Dear Fellow Alumni,

It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome Heather Corbett, our new director of alumni relations, to the University of Hartford. I’m sure you’ll join me in making her feel right at home on our beautiful campus.

Heather joined us in April and brings with her a wealth of experience in both alumni relations and development, having served as director of alumnae/i at Wheaton College in Massachusetts and at Newcomb College in Louisiana. Heather hit the ground running and is making plans to expand the reach and effectiveness of the Alumni Association—locally, nationally, and internationally. We are eager to see what the future brings.

The Alumni Association has been very busy over the last several months. We have had the wonderful opportunity to join with other alumni, family, and friends at a variety of special events that spanned the globe, as well as having raised the University of Hartford flag close to home at several events in the Hartford area. We’ve met with alumni in New York City, Boston, Chicago, Albany, Atlanta, Florida, Arizona, and even London, reconnecting with old friends and making some new ones. We would love to get together with you the next time we are in your area.

Commencement Weekend was a memorable occasion, as the Class of 2013 became the newest members of the University of Hartford Alumni Association. Representatives of the Alumni Board hosted the graduates at a reception in their honor on May 18. We were joined by members of the Class of 1963, who celebrated the 50th anniversary of their graduation by being inducted into the ranks of the Golden Hawks. A special highlight of the weekend was the presentation of the Distinguished Alumnus Award to Nancy Stula ’83, ’85. This award honors graduates of the University who have made an exceptional impact on their profession, their community, and/or the University of Hartford. It is the highest award bestowed on our alumni (see p. 25).

Each year, the Alumni Board makes it a priority to have 100 percent participation in support of the Anchor Fund from our board members. We recognize how vital these dollars are to ensuring the sustainability of the University, and, once again, we have attained this important milestone. We invite you to join us and make your own gift to the Anchor Fund in 2013. Remember, every gift counts.

Don’t forget to mark this year’s Hawktober Weekend, Oct. 18–20, on your calendar and come back to campus—once your home away from home—for a fun-filled celebration of all that is great about the University of Hartford. Watch for more information and a full schedule in the coming months. We all look forward to seeing you and welcoming you back.

Thank you for your support of the University and for all you do to make a difference in the lives of our students, faculty, and staff.

Best,

Da’Rel J. Eastling ’99, M’11
President
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*New member  P: Alumni parent
1961

ROBERT PAVLICKI (A&S) of Savannah, Ga., has published his second book, Fifty Ways to Greater Well Being and Happiness: A Handy and Inspirational Guide, based on a column he writes in a local magazine. His book may be purchased through his website, fiftyways togreaterwellbeingandhappiness.com, or Amazon.com.

1965

KENNETH L. BOUDREAU (A&S) of Farmington, Conn., was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marines, serving for four years and ended his service as a captain. He went on to own his own staffing service in Connecticut for 30 years, then became vice president of JWB Travel Enterprises, Inc.

1972

THOMAS O. BARNES (BARNEY) of Bristol, Conn., has been named to the Champions Council at Our Piece of the Pie, Inc., an organization that serves urban youth through mentoring, education, and employment programs.

1973

CAROLE P. KUNSTADT (HAS) of New York, N.Y., had three pieces from her Sacred Poems series in the exhibition Small Matters of Great Importance at the Edward Hopper House in Nyack, N.Y., last fall. Additional works from this series have been included in the Book Arts Collection of the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C.

1974

EDITH S. YEAGER (A&S) of Naples, Fla., was reelected chair of the Naples Airport Authority Noise Compatibility Committee. The committee helps monitor the impact of aircraft noise and makes recommendations about noise-mitigation procedures to the board of commissioners.

1976

MICHAEL THOMAS CICCHETTI (HARTT) of Farmington, Conn., is the new interim principal of Hurlbutt Elementary School in Weston, Conn.

