HUTCHINSON (A&S) of Astoria, N.Y., has accepted the position of director of finance and administration at DailyCandy, Inc.

WILLIAM J. POUTRE (BARNEY) of Southborough, Mass., is the new head men’s golf coach at Long Beach State University in Long Beach, Calif.

MARGOT F. ROWLAND (M, HARTT) of Longmeadow, Mass., presented “The History of the Garden Horn” with other members of her group, Quatto Cor, at the Royalston, Mass., town hall.

1989
JOHN J. GORIN (A&S) of Newton Centre, Mass., has been accepted into the MBA program at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Gorin is president and CEO of Gorin Associates Inc., which he founded in 2002. The company provides auction support services, computer network support, and attorney support services.

JONATHAN J. GOUTHIER (HAS) of New York, N.Y., had his work featured at the Pensacola Bay Area Advertising Federation’s Lunch and Learn event. Gouthier led an interactive presentation titled “I Am Going to Be a Beauty.”

KATHLEEN A. GUGLIOTTI (M, BARNEY) of Southbury, Conn., was promoted to vice president, corporate sales administrator, at Newtown Savings Bank in Newtown, Conn.

JOSEPHINE R. SMITH (ENHP) of Southwick, Mass., was featured in The Hartford Courant for her work in reviving Betances Elementary School in Hartford, Conn. The school, which was the lowest-ranked elementary school in Hartford two years ago, improved its Connecticut Mastery Test scores 8.1 percent last year during the first year of Smith’s leadership.

1990
JEFFREY R. ASTRACHAN (A&S) of Old Bethpage, N.Y., is the spiritual leader of Temple Beth Israel in York, Pa.

JAIME B. BERG (BARNEY) of Portland, Maine, is an account manager with FISC in Lewiston, Maine.

KHALED M. EL MARSAFY (BARNEY) of New York, N.Y., was appointed to the board of directors of BPL Global, Ltd.

GEORGE S. LOPEZ (HARTT) of Goffstown, N.H., gave a piano recital at Alumni Hall in Haverhill, N.H. The performance included selections from Gershwin, Bach, Beethoven, and Chopin.

ROBERT A. MCGARRY (M, HARTT) of Neptune, N.J., earned his doctorate in educational and organizational leadership from the University of Pennsylvania. He is currently the director of curriculum and instruction for the Shore Regional High School District in West Long Branch, N.J. McGarry also recently celebrated the first anniversary of his civil union to his partner, Jeffrey Leute.

1991
JOSEPH J. DELLA PENNA (HARTT) of Cambridge, Mass., was featured in The Boston Globe as the new pianist at Upstairs on the Square in Harvard Square. He is a new faculty member at the Boston Conservatory and was the subject of two news interviews about the Boston jazz community.

HERMAN R. SORCER (A&S) of Lafayette, N.J., is the director of corporate sales for the Sussex Skyhawks baseball team, a member of the Can-Am League, in Augusta, N.J.

1992
PETER F. SAMSON (M, BARNEY) of Bolton, Conn., has accepted the position of senior vice president in the Commercial Lending Division at TD Banknorth in Glastonbury, Conn.

1993
SARAH E. GILBERT (HARTT) of West Hartford, Conn., opened for the show “ME ME ME ME!” with Broadway songs and standards at the Bridgeport United Congregational Church in Bridgeport, Conn.

RUSSELL J. SABADOSA (WARD, M’96 BARNEY) of East Longmeadow, Mass., was promoted to full professor and received tenure at Manchester Community College in Manchester, Conn. He currently serves as department chair of the Department of Information Systems and Office Technology, as well as club advisor to the Computer Repair and Share Club.

1994
LEIGH A. MEDEIROS (HAS) of Coventry, R.I., has opened an art gallery, YES Gallery & Studio, in Warren, R.I.

1995
ERIC M. MCPHERSON (HARTT) of New York, N.Y., performed on the drums with the Two Rivers project, which blends traditional Iraqi music with elements of American jazz, at Firehouse 12 in New Haven, Conn.

