

**Strategic Planning Initiatives
Accomplishments
Fall 2009**

Goal 1: Outstanding Faculty – Retain and attract outstanding faculty who excel in their subject area and discipline and are committed to excellence in teaching, ensuring student success and fostering a diverse academic community.

AWARDS

- Dr. Marie Wright earned the Certified in Homeland Security (CHS), Level V designation, the highest level of CHS certification.
- Professor Elizabeth Popiel received her third Emmy Award in set design for *Good Morning America*.
- Dr. Heather Levy received a screenwriting fellowship to the Southampton Screenwriting Conference.
- Dr. Christopher Kukk was awarded WCSU's 2009 Teaching Excellence Award.
- Dr. Karen Crouse was awarded the Connecticut Nurses Association President's Award.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Vaden-Goad, L., Zink, A., Glass, W., Rinker, L., - "Expanding Bridges: What We've Learned Through Working Together," Education Trust: Arlington, VA, Nov. 13, 2009.
- Heather Levy presented a paper at the MLA Conference in Philadelphia in December.
- Martha May and Leslie Lindenauer - "Lincoln as Cultural Landscape," Between History and Myth: Politics and Political Uses of Abraham Lincoln, Milan, Italy, November 2009.
- Joshua Rosenthal - "Images of the Family and the State in Post-Conflict Colombia: The 19th and 21st Centuries," for the XVI Congreso de Asociación de Colombianistas in Charlottesville, Virginia, August.
- Jennifer Duffy, - "Rethinking Irishness and Whiteness: A Feminist and Interdisciplinary Approach," American Conference for Irish Studies, Monmouth College, New Jersey, October.
- Gallucci, N. T. - "Personality and Performance," New England Psychological Association, Worcester, MA., October 2009.
- Gallucci, N. T. (symposium chair), Murphy, S., Oswald, C., & Prorock, C. - "Pressure, Violence, Personality at Sport and Video Games," New England Psychological Association, Worcester, MA., October 2009.
- Gallucci, N.T. (symposium chair), McIntosh, M., Mulhare, C., & Prorock, C. - "Priority Areas for Psychological Services," New England Psychological Association, Worcester, MA., October 2009.
- Dr. Carina Bandhauer, - "Undocumented Hispanic Migration: On the Margins of a Dream," Connecticut College. Oct. 16-18.
- Carina Bandhauer - Invited Panel: "Nostalgia for the Ottoman Vakıf: State-Civil Society Relations in Turkey," Workshop Title: State-Society Relations in North Africa, the Middle East, and Muslim Asia. Second Annual California State University MEIS Conference/Workshop, San Francisco, California, October.
- Carina Bandhauer - Invited Panel: "Governing Transparency and Corruption at a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO): The Case of Deniz Feneri Aid and Solidarity Association in Turkey," Panel Title: Anthropology of Disaster Capitalism. Annual Meeting of American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, December, (co-organizer and presenter).
- Kevin Gutzman - "Thomas Jefferson and the Principles of '98," the 13th Thomas Jefferson Lecture at the University of Tennessee Space Institute, Tullahoma, Tennessee, October 2009.
- Laurie Weinstein, Bethany Morrison, and Cosimo Sgarlata - "Archaeological Investigations at Redding's Middle Encampment.," fall meeting of the Archaeological Society of Connecticut.

