Washington, D.C., Alumni Chapter

Aisha Y. Salem (left) is the University’s representative to the Capital Alumni Network (CAN), which brings together reps from 220 Washington-area alumni chapters and fosters activities and networking between local alumni clubs. CAN provides a sports league in which alumni groups can compete against each other, support for community-service events, and assistance with planning and publicizing chapter events.

Salem graduated from The Hartt School in 2002 with a BA in performing arts management. She returned to her home state of Florida, earning her JD from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. Then it was on to Washington, D.C., to attend George Washington University Law School, where she earned her LLM in intellectual property law. She now works as a trademark-examining attorney for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

If you are interested in getting involved with CAN or the Washington, D.C., Alumni Chapter, contact Salem at aishasalema@gmail.com.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL VIP EVENT
February 9, 2008
Enjoy VIP seating, a delicious buffet and beverages. Cheer on the Hawks against Boston University’s Terriers. To sign up, visit www.hartford.edu/alumni.

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Experience two of Europe’s most exciting cities on one fabulous tour. Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace, London’s theatre district and the Crown Jewels, French cuisine and the Eiffel Tower—how can you resist? The Alumni Association is partnering with Collette Vacations to bring you this wonderful opportunity. Spaces are going fast. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 860.768.2426.

LA DOLCE VITA
April 18, 2008
Travel to scenic Hyde Park, N.Y., for a day at the world’s premier culinary college, The Culinary Institute of America. Enjoy a three-course Italian lunch at the renowned Ristorante Caterina de’ Medici, followed by a guided tour of the campus led by current culinary students. For more information, visit www.hartford.edu/alumni.

COSTA RICA—NATURE’S MUSEUM
November 3–11, 2008
Join the Alumni Association as we journey to Costa Rica, Central America, a land of rich natural wonders. Explore the outstanding variety of flora and fauna in three important nature reserves. Enjoy the many pristine wonders of Costa Rica through exclusive excursions and special presentations, as well as unscheduled time for personal discovery.

Alumnae Council for Women
The Executive Committee
Kandyce Aust, Director of Alumni Relations
Kerry L. Beckford A’85 (HCW), ’88, M’98
Michele Gorman ’69
Angela Henke ’97, M’99
Grace Mitchell A’95, ’98 (HCW)
Margaret Nareff A’67 (HCW)
Loretta Symons M’87

The Alumnae Council for Women, made possible through a generous grant from the Women’s Education and Leadership Fund, a legacy of Hartford College for Women (HCW), will bring together women from HCW and the University of Hartford who are of diverse ethnic, cultural, professional and educational backgrounds, with the common mission of promoting the exchange of ideas and experiences, providing networking opportunities, offering educational and cultural programs, and enhancing the growth of women as leaders and decision makers.

In addition, programmatic offerings will be extended to women students as well as women in the Greater Hartford community. The council will have a significant positive impact on the University by increasing the leadership, engagement and involvement of women. If you are interested in becoming involved with the Alumnae Council for Women, contact Kandyce Aust at aust@hartford.edu.
... And Howie Makes Three

Above left: Luella Daniels ‘66 (left) and George Landis ‘66 (right) add Howie the Hawk to their twosome at the 2007 men’s soccer opening game.

Above right: Luella Daniels Landis (left) and George Landis (right) at Commencement in 1966.

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.

1949
HOWARD T. O’CONNELL SR. (HARTT, M’57 HARTT) of Glastonbury, Conn., was among the honorees at the University of Hartford’s 50th anniversary Commencement exercises in May.

Over the past 50 years he has promoted the University through numerous ventures, including being a founding member of the Alfred C. Fuller Committee, a participant in laying the cornerstone of the Alfred C. Fuller Music Center, and co-founder and president of the University Alumni Association.

O’Connell was also honored by the University and The Hartt School in 1964 as Alumnus of the Year. He says it has been “wonderful to be a part of one of the great universities in the nation.”

1960
ELIZABETH B. COSTA (HARTT) of East Hartford, Conn, has joined Gus’s Drum Pad, a complete music studio in East Hartford, Conn., as a piano and voice instructor.

1966
HILDA C. LEUDENBURG (M, ENHP) of Apopka, Fla., was recognized with the 2007 Outstanding Alumni Award from the University of Maine at Fort Kent for her work as an educator over the last 40 years. She received the 2002 Teacher of the Year award (Rock Springs Elementary School, Apopka, Fla.) and has twice received Disney’s Teacherific Award.