1978

MICHAEL GARGANO (BARNEY) of Baton Rouge, La., has been named vice president for academic, faculty, and student affairs for the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

1979

JEFFREY BROWN (HAS) of Colorado Springs, Colo., was invited by the Harwood Museum of Art in Taos, N.M., to contribute his piece Vision of Constantine to the museum’s permanent collection. The work (shown left) is an assemblage of found objects. Brown is artist-in-residence at Fountain Valley School in Colorado Springs, where he teaches art and photography.

1981

PATRICIA BARON CHARLES (M, ENHP) of Westbrook, Conn., is the new superintendent of Middletown Public Schools. Charles has served as principal at Farm Hill Elementary and Keigwin Middle Schools in Middletown.

1982

JANET BARBARA CHARLES (HAS) of Simsbury, Conn., had his photography featured this winter in the exhibit at City Lights Gallery in Bridgeport, Conn., as well as at the City-Wide Open Studios in New Haven, Conn.

1984

CHARLES E. PAGANO (ENGINEERING) of Waterbury, Conn., an ESPN pioneer who joined the television network shortly before its inaugural broadcast in 1979, is now the company’s executive vice president and chief technology officer. In December, Pagano was inducted into the 2012 Broadcasting & Cable Hall of Fame.

Fan of the Year

Former Alumni Board member David Dyson ’81 (Hartt) was chosen by the New England Patriots Football Organization and Bank of America as a semifinalist for the 2012 New England Patriots Fan of the Year. For the last nine years, he has raised more than $112,000 for Tabor House, an AIDS program in Hartford, Conn. Dyson and his 9-year-old son, Sean, were recognized at a pregame ceremony at Gillette Stadium in October, after which the video footage was broadcast throughout the stadium during the game against the Denver Broncos.

RICHARD WILLIAMS (HARTT) of Portland, Ore., is in his 24th season with the Westchester Symphonic Winds. This is his eighth season as principal trombone.

1985

ERIK G. WEXLER (A’83 HILLYER, A&S, M’87 BARNEY) of Shrewsbury, Mass., is president and chief executive officer of St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, Mass. He also serves on the Anna Maria College Board of Trustees.

WILLIAM E. WRANG III (M, BARNEY) of Middletown, Conn., has been promoted to executive vice president, commercial real estate group, at Webster Bank. With Webster since 1998, Wrang’s division has set records for originations, balances, and contributions to earnings, increasing its loan balances by $268 million.

1986

MARK R. DION (HAS, Hon’02) of Beach Lake, Pa., gave a fall lecture at Loyola University in New Orleans, La. Dion’s work examines the ways in which dominant ideologies and public institutions shape our understanding of history, knowledge, and the natural world.

Flying Home for Her Birthday

What better way to pamper yourself on a big birthday than to fly to your old college home for a Hawks basketball game and mini reunion. Alyse Rothstein Stoll ’83 (ENHP), left, flew back to campus from Boca Raton, Fla., to celebrate with other alumni friends, including daughter Cara ’11 and son Brad ’14. Howie welcomed her back at the game with a big Hawk hug.
Weddings

Top: JESSICA L. FINE ’05, ’07 (HILLYER, A&S), and Adam G. Sowalsky are surrounded by a sea of wedding guests on Aug. 19, 2012, in Cambridge, Mass. Flanking the happy couple are fellow alumni (from left) Ashley Violette ’06; Emily Johnson ’07; Candace DiCosmo-Byrne ’07; Emily Lebar; Amy Nathanson ’07; Brett Corbat ’07; Dana Nathanson ’09; Elizabeth Fisk ’07, M’09; Jackie Ouellette Shea ’08; Brian Shea ’08; Ally Levy ’05; Jessica Wexler Newman ’05; Michael Baruch A’03, and Carl Nehm ’07. Also in attendance but not pictured were Heather Wenarsky ’07, Richard Sowalsky ’07, Stephanie Fields ’08, and Aaron Budnick ’07.

Center left: LISA LYONS ’92 (A&S) and MARC REINGOLD ’92 (A&S), who reconnected and became more than Facebook friends after 22 years, were married in January 2013 in Santa Monica, Calif. Hartford classmates in attendance included Lisa Rubel ’92; Stefanie Bleich Kelly ’92; Lisa A’89, ’91, and James Schwebel ’92; Nekole Bloom ’92; and Esther Newman’91.