- Galina Bakhtiarova - "Reinventing Myths: From *DQ Don Quijote en Barcelona* to *The Ring of the Nibelungs* in Valencia" International Conference *Literatura Peru 2009*, Universidad San Marcos, Lima, Peru, November 2009.
- Alba Skar and Dr. Theodora Pinou - "Conservation and Conversation: Global Academy in Granada, Nicaragua 2009," CSU International Studies Conference, October 2009.
- Renate Ludanyi - German Bundestag „Stand und Perspektiven der Spracharbeit bei German Language School Conference in den USA "Berlin, Germany, June 17, 2009.
- Renate Ludanyi - Internationaler Verband der deutschen Kultur (IVDK), "Aktuelle Fragen des Lernens und Lehrerns der dt. Sprache: Sprache als Grundlage fuer die Identitätssicherung der Russlandsdeutschen", Moscow, Russia, Oktober28.-31.
- Renate Ludanyi - "Building Bridges – Teaching German to All Ages," Annual Conference of the German Language School Conference, Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany, New York, NY, November 6.-8.
- Renate Ludanyi - "The Contributions and Challenges of Heritage Language Community Schools to the Maintenance of Heritage Languages in the USA," ACTFL Annual Convention, San Diego, November 20–22, 2009.
- Karen Burke – "Learning Style Methods and Resources for Creative and Talent Development," American International School and the Ministry of Education, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, June 2009.
- Karen Burke – "Teaching to Both Sides of the Brain: Meeting Students Needs Through Differentiated Instructional Approaches," American British Academy, Muscat, Oman, August 2009.
- Theresa Canada and Robin Flanagan – "Giving Girls the Chance to Simply Practice Their Mathematical Cognition", International Mind Brain and Education Society Conference, May 2009.
- Marcia Delcourt – "The Early College Academy: Preparing Disadvantaged Middle School Students for Acceptance to Competitive High Schools," Convention of the National Association for Gifted Children, St. Louis, MO, November 2009.
- Edward Duncanson – "Finding Time For Improving Students Opportunity To Learn By Planning Space: A case study," International Society for Educational Planning, Savannah, GA, October 2009.
- Nancy Heilbronner – "Igniting Imaginations Through Inquiry," Confratute Conference, University of Connecticut, July. 2009.
- Mike Gilles and Kay Campbell – "Creating Sexually-Safe Environments In Schools And Community Agencies," 2009 Annual Conference of the Connecticut Counseling Association.
- Gabriel Lomas – "Introduction to Sandtray Therapy," Western Connecticut Counseling Association, November 2009.
- Gabriel Lomas – "The Role Of Counselors Working In Public School Programs For The Deaf In the United States," World Congress on Mental Health and Deafness. Brisbane, Australia, October 2009.
- Bonnie Rabe – "Peace Begins with Me! ... and Continues to Exist Because of Me!" Asian Conference on Education, Osaka, Japan, October 2009. (Virtual presentation).
- Darla Shaw – "Future of Literacy" presented for the Brownville Texas School System, July 2009.
- Darla Shaw – "Tutoring In a Second Language," University of Granada, Granada, Nicaragua, August 2009.
- Darla Shaw – "Literacy Projects For All Ages," Orange County New York School District, October 2009.
- Darla Shaw – "Environmental Literacy," Brockton, Massachusetts School System, November 2009.
- Leah Stambler – "Challenges Related to Infusing Holocaust Studies with Character, Moral, Civics Education Content in 21st Century Teacher Preparation Program," Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Conference, Seton Hill University, Greensburg, PA., October 2009.

- Leah Stambler - "Wangari Mathaai Supporter of Sustainable Development, Founder of Kenya's Green Belt Movement and Contributor to the Earth Charter," Connecticut State University System's, International Education Conference, Danbury, CT., October 2009.
- Jeff Schlicht – "Physical Activity Guidelines for Adults with Disabilities," Center for Aging Specialties Annual Conference, Ridgefield, CT, September 2009.
- Emily Stevens – "Impact Evaluation of the 'Planning to be Active' Middle School intervention," American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, October 2009.
- Ellen Abate, Carol Avery, Karen Crouse and Robin Goodrich – "Multigenerational Nursing Students: Preparation For Professional Practice," Association for the Advancement of Educational Research, November 2009.
- Karen Crouse and Jeanette Lupinacci – "Student Academic Honesty Policies: Do They Work," Association for the Advancement of Educational Research, November 2009.
- Mary Ellen Doherty – "The Lived Experiences Of Military Nurses in Iraq and Afghanistan," Kappa Alpha Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Annual Fall Dinner, October 2009.
- Laurel Halloran – "Exercise In Pregnancy: What Does The Research Really Tell Us?" and "Diagnosis, Presentation And Treatment Of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, Wegner's And Pulmonary Sarcoidosis," American College of Nurse Practitioners National Clinical Conference, October 2009.
- Robin Goodrich and Karen Crouse – "From The Ground Up: Our Journey Of Developing A Doctorate Of Education In Nursing," Association of the Advancement of Educational Research, November 2009.
- Mary Ann Riley and Kathleen Thelian – "Diverse Populations In The Home Care Setting: How Does The Culture Impact The Nursing Care?," Association of the Advancement of Educational Research, November 2009.
- Donegan, J. and M. Ganon. "Microanomie as an Explanation of Tax Fraud: A Preliminary Investigation," Annual Meeting of the American Accounting Association, August 1-5, 2009.
- Ganon, M., J. Donegan, and Z. Johnson. "Coercion, Ethics and Project Stage: An Experimental Test of an Accounting Fraud Model," Northeast Regional meeting of the American Accounting Association, Nov. 6-7, 2009.
- Jensen, M., Drozdenko, R., & Coelho, D. "The Price of Intangible Product Features: Effects of Framing, Source of Payment and Product Category," Behavioral Pricing Conference, University of Central Florida, November 13-14, 2009 (peer-reviewed.)
- Maidment, F. - "Off-shoring: The Impact on the American Economic Recovery," Grazadio Business Report, Grazadio School of Business, Loyola Marymount University, 2009.
- Maidment, F. – "The Recession of 2009: The Role of Small Business in the Recovery," Annual American Research Conference, New York, NY, September 21-22, 2009.
- Oumlil, Ben - "Warranty Policy Implementation and Evaluation," 16th International Conference on Recent Advances in Retailing and Consumer Services Science, European Institute of Retailing and Services Science (EIRASS), Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, July 6-9.
- Oumlil, Ben - "Best of the Best in Sales & Business to Business," Best of the Best Research Series, Society for Marketing Advances, November, 2009.
- Koza, Karen L., Nolan R Rabinowitz and Vaida Whipple - "Staples, Inc: Overcoming Major Supply Chain Challenges in India," Society for Case Research 31st Summer Case Writers Workshop, June 2009, Tennessee (double blind peer reviewed); designated best case paper conference.
- Kevin Isaacs and Dr. Dan Goble – "Popular Music in the Curriculum," 85th Annual Meeting of NAST, November 2009.
- Russell Hirshfield - lecture-recital on Gyorgy Ligeti at the Annual Conference of the College Music Society.