1968
JOHN A. MUETER (HARTT) of Kansas City, Mo., had one of his compositions, “The Everlasting Universe,” debuted at Civic Opera. Mueter is currently a coach, accompanist and instructor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory.

1969
RICHARD E. HENNESSEY (A&S) of Winchester, Mass., has accepted a new position at Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass., as the founding director of the Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies program. Hennessey had been the college’s director of academic support services at Merrimack since 1991.

LESLIE G. OBER (A&S, M’74 ENHP) directed Tennessee Williams’s A Streetcar Named Desire at the Warner Studio Theatre in Torrington, Conn.

SHARRAN SELIG (A, HCW) of Windsor, Conn., was named the recipient of the Jerry Hallas Memorial Award, given in recognition of Selig’s dedication and service to the Chamber of Commerce and Town of Windsor.

1970
KARL G. BUDER (M, BARNEY) of Vineyard Haven, Mass., has been ordained as a permanent deacon for service in the Fall River Diocese.

ROBERT F. MANNING (HAS) of East Ryeigate, Vt., was a speaker at the Council on Humanities program at the Milton Historical Society in Milton, Vt. Manning is an art historian and painter.

GWYNETH WALKER (M, HARTT) of Brantree, Vt., was honored on her 60th birthday with a two-day festival of her music at Chandler Music Hall in Randolph, Vt. Numerous shelves in various rooms were lined with her musical scores, and 12 area choruses performed her aptly titled “Every Life Shall Be a Song.”

1971
CHARLES J. MARGOLIS (HAS, M’76 HAS) of South Windsor, Conn., has published a book of poetry titled Class Dismissed: A Teacher Says Goodbye. Margolis retired from the Newtonville public school system in June 2006 after 35 years as an art teacher. His book is a journey through a teacher’s final year, as he deals with the thoughts, feelings, fears and achievements associated with the conclusion of a long career.

ELINOR S. ROSS (A, HAS) of Chestnut Hill, Mass., is the all-school special-event coordinator at Buckingham Browne and Nichols School in Cambridge, Mass. Ross previously was employed at Simmons College as head tennis coach. She says, “After eight years, one conference championship, and two Coach of the Year awards, I decided that it would be fun to make a change. I enjoy working in the Development Office at BB&N running special events (and using my artistic/creative juices).” She would love to hear from anyone from the HAS Class of 1971.
Wayne L. Webster ’96 gives time, talent and money to the University of Hartford because, he says, it has given him so many opportunities.

After moving from Jamaica to Hartford in the ninth grade, Webster attended Weaver High School. The year he enrolled at the University, 1991, was just the second year of the Hartford Scholars Program, which enables high school graduates who live in Hartford and meet the University’s admission criteria to attend for half tuition. While on campus, Webster was an RA, a senator of the SGA, student affairs vice president, student regent, and president of the African American students’ association (now BSU). He graduated with a degree in English literature.

“I’m so grateful to people who contribute to the scholarship program,” Webster says. “The financial support was critical to my receiving a quality liberal arts education while participating in the full campus experience.”

Today, Webster is vice president of commercial lending at Liberty Bank in Middletown, Conn. He began his banking career directly out of college in a management training program in Springfield, Mass. He has also worked in the Boston area. No matter where he lived, he remained involved. Currently he serves as vice president of the Alumni Board.

“Supporting the University is important to me because of the wonderful experiences I’ve had. While the scholarship program made that initially possible, I’m proud to be a part of the giving tradition that is responsible for the incredible transformation taking shape on campus today.”

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Knowing the Enemy
Leonard Boyle ‘80 heads FBI’s Terrorists Screening Center

His voice may be warm and jovial, but the daily responsibilities of alumnus Leonard Boyle are anything but light. Since March 2007, he’s served as the head of the FBI’s Terrorist Screening Center (TSC), which maintains a secure database of terrorist names and related information. Boyle has enjoyed an illustrious career in public service since majoring in criminal justice at the University of Hartford. After graduating in 1980, he obtained a law degree from the University of Connecticut in 1983, Boyle became a successful and well-respected assistant U.S. attorney. In August 2004 he was sworn in as commissioner of Connecticut’s Department of Public Safety. From there he moved to the TSC, which was established in the aftermath of Sept. 11 to coordinate information and appropriately suspected terrorists. The TSC distributes the names and biographical information of those persons to border screening agencies and air and transportation safety administration so that screeners can make informed decisions as to who should be allowed to enter the country and to board commercial airlines.

