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## THE ACADEMIC SCENE

### 'BIG KIDS' HEADING BACK TO SCHOOL

## UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD

impressionist art, the Supreme Court, film, tribal sovereignty, jazz, the changing political landscape, and modern detective fiction. Or how about artificial intelligence in medicine, supersonic flight, how blue jeans affect climate change, or the Fibonacci Sequence in

nature and the arts. One's theater experience can be taken up a notch by attending a lecture before the Hartford Stage production of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde and a debrief conversation after.

**Check out the Presidents' College** at their free

Kickoff/Get-to-Know-Us event on Wednesday, September 18 from 4:30-6 p.m. Enjoy refreshments and jazz plus hear about upcoming fall courses and lectures from professors. See if there's something that intrigues you. This event is free, but you do need to register at

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with questions or to be added to the mailing list.



Photo: Caption: Students discuss photography's potential for artistic expression, historic documentation, and influence on popular opinion with Professor Rashmi Viswanathan.

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These "big kids" are in their 60s and 70s. You read that right. While the back-to-school ads tout character-themed backpacks, glitter binders, and light-up sneakers, seniors are grabbing their satchels, spiral notebooks, and comfortable shoes to head back to campus too. They know the importance of staying cognitively fit as well as physically fit. They want to engage in and stay abreast of a rapidly changing world.

Seniors in the Greater Hartford area have discovered a lifelong learning gem - The Presidents' College at the University of Hartford. Taught by professors and community experts, the program offers lectures and short (2-4 session) non-credit courses.

Program participants say

they value the flexibility and timing of the Presidents' College short courses and lectures. They fit in easily between travel, volunteer work, pickleball games, and visits with grandchildren. Participants cite the outstanding instruction and dialogue with fellow passionate learners. Programs that combine a lecture with an area cultural program at Hartford Stage, Playhouse on Park, the Hartford Symphony, etc. are extremely popular. There's no membership fee. Students pay a modest amount for only those courses they wish to take.

Interestingly, since the pandemic, the percentage of younger attendees is growing. Remote employment and more flexible work schedules permit a snackable dose of intellectual stimulation to fit into the day.

Courses and lectures for the fall term include topics like

## Retiring soon? Let's talk.



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