- Gene Buccini - "Turning Crisis into Opportunity," Mid Hudson Society for Human Resource Management.
- Seven members of the Music faculty presented clinics at the annual CMEA In-Service Conference in Hartford: Wesley Ball, Jamie Began, Marjrie Callaghan, Dan Goble, Lesa Jacobsen, David Smith, Kerry Walker.

EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Melisa Fenwick earned her Ph.D. from the University of South Florida.
- Janet Burke completed her Advanced Certificate Program in Applied Behavioral Analysis at Penn State University in Summer 2009.
- Virginia Verhoff successfully defended her doctoral dissertation in November 2009.

GRANTS

- Jamie Began received a grant from CSU Activities in the Arts for the WestConn Jazz Festival.
- Eric Lewis received a National Endowment for the Arts grant for a residency of the Manhattan String Quartet and extended it to bring composers Joan Tower and Laura Kaminsky to campus.
- Nancy Heilbronner applied for two grants: One from the Spencer Foundation (\$39,000) and another from the Class Tech Grants at WCSU (\$2,000).(Pending).
- Bonnie Rabe contributed to the development of a Connecticut State Department of Education Math and Science Partnership grant proposal authored by Harry Rosvally of the Danbury Public Schools. (Pending).
- Robyn Housemann and Emily Stevens received a 2009/10 CSU Assessment grant.
- Karen Crouse partnered recently with the Waterbury Hospital in the submission of a Leader's grant proposal to provide geriatric in-service education for the hospital staff.
- Department of Nursing received \$220,000 in the second round of funding for 2009/2010 of the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education CSUS Initiative to Improve the Capacity and Preparation of the Nursing Workforce.
- Robin Flanagan was granted a CSU-AAUP Research Grant stipend to work on writing a book, tentatively titled "The Necessity of Ordinary Experience".
- Damla Isik received a CSU/AAUP Research Grant. Funds are used toward developing new research.
- Alex Standish was awarded a research grant of \$4960 from CSU/AAUP for *International Education: Are We Making Global Citizens?* 2009-10.
- Robert Whittlemore received a CSU/AAUP grant to visit potential sites in Sub-Saharan Africa (Senegal, Botswana, and/or Tanzania) as partners in a future US-Africa University Partnership grant proposal to USAID.
- Galina Bakhtiarova received a Faculty Development Grant for research of indigenous and colonial arts and culture in Peru, November 2009
- Barbara Roos received a Faculty Development Grant for research of cultural diversity in Peru, November 2009.
- Annie Wong received a CSU-AAUP grant for the project "Performance of Foreign Firms after Upgrading their Listings in the U.S. Stock Markets".
- Arts & Sciences, Dean's Office
 - Building a Bridge to Improve Student Success: \$31,804.47, Connecticut State Department of Higher Education, Legislative Public Act, 07-03JSS
 - Student Opportunity for Learning: A Two week camp for middle school students with coursework in mathematics, physical sciences, engineering and computer technology: \$42,000. (Submitted, Oct. 5, 2009). NOAA. Rosvally, H., PI, Danbury Public Schools,

Vaden-Goad, L. (Institutional Representative, WCSU), Mead, Anne, Danbury Public Schools.

- Expanded "Building a Bridge to Improve Student Success" At-Risk Youth Project, \$750,000. *Federal Earmark Request*, to be funded in the Byrne Grant Account of the FY 2011 Commerce/Justice/Science Appropriations bill (*submitted Oct. 16, 2009*).
- Building a Bridge to Improve Student Success: \$50,000. Praxair, Inc. June 2009. Gift presented to the university.