1996
LILLIE H. FEIERABEND (M, HARTT) of Simsbury, Conn., was named the University of Hartford Magnet School Teacher of the Year. She teaches music at the school. Feierabend was also named the Connecticut Elementary School Teacher of the Year by the Connecticut Music Educators Association.

Jeffrey Becker A’81, ’82 (Ward), Untitled, CapaCity Project (unrecycled objects), 2008. Featured in the first annual Camera Works exhibit of the Ridgefield (Conn.) Guild of Artists in June, this sculpture is made entirely from trash. The full series of “throwaway” assemblages in Becker’s CapaCity Project began as the artist’s response to unrecyclable plastic caps and container lids and quickly evolved to encompass “all things where growth is unbounded”—population, traffic, advertising, technology. Becker is a professional photographer from Easton, Conn.

Commencement Connections
Hartford’s Capital Community College celebrated at its own Commencement in May the academic achievements of members of its administration who were awarded doctorates in educational leadership from the University of Hartford. Pictured from left to right are Stephen Fagbemi D’00, Capital’s chair of social and behavioral sciences, with newly graduated Theresa DeVito D’08, Capital’s chair of health careers; Cynthia Adams D’08, director of nursing at the community college; and Steven Minkler ’86, M’00, D’00, Capital’s director of academic media technology.
ALUMNI Connections

Births

Sandra D'Amico & Ethan Hutchinson ’88 (Sabrina, 7.23.07)
Dana Cutler Scott A’88, ’90, & Mark Scott (Amanda Danielle, 4.3.08)
Mary Ann Fox & David Fox A’91, ’93 (Dewey, 1.30.08)
Karen Dammerman Phillips ’93 & Graham Phillips (Chase Macintyre, 2.19.08)
Jeanne Goulet Reardon ’93 & Darren Reardon (Cooper Joseph, 11.13.07)
Amy Bernstein Winkler ’97 & Daniel Winkler (Gabrielle Hayden, 3.25.08)

Members of Miss Carighan’s first-grade class at West Hill Elementary School in Rocky Hill, Conn., are happy to show off the University goodie bags they received after a Lincoln Theater field trip. Jordan Swanson (top row, fourth from left) is the daughter of Michele ’92 and Brian Swanson ’91.

Goodie! Goodie!

RICHARD B. WATERS JR. (M, HARTT) of Cleveland, Miss., received the 2008 Delta State University Foundation Prize for Excellence in Teaching.

1998

BOR A. CELIK (M, BARNEY) wrote an article in The Hartford Courant detailing his life as a young professional in Hartford and his future aspirations. He is currently a talent broker/event producer and the owner of BoraMusic.

ALICIA E. DIDONATO (HARTT) of Stoneham, Mass., is second/assistant principal flute with the Oregon Symphony Orchestra. She and her husband will be relocating from Boston, where she has had a successful freelance career as a member of Boston Music Viva, Boston Modern Orchestra Project, and the Firebird and Radius ensembles. DiDonato also earned her Master of Music from the New England Conservatory in 2003.

VICTOR M. PACHECO (HAS) of Hartford, Conn., won a 2008 Connecticut Commission on the Arts Fellowship.

ALAN O. PATTERSON (ENHP) of West Hartford, Conn., published his first essay, “The Eastern European Jewish Immigrant Experience with Baseball in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century,” in February 2008 (Modern Judaism 28:1: 79–104). He also presented at the 20th Annual Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture.

THOMAS YARROBINO (ENHP) of Smithtown, N.Y., opened his newly renovated physical therapy office, Optimum Physical Therapy, in Ronkonkoma, N.Y.