In his current position as TSC director, Boyle’s busy schedule continues. A typical day includes the routine—meetings to review the budget and personnel projections/resources and efforts under way to improve the quality and integrity of the data—and the stuff of spy novels—briefings on terrorist screenings and watchlists, which contain the names of individuals possibly involved in terrorist activities.

The TSC ensures that government screeners are working from the same unified set of antiterrorist information, called the Terrorist Screening Database. It allows federal, state and local officials to make better-informed decisions to protect the United States from terrorist attacks.

“After 9/11, the American people understandably asked how the terrorists so easily entered the United States and why law enforcement did not detect the planning and execution of the attack,” explains Boyle. “The 9/11 Commission concluded that the government’s failure to maintain a unified watchlist of suspected terrorists for border screening agencies and airlines contributed to that failure.

“In response, the government created the Terrorist Screening Center,” he continues. “The TSC now consolidates information from all intelligence and law enforcement agencies, and creates a unified database of all known and appropriately suspected terrorists. The TSC distributes the names and biographical information of those persons to border screening agencies and the Transportation Safety Administration so that screeners can make informed decisions as to who should be allowed to enter the country and to board commercial airlines.”

In some cases, people may have been placed on the terrorist list by error. Boyle notes that in addition to constantly improving its database, the TSC has a redress process to help resolve such mistaken placements.

“Anyone who has been inconvenienced in any way and believes it’s related to watchlisting,” says Boyle, “can file an application with the agency that encountered him or her; if the person is in fact watchlisted, that application will be forwarded to the TSC. We then review all underlying information about him or her, independent of any other review, to determine if the person should stay on the list or not.”
1983

MARK L. BOXER (CETA) of Glastonbury, Conn., received the 2007 Tony Coelho Award at WellPoint, Inc., where he is president and CEO of operations, technology and government services.

1985

EDWARD A. CHESKY (A&S) of Wethersfield, Conn., has retired from the United States military after 24 years of active and reserve service. He served in the Cold War, Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom in various positions. Currently, Chesky serves as an intelligence and security specialist with the Wackenhut Corporation. He is also completing his master’s degree in social work with a focus in the area of understanding the causes of violence.

RICHARD J. FERGUSON (M, BARNEY) of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., was promoted to vice president and team leader for the Saratoga-region commercial loans at the Adirondack Trust Co.

CHRISTINA E. MOORE (D, A&S) of Chaplin, Conn., was selected for an APA Congressional Fellowship. Moore is only the second Graduate Institute of Professional Psychology alumna to have been selected for this prestigious award. In addition to maintaining an independent clinical practice, Moore has served the international community as a mental health consultant in humanitarian organizations, including Doctors without Borders, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the International Organization for Migration. She is in her third consecutive term on the Connecticut Regional District 11 Board of Education, in which capacity she chairs committees both on the central office and on education and board policies.

MITCHELL C. SKLAR (A&S) of Voorhees, N.J., has been appointed by the attorney general of New Jersey as co-chair of the attorney general’s Advisory Committee of Less-Lethal Force. Sklar is the executive director of the New Jersey Association of Chiefs of Police.

BRIDGET B. MACDONALD (HARTT) of Somerset, N.J., was hired to teach general music, direct instrumental groups, and coordinate after-school music lessons at the Chapin School in Princeton, N.J.

Any Volunteers Out There?!

Betsy Udal ’01 (Barney) of Avon, Conn., was selected as the 2008 tournament chairman of the Travelers Championship, an annual PGA Tour event, to be held in June in Cromwell, Conn. She is responsible for recruiting and training the 3,000 volunteers needed to hold a successful golf tournament. Here, she shows off the winner’s trophy, which lists every champion’s name since 1952, when the event began as the Insurance City Open. Udal is a partner at Udal & Associates, a financial planning firm in Farmington, Conn.

1987

JEANNE C. CROUSE (M, A&S) of Alton, N.H., was named the sole premier Aussie specialist in New Hampshire. She is president and co-owner of Great Escape Travel Services, LLC, in Alton.