Center middle: MICHELLE HARRIS ’04 (HARTT) and Eric Thompson Ill took their vows on April 14, 2012, at The Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture in Charlotte, N.C., then headed to Montego Bay, Jamaica, for their honeymoon. The bride, a string educator and performer, owns a studio with her husband, a bassist with the Charlotte Symphony.

Center right: Staring happily into their future are Sarah Richards-Kroll and KEITH BROUGH ’00 (HAS), who were married on Nov. 11, 2012. Both Connecticut residents, the bride is from Naugatuck, the groom, from New Fairfield.

Bottom: ALEXANDRA E. MORLEY ’08, M’10 (BARNEY), wed JOHN D. COURY ’08 (A&S) on June 2, 2012, in Buffalo, N.Y. As alumni softball and baseball student-athletes, the newlyweds welcomed many fellow Hawks and University staff as guests. The bridal party included Latasha Jarrett Raineyault ’08, D’10 (track and field); Courtney Gomez ’08, D’10 (women’s basketball); and Erik Price ’08 and Adam Bowers ’08 (baseball). Staff guests were Pat Meiser, Jim Keener, Ellen Crandall, Laurie Weinstein ’78, Dan Ruede, Sarah Boissonneault, Arline Robbins, and Nancy Olson. Other alumni guests included Amy Sullivan ’05, Mallory Rapafo Reis ’05, Lisa Belval ’06, Michelle Mariano ’07, CJ Browne ’08, and Amanda Sais Littlejohn ’09.

NOT PICTURED:
Tremel Ann Faison and THURSTON SPAULDING JR. M’94 (BARNEY) celebrated their nuptials on June 23, 2012, in New Bern, N.C.
ELISABETH A. NEARY ’05 (A&S) and Joshua A. Butnick said their vows on Oct. 7, 2012, at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

Engagements

Jason A. Santos ’05 (CEA) is pleased to announce his engagement to Marissa C. Alarie. At press time, a Bermuda wedding was planned for June 1, 2013.

Edward S. Forman ’09 (BARNEY) is pleased to announce his engagement to Jennifer R. Feigen. At press time, the couple planned an April 2013 wedding.

Jennifer Polledri A’08, ’09 (Hillyer, A&S) is pleased to announce her engagement to Matthew Sollecito A’07, ’09 (Hillyer, Barney).

JOHN KENNEDY HAMPTON (A&S) of Simsbury, Conn., was elected to the Connecticut General Assembly in November. As a Democrat, he represents the 16th District (Simsbury) at the State Capitol, having served as a member of the Simsbury Board of Selectmen since 2003 and as a deputy first selectman since 2007.

DAVID M. HAYES (HARTT) of Philadelphia, Pa., made his debut as music director of the New York Choral Society in December.

1989

GLENN P. BURKE (HARTT) of Nashville, Tenn., taught classical saxophone at Belmont University for several years, then changed careers and was ordained by Joan Hunter Ministries. Burke and his wife, Abby, are both pastors and cofounders of Artist Revival Ministries, a Tennessee-based nonprofit ministry-arts training facility.

SUSAN T. DANIS (M, BARNEY) of Miami, Fla., is the new general director and chief executive officer of Florida Grand Opera. She had served as executive director of Sarasota Opera since 1999.

JOHN M. REEVES (M, BARNEY) of Fairfax, Va., has a new position as Virginia division president for Breazer Homes USA, Inc. He is a veteran homebuilding executive with prior experience leading the Washington, D.C., metropolitan divisions for two other national homebuilders, Pulte Homes and KB Home.

1990

BRENDAN BOYCE (WARD) of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., played a thug in the film The Dark Knight Rises. He also appears with Oscar winner Melissa Leo in Something in the Water, due out in 2013.

DAVE CHRISTENSEN (ENGINEERING) of Hartford, Conn., has been promoted to counsel at Cantor Colburn LLP, one of the country’s foremost specialty law firms focusing on intellectual property law.