Weddings

Arielle Berni & Jonathan Lampert ’95 (5.10.08)
Nicole St. Clair ’96 & Kevin Knoblock (5.31.08)
Christine Gindy & Todd Timney ’97 (10.6.07)
Alicia E. DiDonato ’98 & Dwane Paulsen
Hannah Means & Russell Shannon ’98

JoAnn Lowrimore & Matthew Gaughran ’99 (3.15.08)
Heidi Laderer ’99 & Justin Correriero (7.14.07)
Amanda M. Young ’01 & Paul Tesseneer

Lisa M. Ariola M’02, C’06, & Nelson Simoes

Amy Bishop & Daniel Newburg M’07 (12.1.07)

Above left: Christine Dietz ’01 (A’99 Hillyer, A&S) and Jack Nightingale were married on Dec. 15, 2007. The wedding party included bridesmaids Amy Krynicki ’01, Loren Acevedo ’01, and Sarah Cotton ’01. Also joining in the celebration were Christopher Berger ’01, Beth Ammerata ’01, Michelle Nelson ’01, and Miguel Marichal ’02.

Above right: Jeanine Giustino ’00 (ENHP) and Ronald Nonaillada celebrated their nuptials in Forest Hills, N.Y., on March 15, 2008. The couple met while working as occupational therapists in Long Island, N.Y. Guistino is an occupational therapy geriatric specialist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

1997

ANDREW MAYO (M, HARTT) of West Hartford, Conn., was named Teacher of the Year by the West Hartford Public Schools. He is a music teacher at Henry A. Wolcott Elementary School.

MARTIN A. PIZIGHELLI (A, HILLYER; ’99 A&S) of Bridgeport, Conn., is engaged to Jennifer Costello. A summer 2009 wedding is planned.

1999

PETER C. CASTELLANO (HAS) of Mercerville, N.J., is engaged to Mary Borissova.

ELIZABETH M. PELCZAR (A&S) of Carrboro, N.C., was awarded her PhD in chemistry from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

2000

SEAN M. BURTON (HARTT) of Sioux City, Iowa, completed his first year of teaching at Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, where he is assistant professor of music and director of choral activities. Burton is also conductor of the Nebraska Children’s Chorus Bel Canto, which recently toured Mexico.
CPA Society Appoints Barney Alumni to Leadership Positions

The Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA) has appointed six graduates of the Barney School of Business to the group's 25-member Advisory Council for the 2008-09 activity year. Lamar S. Fife M'93 of Columbia, Conn., is state tax management for Henkel of America, Inc., in Rocky Hill. Michael J. Hanlon M'05 of North Haven, Conn., is a supervisor for the Shelton firm of Nishball, Carpenter, Niedermier, Pacowta & Co., P.C. Nancy D. Hayes '80 lives in Clinton, Conn., and is partner in the Hamden firm of Carter, Hayes & Associates, P.C. Brenden M. Healy M'05 of Colchester, Conn., is a tax manager for Haggett Longobardi, a division of J. H. Cohn in Glastonbury. Clifford A. Rankin M'99 is a manager for the Farmington firm of Harper & Whitfield, P.C., and lives in Bristol, Conn. A resident of Avon, Conn., Donna Roseman M'01, is the senior gift planning officer for the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. The CSCPS is currently celebrating its 100th year of service.

In Memoriam

The University mourns the loss of five longtime faculty members and associates.

The Hartt School sadly notes the passing of two gifted former faculty members: Adelaide Bishop, tenured professor of opera and chair of the opera department, died on June 20; Stanley W. Aronson, tenured professor of opera and chair of the opera department, died on May 19; A&S Professor Emeritus Lee William Yosha, chairman of the music department, died on June 27; he was a former chair of the English department.