MARIE A. HARRINGTON (HAS) of Killington, Vt., had her watercolors featured at the Tea Garden and Fisk Farm in Isle La Motte, Vt., last July.

PAUL E. TANPIENGCO (A&S, M’91 A&S) of Killingworth, Conn., was appointed director of marketing at PhotoMedex, Inc.

JOHN A. TOTTER (HARTT) of Pawtucket, R.I., led an awareness and fundraising weekend for musicians in post-Katrina New Orleans. “Keep the Music Alive! The New Orleans Jazz Weekend” featured the traditional-style, Dixieland brass band, The Storyville Stompers. The weekend featured a master class at Wheaton College, a meet-and-greet session, and two worship services. Totter is currently director of music at Emmanuel Church in Newport, R.I.

1988

BRYAN D. BARR (M, BARNEY) of Le Pecq, France, was appointed vice president of finance for Nissan Europe. In this senior role, he oversees all areas of finance.

1989

GREG J. FLORIO (M, BARNEY) of Newington, Conn., superintendent of schools in Cheshire, Conn., has earned his doctorate in educational leadership from Southern Connecticut State University.

JUDITH D. GRIGGS (HAS) of Dublin, N.H., was named the first town planner of Warren, Mass. She was previously the conservation and planning administrator in Maynard, Mass.

TERRI A. TURLEY (ENHP) of West Simsbury, Conn., was named the first town planner of Warren, Mass. She was previously the conservation and planning administrator in Maynard, Mass.
In the Mouth of the Dragon
Russell Leigh Moses ’81 studies Chinese politics up close

Moses graduated from the University of Hartford with a bachelor’s degree in political science, then received his MA and PhD from the University of Pittsburgh. He first went to China in 1992 as a professor at Johns Hopkins University’s Nitze School to teach political science at its graduate center at Nanjing University. After three years of studying the country and its politics, he returned to the United States. But China was not through with Moses. In 2000 he returned to the Nanjing Center to accept an endowed chair in political science, eventually moving on to The Beijing Center.

“China captured me,” says Moses. “It is an enormously complex place, the culture, and the different path of development being pursued. Every day brings new fascinations and frustrations.”

For some, establishing a life on the opposite side of the globe might be intimidating, but for Moses, it makes sense. “I stay here because there is no better place to study this dragon than from inside its mouth. Political scholarship demands a daily presence in a society as complicated and contradictory as China’s. Knowing China is knowing what you do not yet know.”

Moses says his experiences at Hartford greatly influenced him. “The University of Hartford was where I met my heroes. Professors pursued their craft of teaching with passion and intellectual commitment, with a pronounced devotion to students.” He has stayed in touch with his mentor, Peter Breit, professor emeritus of politics and government, and Harold Sandstrom, associate professor of politics and government, as well as with Guy C. Colarulli, now associate provost and dean of undergraduate studies.

“He was bright, well read and articulate, well beyond any student I had known,” says Colarulli, who was a first-year faculty member when they met. Fifteen years after giving Moses some books on international relations, Colarulli received a signed copy of Moses’s 1996 book, Freeing the Hostages, on U.S.-Iranian negotiations.

Moses isn’t one to rest on his laurels. To his duties at the Beijing Center, he has added writing a book on political power in China, and being a commentator for CNN, CBC, The New York Times, The Washington Post and Time magazine, among others.

University of Hartford, Here We Come!
The Alumni Association has adopted the kindergarten class of Jackie Kraciz ‘87 (back row, left) and her assistant, Mary Baranowski (right), at the Gray M. Sanborn School in Palatine, Ill. The school is part of the No Excuses University program, which strives to create an environment at the elementary level that highlights the importance of pursuing a college education. School teachers ask a university to adopt their classes, who then adopt the theme, color, motto and mascot of that university.
Weddings