MARK A. GRUDZIEN (M, ENHP) of West Hartford, Conn., has been appointed interim assistant principal at King Phillip Middle School in West Hartford.
Alumni Honored at Commencement

Two outstanding alumni received special awards on Sunday, May 19, at the 2013 Undergraduate Commencement.

**Nancy Stula ’83, ’85** (right), director and curator of the Lyman Allyn Art Museum in New London, Conn., received the University’s Distinguished Alumni Award, given annually to a graduate who has made an exceptional impact on her/his profession, community, and the University. Stula earned a BFA in visual communication design in 1983 and a bachelor’s in art history in 1985 from the University of Hartford. She also received a PhD from Columbia University in art history. Her museum career began in 1991 at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. In 1994 she began teaching at the University as an adjunct professor of art history. She joined the Lyman Allyn Art Museum as curator and deputy director in 2003, becoming director in 2009. Stula served as a trustee of the Hartford Art School from 2005 to 2009. As of July 1, Stula begins a new appointment as executive director of the William Benton Museum of Art at the University of Connecticut in Storrs.

**Robert Brubaker ’77** (far right) received the 2013 Hartt Alumni Award during an alumni gala presentation ceremony in Lincoln Theater. He earned a bachelor’s in music in 1977 from the University and has established himself as a leading tenor in opera companies throughout the United States and Europe. Recent engagements include the Kaiser in Die Frau Ohne Schatten with Deutsche Oper Berlin; Laca in Jenufa at the English National Opera; Boris in Katya Kabanova at the Theater an der Wien; Mephistopheles in the premiere of Busson’s Doktor Faust at Teatre de la Maestranza in Seville; a return to the Glyndebourne Festival for the world premiere of the new opera, Of Love and Other Demons, composed by Peter Eötvös. Brubaker’s upcoming engagements include Mime in Siegfried at Seville, Mime in Das Rheingold and Siegfried at Teatro Massimo Palermo, Malatestino in Francesca da Rimini and Mime in the Ring cycle at the Metropolitan Opera, Luigi in Il Tabarro and Canio in I Pagliacci with Opera St. Louis, an appearance with Dallas Opera in 2014, and returns to the Met in upcoming seasons.

**Barney Hall of Fame Honors Two**

Scott Orenstein ’83, M’84, of New York, N.Y. (left), and Lee Ann C. Leahy ’84 of Rocky Hill, Conn. (right), have been inducted into the Barney School of Business’s 2013 Alumni Hall of Fame. The new honorees were selected from a field of 18,000 Barney alumni. Leahy has the added distinction of being the first woman inducted into Barney’s Alumni Hall of Fame.

**ERIC G. MAULAVÉ** (M, BARNEY) of Paris, France, was appointed vice president of sales for EOS Imaging. Maulavé brings substantial experience in international markets and high-tech medical technologies to EOS.

1991

**MICHAEL A. BROWNSTEIN** (HARTT) of Easton, Conn., is the new assistant principal for Samuel Staples Elementary School in Easton. Brownstein has enjoyed a successful 21-year career in education.

1992

**HULUS A. ALPAY** (BARNEY) of Morganville, N.J., was elected the 2013 chairman of the board of directors of the National Investor Relations Institute. Alpay is vice president, investor relations, for Medidata Solutions, headquartered in New York City.

**CAROLYN A. PATTERSON** (HAS) of Allen, Texas, and her husband, William, both contemporary realist painters, exhibited their work in a show titled The Still Life: His and Hers at Laura Moore Fine Art Studios in McKinney, Texas. The Pattasons also lead art workshops with a focus on Renaissance painting methods and on art appreciation. Their next workshop is scheduled for the summer of 2013 in Umbria and Rome, Italy.

1993

**PETER BOYER** (M, HARTT; D’95) of Altadena, Calif., had a busy year collaborating with several Hollywood composers on orchestrations for the latest James Bond (007) film, Skyfall; “Pixar in Concert”; and The Amazing Spider-Man. Boyer conducted the premiere of his Symphony No. 1 with the Pasadena Symphony in April. The three-movement, 24-minute work was commissioned by the symphony and dedicated to the memory of the legendary composer/conductor/pianist Leonard Bernstein, who, Boyer says, had a profound influence on his work.