Chester Dudzik, professor emeritus of mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering, died on July 28. Richard Weaver-Bey, former University regent, Hartford businessman, and civic leader,

Russell T. Harrington A'45 6.16.08
Edith N. Alster A'46 5.17.08
Benjamin W. Rogers A'46 7.8.08
Judith D. Schneider A'46 6.12.08
Richard J. Luko Sr. A'50 6.19.08
Edward F. Satko C'50 6.9.08
Milton Stein A'50 7.5.08
Frank P. Bambara A'51 6.14.08
Helen G. Hodam M'52 5.21.08
Anthony D. Fiengo A'53 6.27.08
Michael W. Wolk C'53 6.15.08
Clement D. Shaw M'55 5.22.08
Joseph L. Slattery M'56 5.19.08
Elaine B. Elliott M'57 4.29.08
Thomas W. Stewart A'57, '61 4.5.08
David H. Blaney '58 3.25.08
Elbert I. Carlson A'58 5.23.08
Robert W. Kallinich A'58 5.28.08
Marcel J. Roy C'58 3.27.08
Henry Vanderburgh M'59 7.3.08
John F. Cosgrove Jr. '62 6.19.08
Donald R. Flis M'62 7.2.08
Agatha D. Cappello M'63 4.20.08

Thomas K. Jones '64 6.30.08
Helen S. Mass M'64 5.30.08
Stephen F. Smith Sr. '64 4.21.08
Katherine O. Tansey '65 5.7.08
Judith V. Latina '68 5.23.08
Barbara Strickland A'68 4.4.08
Louise A. Druffer M'69 4.3.08
Jeffrey H. Kontner '69 3.29.08
Janet R. Lee '69 5.21.08
Bruce M. MacKay M'71 7.2.08
Joanne C. Maglioce M'71 4.14.08
Merriilee Milstein '71 6.9.08
James M. Purcell '71 6.10.08
Gal S. Bliss '74 5.10.08
James D. Rose '75, M'76 3.27.08
Donald J. Martin M'76 2.5.08
Richard E. Smith '77, M'85 5.5.08
Martin F. Golec '79 6.9.08
Alfred A. Lerz M'79 7.9.08
John D. Newcomb '83 6.18.08
Martha Jean Burroughs C'86 5.28.08
Myla M. Christie '87 6.15.08
David E. Schaumberg A'98, '00 3.27.08

Celebrate with the Observer!

Weddings, births, new jobs, promotions, performances, exhibitions, publications—these and so many other notable milestones and accomplishments are what punctuate our lives once we leave the University of Hartford campus. Send the Observer your news, and we’ll let old friends and faculty, as well as the global University community, know what you’ve been up to since graduation. Announcements may be sent to alumni@hartford.edu or to the Office of Alumni Relations, 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117.

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SETH MCCLELLAN (HARTT) of Crete, Ill., premiered his feature-length documentary, King in Chicago, at the Bronzeville Film Festival, held in June 2008 at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. McClellan is director and producer of the film about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Chicago Freedom Movement.

2001

DALE E. DEMILLE (M, ENHP) of New Britain, Conn., is assistant director of the LPN programs at Stone Academy in Hamden and East Hartford, Conn.

KIM A. GROOT (ENHP, M'05 ENHP) of Avon, Conn., is an adjunct faculty member with Project Horizon, an ongoing program of the University’s Division of Nursing that sends health care professionals to homeless shelters, soup kitchens, neighborhood centers, transitional learning centers, and schools in Hartford and West Hartford. Groot was previously a student in the program prior to her graduation from the University.

2002

ETHAN D. BOISVERT (HAS) of West Hartford, Conn., exhibited his paintings at La Motta Fine Art in Hartford, Conn.

MICHAEL A. CHENKUS (HARTT) of Watertown, Conn., played the lead role in the Warner Theatre production of Miss Saigon in Torrington, Conn.

BENJAMIN D. DOOLEY (CETA) of Simsbury, Conn., completed his U.S. Navy basic training with honors at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

JAMES T. LINDSAY (HARTT) of Orange, Conn., presented an organ recital at St. Augustine Church in Seymour, Conn.

LAURA A. MARZI (M, A&S) of West Hartford, Conn., was promoted by The Hartford to assistant vice president of marketing services for the group benefits division. She was previously the director of marketing communications for group benefits.
SHEILA B. SOLENNOU (ENHP) of Waterbury, Conn., was elected president of the Connecticut League of Nursing. Solennou is the director of nursing at Gateway Community College in New Haven, Conn.