Kelley Hymes & Frank Chinigo ’77
Linda Roderick & Ronald Rioux ’88
Michele Kirschbaum & Daniel Williams ’89
Cecily Gans & Richard Stein ’90
Mary Wheeler & William Moorehouse ’97
Beth Ann Strong ’97 & Todd Strong
Jennifer Lothrop & John Davis ’98
Michelle Endriss & Ryan Santero ’98
Meghann Catlin ’00 & Todd Bodeau
Danielle Stanio & Matthew Sliwka ’00
Joanne Galenski M’01 & Seth Girardin
Alissa Benvenisty & Zachary Epstein A’02, ’04
Joel Meunier & Jonathan Maczko ’02
Amber Caron ’03 & Seth Archer
Nancy Croteau ’03 & David Sydow
Lacey Rees ’03 & Brian Paradee
Amanda Marcoccio ’04 & Keith Martin
Anna Pyskaty ’04 & Jeffrey Hladky
Jaclyn Brot & Evan Weinberg ’04
Melissa Stomski & Scott Wise ’05
Shoshana Miller ’06 & Joshua Jacob ’06
Amanda Smerak ’07 & Matthew Ominsky ’07

Births

Jacqueline Woog Chernow ’92 & Brad Chernow (Abigail Naomi)
Shawnell Zeiger Layaw ’95, M’97, & Jeff Patrick Layaw ’95, M’97
(Sarah Kate & Mason James, 12.11.06)
Susanne Tellerico Loubier ’96 & Andre Loubier (Christa Louise, 5.2.07)
Debbie Canter Goldstein ’01 & Scott Goldstein ’00 (Sari Rachel, 1.30.07)
Laurie Katz DePratti ’02 & Alexander DePratti ’03 (Ela Brooke, 9.5.07)

(Top row, l–r)
Helen Brower ’98 & Cesar Conterras (Alessandro, 7.6.07)
Sandee Ingersoll Perfetto ’96 & Chris Perfetto (Christopher Richard, 11.9.06)
Kristine Murello ’93 & Matthew Murello ’93 (Olivia Jean, 8.15.07)

(Middle row, l–r)
Lisa Abbate-Tomaselli ’93 & Anthony Tomaselli (Rose Mary & Chloe Anne, 2.9.07)
Shari Enison Gottesman A’91, ’93 & Scott Gottesman (Noah Elton, 8.30.06)
Daniele Montagano Hughes A’97 & Christopher Hughes (Grace Isabella, 2.5.07)

(Bottom row, l–r)
Marylov Emlet & Jerry Emlet ’87 (granddaughter Campbell Comisky, 11.7.06)
Kate Eskra Floravanti ’96 & Tim Floravanti (Sofia Jean, 4.28.07)
Jennifer Rosen Reidy ’92 & Kevin Reidy (Alicia Fae, 9.12.07, with big brother Connor, 2½)
Jodie Glazer & Joshua Glazer ’98 (Madison Sage, 11.1.07)

JAMES M. WINKLER (M, BARNEY) of Monroe, Conn., was promoted to head of the health management consulting practice at Hewitt Associates, a global human resources services company, based in Norwalk, Conn.

Left: Heather MacRae ’05 and Ryan Clifford celebrated their nuptials in Brookfield, Conn., on April 14, 2007. The newlyweds reside in Danbury, Conn.

Right: Howie the Hawk toasts bride Amy Geeter and groom Adam Raider ’94 at the rehearsal dinner that preceded their Oct. 14, 2007, wedding in Monroe, Conn. A group of Hartford cheerleaders escorted Howie to the celebration. Best man was David Raider ’99, with groomsmen Matt Aliberti ’99, Aaron Drucker ’93, Brian Ferney ’94 and Eric Saranik ’93. Other alumni guests included Daisy Abreu ’94, Sue Aliberti ’93, Tim Blake ’95, Jenni Freidman Ferney ’94, Dan Filkins, Amy Freidman ’96, Barbara Costa Garnar ’94, Charles Garnar, Kevin Gilbert ’94, Sarah Stromwell Gilbert ’93, Jason Harding, Mark Melnick ’90 and Kevin Nevins ’91. Allan Geeter ’72 is the bride’s father.

1995
LAUREN OETTINGER KYLE (A&S) of Glastonbury, Conn., was named public relations account supervisor at Cronin and Company, a full-service marketing communications agency. Kyle’s responsibilities include conducting media relations campaigns for Insure Connecticut’s Future and Middlesex Hospital.


1997
MEEGAN SAMANTHA COLEMAN (HARTT) of Bellmore, N.Y., has had two additional choral arrangements selected to be published by Carl Fischer, LLC. “Eliyahu Hanavi” and “TAPS” will be available through the JWPepper online catalog as well as the Carl Fischer catalog this spring.