**JACQUES RENÉ GAILLOT** (A&S) of Fleming Island, Fl., ran as a Democrat for the 3rd Congressional District in North Central Florida.

**KIM E. GOKCE** (M, BARNEY) of Atlanta, Ga., is a District 4 representative of Brookhaven, Ga. He is a certified project-management professional and a certified Netware engineer.

**VIVIAN L. NASIAKTA** (BARNEY) of Salisbury, Conn., a Republican, ran for State Representative for the 64th District in Connecticut’s fall election.

1995

**PHILLIP BOYKIN** (M, HARTT) of Montclair, N.J., brought his Tony-nominated talents to portray Booker T. Washington in Manhattan Concert Productions’ staging of Ragtime at Avery Fisher Hall in New York City.

**CHERRY C. DUKE** (AD, HARTT) of New York, N.Y., a mezzo-soprano, performed with the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra at the 20th anniversary of Opera Festival. The celebration took place last fall at the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center at the University of Pittsburgh in Johnstown, Pa.

**CHRISTINE KICINSKI PORTER** (HARTT) of New Cumberland, Pa., is the newest performer on “The NED Show,” an elementary-school assembly program produced by Ali for KIDZ. The character-education assembly’s name is an acronym for its message to students: Never give up. Encourage others. Do your best. Based out of Philadelphia, Pa., Porter will tour the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia or New Zealand with the show.

1996

**DEBRA R. VAZQUEZ** (ENGINEERING) of Plainville, Conn., has launched a nonprofit organization called WISH, Inc. (Women Invigorating Sciences Hope), whose mission is to inspire young minds to explore cures for illnesses through research and technologies.

1999

**JASON P. CARON** (HARTT, M’01/HARTT) of Hudson, Mass., is looking for musicians to join The River’s Edge Community Band. All instruments are welcome for the Thursday-evening rehearsals at Hudson High School, 69 Brigham Street, Hudson. Caron is director of the group, as well as director of bands at Hudson High School and principal bassoonist for the Metropolitan Wind Symphony.

**MICHAEL J. PETRORO** (M, ENHP) of Harwinton, Conn., is a school counselor at Oliver Wolcott Technical High School in Torrington, Conn. After visiting with many of his former students upon their return from military tours of duty in Afghanistan or Iraq, Petroro founded Forever Heroes, a nonprofit organization to assist veterans in adjusting back into civilian life.

1998

**REBECCA G. ROBBINS** (M, ENHP) of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., has launched a public relations firm called Promote Yourself, Inc. As a writer, she is publishing Escape, a novel due out this fall.

**TONY CONNWAY** (HARTT) of Ellington, Conn., has been honored as the 2012 Teacher of the Year for his work as a strings teacher at the Nayaug and Buttonball elementary schools in Glastonbury. Conn. Connaway’s story was featured in the November issue of Glastonbury Life.
Hawk Hatchlings

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

TOP ROW, L-R:
Mary Gaeta Johnston ’99 & Tom Johnston (Benjamin, 11.9.12, held by big sister Molly, 6, and watched over by big brother William, 4)
Enid Viana O’Brien ’01 & Coley O’Brien (Braden Quinn, 12.17.12)

MIDDLE ROW, L-R:
Danielle Meisen Poore ’06 & William Poore ’06 (William Joseph, 9.25.12)
Lisa & Christopher Davis ’02 (Jackson Scott Rhys Davis, 11.16.11)

BOTTOM ROW, L-R:
Kristen Powich Cronin ’01, M’04, & Tucker Cronin (Trevor Robert, 6.18.12)
Cassi Polk Kail ’04 & Joshua Kail ’02 (Talia Ruth, 9.13.12)

CHRISTOPHER SWIST (M, HARTT) of Enfield, Conn., is artist in residence at Keene State College in New Hampshire, where he teaches percussion, composition, music theory, and music technology. His latest orchestral work, Abarimma, was premiered by the Bard College Conservatory of Music Orchestra at Bard’s Fisher Center for the Performing Arts in Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y., this past December.