2003
JONATHAN P. BABCOCK (D, HARTT) of Brooklyn, N.Y., is associate director of choirs at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas.

MELINDA B. BUTYNSKI (ENHP) of Oak Bluffs, Mass., is engaged to Scott Sipe. The wedding will take place in May 2009.

SARAH GRAHAM (BARNEY) of Shelton, Conn., has accepted the position of front-end Web developer at Ryan iDirect in Wilton, Conn.

JESSI L. ROSINSKI (HARTT) of Brighton, Mass., performed as soloist with the Boston Pops Orchestra. She was invited to play Elegia III by Panagiotos Liaropoulos as part of the “Pops Goes Hellenic” concert. The program of exclusively Greek music was presented at Symphony Hall in Boston, Mass.

2004
AMANDA L. BACKER (A&S) of Colchester, Conn., was promoted to account executive at Cronin and Company, LLC, in Glastonbury, Conn.

ROBERT CARPENTER (HAS) of Bedminster, N.J., is an assistant branch manager at Bank-Newport’s Narragansett Branch.

2005

CHRISTOPHER J. DUBEY (A&S) of Middletown, Conn., presented a conference titled “Iatrogenesis in Psychiatry” at Wesleyan University to celebrate Social Justice Day.

ANDREA E. GIANCHIGLIA (HAS) of Bedminster, N.J., had an exhibit of her animal portraiture, titled Paws and Claws, at the Bernardsville Public Library in Bernardsville, N.J.

SUZANNE M. SUSTAITA (HAS) of West Haven, Conn., has been accepted into the master’s program at Southwestern College in Santa Fe, N.M. She begins as a full-time student in the art therapy/counseling program in the fall.

2006
JENNIFER O. JURCZAK (M, BARNEY) of Avon, Conn., is an assistant branch manager at Bank-Newport’s Narragansett Branch.

2007
BETH LARKINS-STRATHY (D, ENHP) of Southbury, Conn., is assistant principal with Plainville Middle School in Plainville, Conn.

KENNETH L. SMITH (M, HAS) of Greenback, Tenn., was featured in a Tennessee Conservationist magazine article, “Oil and Sweat: An Artist’s Perspective of the History of Ft. Loudon.” Smith, a historical artist, had painted a work in oil depicting his vision of the beginning of the British occupation of the fort site in what is now Vonore, Tenn.

DANIELLE M. TURANO (HARTT) of Wallingford, Conn., taught violin to young residents for a summer arts program sponsored by the Wallingford Parks and Recreation Department.


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The Observer welcomes your art. Your work in any medium is a great addition to our Alumni Connections section. We’re proud to publish the art you’ve worked so hard to create.

Let us give your art a wider audience. Send in digital photos of your artwork from a recent or upcoming exhibition. Photos should be high resolution, less than 2MB each, saved in jpg format, and e-mailed as attachments to bkennedy@hartford.edu. Larger files may be mailed on CD to Observer, Office of Communication, University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117.

John Sembrakis ’83 (HAS), Revelation (acrylic on canvas, 24” x 30”), 2006. With an affinity for astronomical imagery, particularly of atoms, Sembrakis’s abstractions are based on patterns from particle accelerators that have been recorded on heat-sensitive film. Finding inspiration in technology is his answer to the search for beauty in the 21st century. His works have been widely exhibited across Connecticut, including at Real Art Ways and Artworks galleries and the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art.

ROBERT CARPENTER (HAS), Tim’s Stories by S. E. Hinton. Carpenter also creates realistic portraiture and other custom tattoos for Inksanity Tattoo in Somerset, N.J. His portfolio may be viewed online at www.robcarpentertattoos.com.

KATRINA G. FOSTER (HARTT) of New London, Conn., co-directed the Norwich Arts Council Symphonic Band for a patriotic concert at Norwich Free Academy’s Slater Hall. Foster teaches orchestra in the Groton Public Schools but has plans to move to Seattle, Wash.