DAVID D. DUNN (HARTT) and BRYONY STROUD-WATSON ’00 (HARTT), both of Yonkers, N.Y., co-founded TZMF, a weeklong vocal arts and music festival. Dunn is currently on the faculty of The Sylivan Academy of Music of Englewood Cliffs and Closter, N.J., and teaches woodwinds, design and filmmaking at the Rye Arts Center in Rye, N.Y. Stroud-Watson has pursued her love of chamber music and teaching.

WAYNE S.ESCOFFERY (HARTT) of New Haven, Conn., appeared at this year’s JVC Jazz Festival in Newport, R.I. He performed with the Monk Legacy Septet and contributed significantly to a performance by The Charles Mingus Orchestra. Escoffery has also released his latest album, Veneration.

LATANYA R. FARRELL (M, ENHP) of West Hartford, Conn., who has sung in numerous Connecticut and Massachusetts venues, wrote and performed the title track to the film She’s Got It.

PETER V. LONGO (M, BARNEY) of Terryville, Conn., was named president and executive director of Connecticut Innovations in Rocky Hill, Conn.
1, 2. The Boston Red Sox welcomed alumni to Fenway Park in a game against the LA Angels.


4. Alumni join Dorothy Bosch Keller ’62, M’63, as she guides them through the European painting galleries of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

5. Alumni and friends raise their glasses at the New York State winery of Lieb Family Cellars, owned by Mark Lieb ’78.

6. Enjoying themselves at an alumni gathering last November in San Diego, Calif., are (from left) John Meyer III ’75, Erica Sears-Baird ’00, Robert Baird ’99 and Susan Jones ’62.
BETH ANN GRAINGER STRONG (HAS) of Wethersfield, Conn., is happy to announce her marriage to Todd Strong on May 26, 2007, at Adams Mill in Manchester, Conn. AMY L. LYONS ’95 served as matron of honor. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia. Strong received her Master of Arts from Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, Australia, in 2002. She is a marketing coordinator at BL Companies.

DIANE M. WARD (ENHP) of Farmington, Conn., was one of only 14 Hartford Hospital nurses named winners of the fifth annual Nightingale Award for excellence in nursing.

1999

MATTHEW T. GAUGHRAN (BARNEY) of Stamford, Conn., was named a financial services representative at Barnum Financial Group in Wethersfield, Conn.

GUSTAV HOYER (HARTT) of Los Angeles, Calif., has had his first full-length CD released by ERM Media, containing his stunning “String Quartet in d minor” and his moving “Vignettes of an American Life.” Hoyer has also finished scoring his first feature film, Grey Focus, from Ace Point Entertainment. For more information, visit gustavhoyer.com.

REBECCA L. PEARSON (A&S) of Hamilton, N.J., is an instructor of reading and writing for Rider University and Georgian Court University. Her fiction and poetry were featured in Word Riot.

2000

DAVID A. AUTEN (A&S) of Taunton, Mass., is the new pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Taunton. Auten relocated from Albuquerque, N.M., where he served as pastor at Ashbury Church.

JILL L. AXELROD (BARNEY) of Atlanta, Ga., is happy to announce her engagement to Josh Linder. She is currently a marketing executive with Alexander Babbage in Atlanta, Ga., and is pursuing her MBA.

HEATHER BROOKS (HARTT) of Ascot Vale, Australia, completed her advanced degree at the Royal Academy of Music in London and has relocated to Australia, where she is singing in the national tour of The Pirates of Penzance. Brooks is also working with Opera Australia and the Victorian Opera.

CHRISTOPHER J. GALLIGAN (M, ENHP) of Ellington, Conn., was named vice president of institutional advancement at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, Conn.

JEFFREY P. MCGARRY (A’98, A&S) of Bronx, N.Y., is a researcher at Columbia University. He was a former assistant court analyst for the New York State Unified Court System.

DERRICK P. MILLER (GPD, HARTT) of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, has debuted his CD Page One. It is a “popera” album, featuring cover tunes, Irish ballads and original songs by Canadian songwriters Jeff Straker, Adam Kozak and Harry Lewis. For more information, see www.derrickpaulmiller.com.