2000

JENNIFER M. ALLEN (HARTT) of Foxboro, Mass., was a featured pianist in November for All Jazz First Thursday at the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury, Conn. Allen has taught jazz in numerous arts and academic settings. She was chosen in 2011 as one of only eight pianists from around the world to participate in the Mary Lou Williams Women in Jazz Workshop at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

2001

ANDREW LEE SCHMIDT (CETA) of Norwalk, Conn., is a bassist for the band Honor Society. The group headlined at The Space in Hamden, Conn., in November.

MATTHEW S. SZOPA (HARTT) of Merrimack, N.H., is the new music teacher at the Auburn Village School in Auburn, N.H.

2002


MARION HARLOWE MARTINEZ (D, ENHP) of Clinton, Conn., was named superintendent for the Binghamton City School District in Binghamton, N.Y.
HOLLY O'BRIEN (HARTT) of New York, N.Y., played the title role in Joanne de Simone’s Norma Jeane, Enlightened, a character study of the celebrated but tragic 1950s film star, Marilyn Monroe, in this year’s Midwinter Madness Play Festival in Manhattan. O’Brien was also a soprano soloist at the Wiener Musikseminar in Vienna, Austria.

IAN J. QUINN (HARTT) of Southport, Conn., is the new choir director at Trinity Episcopal Church in Southport, Conn.

2003

CHRISTOPHER COUTU (M, BARNEY) of Norwich, Conn., is a two-term Republican state representative and ran for the state senate 19th District in southeastern Connecticut.

JOHN J. DESILVESTRI (A&S) of Matawan, N.J., starred in The Mystery of Irma Vep at the Cortland Repertory Theatre in Cortland, N.Y.

ERICA GELLER GUILLAMA (HARTT) of Conshohocken, Pa., is being published in Teaching Tolerance magazine’s Activity Exchange section for her innovative work with students. Guillama, who teaches at Loring Flemming Elementary School in Blackwood, N.J., compiled choral arrangements and wrote dialogue for her fourth-grade choir’s concert, built on an antibullying/character-building theme.

MARGARET RUTH NEESE (M, ENHP) of Port Saint Lucie, Fla., received her PhD in nursing from Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla.

2004

DAVID R. BOSSO (M, ENHP) of Berlin, Conn., is the National Social Studies Teacher of the Year for his work at Berlin High School. In others honors, he was named the 2012 Connecticut Teacher of the Year as well as the Berlin Public Schools Teacher of the Year. Bosso is also an adjunct professor at Eastern Connecticut State University. He has traveled to Ghana, China, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Egypt, and Israel with educational delegations working to develop greater cross-cultural awareness and foster global understanding.

2005

KAHTRYN TENEYCK (M, HAS) of Middletown, Conn., is an art studio technician at Wesleyan University, where she has taught printmaking and drawing classes. Her fourth solo exhibition, Voids, Portals and Passageways, was held last fall at the Paul Mellon Arts Center on the campus of Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Conn.

2006

MICHAEL R. BRADLEY (CEHA) of Tottenville, N.Y., graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

2007

CHRISTINE KORNACKI (HAS) of Fairfield, Conn., has published The Sparkle Box, a children’s book about how a little boy learns the true meaning of Christmas.

JoeSeph M. RICKER (HARTT) of Hartford, Conn., is one-half of the musical team of Duo Orfeo, named for the mythical Greek musician, Orpheus. Performed mainly on classical and vintage electric guitars, the duo’s repertoire ranges from Renaissance lute and French baroque harpsichord music to compositions by modern masters. For a preview of their work, visit duoorfeo.com.

DAIHNAL GASPARINO (BARNEY, M’11 BARNEY) of Windsor, Conn., has opened Metacomet CrossFit and Yoga in Windsor. Previously, he taught computer literacy at Goodwin College in East Hartford, Conn.

WHAT’S YOUR PLAN?