ERIK J. SZOBOTA (HARTT) of New York, N.Y., is a strategic planning analyst with Turner Broadcasting, working within the New York advertising division for TBS, TNT, and truTV.

MATTHEW D. WITTMER (M, BARNEY) of Simsbury, Conn., has accepted the position of associate principal at Cubellis in Rocky Hill, Conn.

2008
ROBERT BUDEN (M, BARNEY) of Amston, Conn., is the new finance director for the town of Plainville, Conn.

SAMANTHA CUSACK (A&S) of Baltimore, Md., was selected as one of 10 collegiate development consultants for Delta Gamma Fraternity for the 2008-09 academic year.

Pardon…
Robert Robert A’87, ’88, has graciously excused the Observer for misspelling his name in our Kudos feature in the spring 2008 issue.
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ALUMNI EVENTS

1, 2. Alumni enjoy themselves and each other at our Networking Happy Hour overlooking the water at New Haven’s Sage American Grill & Oyster Bar in June.

3. Sam Skinner, director of international admission (back row, fourth from left), gathers everyone together for his annual alumni dinner in Taipei, Taiwan, last March.

4. President Harrison (left) congratulates Standish Parkin ’08 at the Alumni Association Graduation Reception for graduates and their parents on May 17.

5. Noah (left) and Jordan (center) Swanson are thrilled to join Rocky, the New Britain Rock Cats baseball team mascot, at the game in June. The children and their parents, Michele ’92 and Brian Swanson ’91, enjoyed the amenities of the luxury suite hosted by the Alumni Association.
**1, 2.** President Walter Harrison and Hikmet Aslan M’99, assistant director of the University’s International Center, visited with alumni in Turkey in May. Photo 1: Harrison (fourth from right) and Aslan (second from right) dine with a group of alumni in Ankara, hosted by Haci Begendik ’02. Also on their Ankara itinerary was a visit to the Turkish Congress. Photo 2: In Istanbul, Harrison (first row standing, fourth from left) and Aslan (first row, first from left) join more than 50 alumni, as well as some families of current Hartford students, for dinner and an evening of international catching-up. (See also From the President, p. 2.)

**3, 4.** Cheering Hartford alumni give their team The Wave (photo 3) as they root along with a capacity crowd for the Boston Red Sox at bat on the diamond (photo 4).

**5.** Alumni Association volunteer marshals team up for a group shot at this year’s Travelers Championship golf tournament, held in June in Cromwell, Conn.

**6.** The O’Connor family—(l–r) Diane M’78, daughter Molly, and Bill ’72—take in the New York Yankees game in July.

**7.** Also spotted at the Yankees game were the Wanks—(l–r) David and Melissa ’93 with their boys, Justin and Andrew.

**8.** Karyn Blane M’91, D’95 (left), holds daughter Ellie next to husband Michael and son Max at the Pawtucket Red Sox (PawSox) game in Pawtucket, R.I., on June 8. The Boston Alumni Chapter hosted a pregame barbecue and baseball discussion led by University President Walter Harrison.

**9.** Also enjoying the PawSox game this summer are Matt Schickling ’94 (left) and Nicole Lomerson (right).
We thoroughly enjoyed our time as students at the University of Hartford. We made many good friends, had memorable experiences, and, of course, received an outstanding education. All of this combined gave us tools and skills that have helped us be successful in our lives and careers.

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Today’s University is a very special place. Faculty and staff challenge students to grow and achieve both academically and personally. There is excitement everywhere you look—in the engineering labs, in the rehearsal studios, in the art spaces, and in the teaching classrooms. Students have so much fun socializing on Alumni Plaza and cheering for our sports teams.

The Annual Fund is vital to the University’s continued ability to provide this learning environment that allows students to transform themselves intellectually, personally, and socially. A strong Annual Fund increases the value of a University of Hartford degree. We are asking all of you—alumni, friends, parents, faculty, and staff—to contribute to the Annual Fund. Help the University of Hartford continue to be an excellent place to grow, explore, learn, and achieve.