BRYONY STROUD-WATSON (HARTT). See DAVID D. DUNN ’97.

2001

KARA L. ENNIS (ENHP) of Valatie, N.Y., is happy to announce her engagement to Brian Mobley. Ennis is a physical therapist at the Albany Center for Pain Management.

TRACEY G. GOVE (BARNEY) of Farmington, Conn., was promoted to lieutenant with the West Hartford (Conn.) Police Department.

JASON C. TRAMM (M, HARTT) of Summit, N.J., directs Coro Lirico, a New Jersey–based concert opera chorus that performs in the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area. Tramm is also chorus master of the New Jersey State Opera, artistic director of the Summit Music Festival, and director of the Vocal Alliance Division of the International Concert Alliance. As choral director of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, he conducts the Auditorium Choir and is involved in the Choral Festival, an annual event featuring more than 1,000 singers.

2002

RICHARD OWEN W. MORGAN (A&S, HARTT) of Arlington, Va., received a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School in May. He has begun a clerkship in the chambers of the Hon. James E. Baker, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C.


TARA L. TROY (A&S) of North Haven, Conn., was appointed regional director of the Start! Fairfield County Heart Walk.

KAITLIN M. WALSH (A&S) of Oxford, United Kingdom, has been awarded the Thomas Jefferson Prize at St. Catherine’s College, Oxford University. The award recognizes the North American who has done the most to enrich the life of the college in the tradition of Thomas Jefferson. Walsh is currently pursuing a doctorate in Spanish literature at Oxford, focusing on Cervantes.

KATHLEEN A. WOODS (M, ENHP) of Morris, Conn., has joined St. Vincent’s Hospital as director of nursing for its emergency department and immediate health centers service line.
2003

KARI L. BANACH (A&S) of Barkhamsted, Conn., is a news reporter for the Republican-American newspaper in Waterbury, Conn. She writes daily on municipal government, education and local business in the Litchfield County towns of New Hartford and Harwinton, and has been on the job since 2005.

JENNIFER A. BANEY (CETA) of Hudson, N.H., is a member of the science faculty at Bedford High School in Bedford, N.H.

LAUREN C. BETANCOURT (A&S) of West Suffield, Conn., was crowned Miss Connecticut 2007 and will represent the state in the upcoming Miss America pageant. Betancourt is currently earning a master’s degree in exercise science from Springfield College and works at WizardVisions, her own Web hosting and design company.

RHONDA R. CARNEVALE (HILLERY) of Trenton, N.J., is happy to announce her engagement to Matthew Lazar. She is currently employed by the Lawrence Township.

JAMES E. MARKHAM (A&S) of Middlefield, Conn., teaches high school biology at Xavier High School in Middletown, Conn. He has previously taught a variety of science courses at Middlesex Community College and Goodwin College as an adjunct faculty member.

2004

NOAH B. AXE (HARTT) of Stamford, Conn., teaches fourth-graders at Congregation Shir Ami. He also gives private drum and guitar lessons and plays percussion with several New York City-based bands.

JOSEPH V. ERARDI JR. (ENHP) of Watertown, Conn., is the new superintendent of schools in Southington, Conn. He previously was superintendent of schools in Waterford, Conn.

FLANNERY E. O’BRIEN (A&S) of Hartford, Conn, and NATHANIEL W. HOWE ‘05 (A&S) of Providence, R.I., were married in September 2006. The bridal party consisted of KENZY NICOTERA YORK ‘05, MICHAEL D. FOIRE ‘06, CHRISTOPHER C. WOOD ‘06, DANIEL C. POPIOVIC ‘05, NICOLE K. MCNEIL ‘05, MEGAN H. MACDONALD ‘05, REBECCA M. NEAL ‘06 and CAROLYN J. PAINE ‘04. Also in attendance were JENNIFER C. YU ‘04, DENISE J. HADYKA ‘04, CHRISTOPHER S. NELSON ‘03 and MEGAN J. ALEXANDER ‘06.

2005

MARIZZA L. ACETO (ENHP) of East Haven, Conn., is happy to announce her engagement to Darek Dabkowski. She is an insurance agent at J.J. Fishbein, Inc., in Wallingford, Conn.

SCOTT BEAN (Hartt, M’07 Hartt) of Buffalo, N.Y., has been appointed apprentice conductor with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.