Charlie and Marjorie Jolidon both grew up in Hartford during the Depression. After a six-year courtship that spanned World War II, they married. Charlie worked as a manufacturing service engineer. Marjorie earned a Certificate in Graduate Study from the College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions, then taught high-school music in Suffield and Bloomfield for 38 years. The couple retired to a cottage on the shore in Old Saybrook, Conn.

All the while, Charlie and Marjorie were annual givers to the University of Hartford. They also funded a charitable remainder trust, designating equal shares to six of their favorite charities, including The Hartt School.

Charlie died in 2001, yet Marjorie continued to receive payments from their trust until her death in 2012. Gifts like the Jolidons’ have an immense impact on the educational mission of the University of Hartford.

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Herman Fonteyne, former University regent and trustee of the Hartford Art School, died on Oct. 11, 2012, at the age of 73. Fonteyne served two terms on the board of regents (1992–95, 2003–09) and one term as vice president of the Hartford Art School, Inc., Board of Trustees. He played a key role in the campaign to build the Renée Samuels Center at the art school.

Kevin Gray, Hartt School associate professor of theatre and a renowned Broadway performer, died unexpectedly on Feb. 11, 2013. He was 55. A faculty member at the University of Hartford since 2011, Gray had previously appeared in key roles in more than 8,500 Broadway and national-tour performances, including Phantom of the Opera, The Lion King, The King and I, Jesus Christ Superstar, Showboat, and Kiss of the Spider Woman.

Mark A. Jablonowski ’77, M’85, an adjunct faculty member in the Barney School of Business, died on Dec. 14, 2012, following a brief illness. He was 57. In addition to teaching economics at Barney, Jablonowski was a prolific writer who was published in more than 100 journals and was the author of four books.

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2008
PENNLOPE DAVIS (M, BARNEY) of Hartford, Conn., has been promoted to director of human resources at the State of Connecticut Department of Rehabilitation Services.

PATRICE FITZGERALD (GPD, HARTT) of West Hartford, Conn., gave a concert of jazz and Broadway favorites with her husband, Richard Leslie, to celebrate her 57th birthday at the Dragonfly Ranch, a resort in Captain Cook, Hawaii. Fitzgerald’s book, Running, a political thriller whose premise is that the next president is going to be a woman, has become a Kindle bestseller.

MARY ANNE MCCARTHY (HAS) of Unionville, Conn., exhibited her mostly pencil self-portraits in a show titled Reflections in Dust on the ArtWalk at Hartford Public Library last fall.

2009
ELSA CHIN (’07 HILLYER, A&S) of Hartford, Conn., was honored with Hillyer College’s 2012 Outstanding Young Alumnus Award. As the associate director of Newman’s Own Foundation, Chin works with a variety of nonprofit organizations and government agencies. She is particularly engaged in the foundation’s work with veterans and military families.

Of Special Note...
Alumna Alexandria Hubbard ’10, a former editor of The Informer, was running in her first marathon on April 15 in Boston to raise funds for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute when the tragic bombing occurred. Although not physically injured, she expresses her emotional pain in her blog, “the saga of a twenty-something.” Her marathon bib (no. 23151) and medal are the opening graphic for an ABC World News report that aired on April 17.

The University community is happy Alexandria was not physically harmed and sends its best wishes for her future endeavors.

ROBERT CUNLIFE (HARTT) of Los Angeles, Calif., has been named a 2012 RAWards musician of the year as a member of the band Almost Classy, with the premiere of its single and music video “I’m That Man.” See and hear more at almostclasymusic.com.

ASHLEY KAY (HAS) of Windham, Conn., exhibited her paintings in a show titled Chromaphilia at Spirit Gallery Tattoo, a tattoo studio and art gallery in New London, Conn. View Kay’s portfolio and exhibit schedule at ashleykay.com/home.html.

GEORGE “RON” SPEARS (M, HAS) of Reno, Nev., was artist-in-residence at Utah’s Zion National Park last spring, which led to an inspired, 20-landscape exhibition for the artist in the fall of 2012 at Southern Utah University (SUU). Spears is an assistant professor of drawing/entertainment design at SUU. His diverse career as an illustrator and painter includes illustrating the children’s book Dad, Are You the Tooth Fairy?, written by actor Jason Alexander, as well as creating dozens of video-game and other entertainment illustrations.
ISAAC YOUNG (HARTT) of New Britain, Conn., and his Isaac Young Quartet were voted top honors by the 2012 Connecticut Music Awards and Grand Band Slam for Best Jazz in Connecticut. With tenor saxophone, electromechanical Rhodes piano, and EWI (electronic wind instrument), Young bridges the gap between jazz and rock idioms.

2010

ERIN PAUL (HARTT) of Waterford, Conn., was selected for a 10-month, international cultural exchange program in Bosnia-Hercegovina. Through July 2013, Paul is performing in opera, ballet, and symphonic concerts with the Sarajevo Philharmonic.

ALEKS STERNFELD-DUNN (D, HARTT) of Wichita, Kan., premiered several new works at Carnegie Hall’s Weill Hall in February. Works were performed by the Case Ensemble, a new group based at Kutztown University in Kutztown, Pa.

2011

NANCY V. LEONARD (M, BARNEY) of Wethersfield, Conn., was named executive director of St. Luke’s ElderCare Services in Middletown, Conn. St. Luke’s is a nonprofit organization that promotes successful aging and independent living for seniors and veterans.

JEFFREY P. STANGO (A&S) of Torrington, Conn., working with Connecticut’s Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), is the narrator for the new online audio version of the state’s Driver’s Manual. Stango has worked with the DMV on several teenage-driving outreach projects.

AMANDA M. WEAVER (ENHP) of York, Pa., is recovering from successful surgery to treat colon cancer. After undergoing six weeks of chemotherapy and radiation, Weaver has been declared cancer free. In September 2012, more than 1,000 participants raised $45,000 in the Walk for Weaver, held on the University of Hartford’s Bloomfield Avenue campus. Weaver was a four-year member of the women’s basketball team, including leading the Hawks as team captain during her senior year.

2012

ANDREW GOLDSTEIN (HARTT) of New York, N.Y., is an artistic associate for cellist David Finckel and pianist Wu Han at their Internet-based recording company, Arabeska.

ADAM GROVER (HARTT) of Virginia Beach, Va., is a recording engineer at Georgetown Masters, located in Nashville, Tenn. In his first month alone, Grover worked on projects for Lady Antebellum, Neil Young, Dean Alexander, Ricky Skaggs, and Hunter Hayes.

SEAN HATCH (HARTT) of Stafford Springs, Conn., is dancing with the Mari Meade Dance Collection while also interning at Dance New Amsterdam, both in New York City.

KEYOKAH MARS-GARRICK (BARNEY) of North Stonington, Conn., has been named assistant women’s basketball coach for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn. Mars-Garrick played women’s basketball for four years as an undergraduate, during which tenure she played in two NCAA tournaments for the Hawks.

2013

RYAN KOPREK (HARTT) of Ellington, Conn., began his new position as development associate at the Hartford Symphony Orchestra (HSO) immediately upon receiving his diploma this May. Managing the HSO individual donor database and acknowledging donor gifts are among his responsibilities.

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Some Hartt School alumni celebrated their Hawktober Weekend in Minneapolis, Minn., joined by Dean Aaron Flagg and Associate Deans T. Clark Saunders and David Bell: (l–r) Michael Ackmann '90; Saunders; Bell; Walter Cogswell ’59, M’61; James Frazier M’77; and Flagg.

Hartt Dean Aaron Flagg (second from right) flew across the pond this winter for dinner and conversation in London with (l–r) Colin Gold ’08, Vincent Kurutza ’87, Tina Cook ’94, and Kevin Sliwoski ’12, last year’s John G. Martin scholar, who is now studying at Oxford University.

(L–r) Jeff Wolf ’82, Susan Weltman ’81, and Audrey Arougheti ’73 swap stories over a University yearbook at an alumni reception in Scottsdale, Ariz., in early February.