STACEY DYER (HAS) of Meriden, Conn., is co-owner and creative director of Triple Frog LLC, located in Meriden. The company offers branding, collateral and Web design services. To learn more, visit www.triplefrog.com.


JULIO C. MORALES (BARNEY) of Hartford, Conn., was one of many local residents sworn in as United States citizens before the New Britain Rock Cats’ Fourth of July game this year. Morales was not only able to throw out the ceremonial first pitch, but he was also sworn in as an American citizen by U.S. Circuit Court Judge Warren W. Eginton.

NEIL S. PADE (M. BARNEY) of Newington, Conn., is the new director of planning and community development in Canton, Conn.

CAROLYN M. TRANTALIS (M, ENHP) of Colchester, Conn., was appointed vice president of patient care services at Windham Hospital in Willimantic, Conn.

GRANT P. WHEELER (HARTT) of Charlton, Mass., and MATTHEW A. YOUNG ’06 (HARTT, ENHP) of Tulsa, Okla., are members of the electrónica/ acoustic group, Landau Orchestra. The group has just released its new CD, Janus Plays Telephone, on the independent Milan Records label. Blending traditional and new experimental jazz composition with electronic production, the Landau Orchestra is creating something new, inventive and stimulating. Recording of the CD began during Wheeler’ s and Young’s undergraduate days at Hartt, as an independent study project with Assistant Professor Scott Metcalfe. Listen to tracks from the CD on www.netlandau.com.

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DIANE M. DALEY (M, ENHP) of Canton, Conn., is a kindergarten teacher at Batcheller Elementary School in Winsted, Conn.

SCOTT K. DAVIS (M, BARNEY) of Canton, Conn, wrote an article in the “Java” section of The Hartford Courant about young professionals in Hartford. He is currently an insurance broker for Hilb Rogal & Hobbs and is chairman of the Metro Alliance Hartford Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs (HYPE).

ANNIE K. KERINS (HARTT) of Sutton, Mass., appeared in a musical revue titled American Twistory at the Comcast Cabaret Theatre in Boston, Mass. She played the female “swing,” learning all the roles of the main female cast members in order to be able to step in at a moment’s notice.

MATTHEW A. YOUNG (HARTT, ENHP). See GRANT WHEELER ‘05.

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TRACY R. AUGUSTINE (M, ENHP) of Avon, Conn., is a first-grade teacher at North Canaan Elementary School in North Canaan, Conn.

DANIELLE C. BRYANT (HARTT) of Hartford, Conn., starred as Claire in the play Proof at the Warner Studio Theatre in Torrington, Conn.

RENNÉ L. DUPUIS (HARTT) of Lyman, Maine, performed in the Annisquam Village Players’ production of Kiss Me Kate. Her roles included Lois Lane and Bianca.

ROBERT J. FRALEY JR. (M, A&S) of Hebron, Conn., has been named director of corporate communications at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center. Fraley’s duties include leading the public relations, communications and marketing programs of CCMC and its affiliates.

BRENNAN GLASGOW (M, ENHP) of Canton, Conn., has been named Regional School District No. 10’s Teacher of the Year for 2007. Glasgow is a math specialist who works with students in grades K-5 as well as a math coach who aids teachers with instruction.

JENNIFER A. PEÑA (A&S) of Boca Raton, Fla., was crowned Miss Dominican Republic U.S.A. 2008, representing Santiago. Peña will move on to other pageants in the Dominican Republic, which is a prequalifying pageant for Miss Universe. The pageant will take place next year in the Dominican Republic.

Christine Kornacki ‘07 (HAS), Farmer Cow (fiberglass, life-sized), 2007. Commissioned by The Farmer’s Cow milk company, this representation bovine was designed and painted by the artist for the 2007 West Hartford CowParade. Kornacki’s landscape scenes appear on labels for the company’s Farmer’s Daughter lemonade as well as additional seasonal beverages scheduled to arrive in stores this spring. The artist is a native of Simsbury, Conn.

Pardon . . .

The fall 2007 issue mistakenly reported that Galluccio Scholar Vanessa Golembewski ’09 has a 3.25 GPA. Her GPA is 3.8.

Lawrence Rachlin ’68 was the major organizer for Toronto’s 27th Annual Holocaust Education Week. The Observer inadvertently credited another alumnus for the project in the fall issue.