PERFORMANCES AND EXHIBITIONS

- Professor Frank Herbert was a participant in the nationally respected Armonk Outdoor Art Show. Dan Goble performed with the New York Philharmonic on several occasions as the solo saxophonist. He performed also as solo or principal saxophonist with the New York City Ballet and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.
- Eric Lewis completed a successful performance tour to Europe and also to Colombia, South America, with the Manhattan String Quartet.
- Andrew Rodgers performed with the American Ballet Theatre, Radio City Music Hall, the Hartford Symphony, the Hudson Valley Philharmonic and the Long Island Philharmonic.
- David Smith performed with the New Haven Symphony Orchestra

PUBLICATIONS

- Kevin Isaacs' composition *O Frondens Virga* was commissioned by Luther College as a juried publication for performance at the American Choral Directors Association North Central Convention, Santa Barbara Music Publishing, 2009.
- Popiel, Elizabeth Popiel. "The False Faces of W. T. Benda." *Sightlines* (Sept. 2009).
- Gyure, Ruth co-author. "Co-selection of Mercury and Antibiotic Resistance in Sphagnum Core Samples Dating Back 2000 Years." *Geomicrobiology Journal* (posted 06-20-09)
- May, Marcy. *Women's Roles in Twentieth-Century America*. Greenwood Press, 2009.
- Rosenthal, Joshua. "Capoeira and Globalization." *Imagining Globalization*. Eds. Ho Hon Leung et al. Palgrave Macmillan, 2009; and "Playing with History. Capoeira and the Internet." *Living History: Encountering the Memory of the Heirs of Slavery* Ed. Ana Araujo Lucia. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2009.
- Standish, Alex and Stoltman, Joseph. "Geography Education and Citizenship: The Pan American View." *Geography Education: Pan American Perspective*. Eds. R. Boehm and O. Muniz. Grosvenor Center for Geographic Education, 2009.
- Whittemore, Robert D. "Learning Culture: Writing in Community." *Writing-Based Teaching: Essential Practices and Enduring Questions*. Eds. Teresa Vilardi and Mary Chang. Albany, State University of New York Press, 2009.
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- Payne, D., & Heilbronner, N. "Mentoring talented science students: Knowing the options." *Gifted Education International* 25 (2009): 259-269.
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- Schlicht, J. , Stevens, E. "Using pedometers to promote physical activity" *Connecticut Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance* Vol. 56, #1 (2009): 7-8.
- Halloran, L. "Teaching Transcultural Nursing Through the Use of Novels" *Journal of Nursing Education* (2009).
- Monks, Tom. "Your Papers Please: Requests for FIN 48 Workpapers" *Tax Notes* 23 November, (2009).
- Oumlil, Ben. "The European Union: The Case of an Evolving Market." *Globalization and Its Managerial Implication*. Ed. Professor Rao. Brazil .
- Jin, K. Gregory and Drozdenko, Ronald "Relationship among Organizational Core Values, Ethics, Corporate Social Responsibility, and Corporate Performance" *Journal of Business Ethics* DOI 10.1007/s10551-009-0158-1 Web. 24 July 2009.
- Maidment, F. "Off-shoring: The Impact on the American Economic Recovery" *Grazadio Business Report* Grazadio School of Business, Loyola Marymount University (2009).
- Maidment, F. ed. *Annual Edition: Human Resources, 2010/2011*, Dubuque, Iowa: McGraw-Hill/Contemporary Learning Systems, 2009.
- Maidment, F. ed. *Annual Editions: International Business, 2010/2011*. Dubuque, Iowa: McGraw-Hill/Contemporary Learning Systems, 2009.
- Maidment, F. "International Off-shoring: The Changes in the Global Economy" *The Journal of the American Academy of Business – Cambridge*. Ed. F. Maidment. September, 2009, in Maidment, F. (ed.) *Annual Editions: Human Resources: 2010/2011*, 19th. edition, Dubuque, Iowa: McGraw-Hill/Contemporary Learning Series.
- Alba Skar: Book contract received from Duke University Press for the English Language Translation from Spanish of *Adios Muchachos: Memoirs of the Sandinista Revolution* by Sergio Ramírez, former Vice-President of Nicaragua.
- Koza, Karen L., Nolan R Rabinowitz and Vaida Whipple (2009), "Staples, Inc: Overcoming Major Supply Chain Challenges in India," conditionally accepted and under 2nd review for the 2009 Annual Advances in Business Cases, Society for Case Research Publication (double blind peer reviewed).
- Burton Peretti signed a contract with Rutgers University Press for his next book, *The Leading Man: Hollywood and the Presidential Image Since 1945*, anticipated for 2011.
- Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox has edited a collection, *Vietnam and the West: New Approaches*, which has been accepted for publication by Cornell University Southeast Asia Publications.

PUBLICATION REVIEW

- Karen Burke. Book Reviewer for Mellen Press: "The History and future of the Dunn and Dunn Learning-Style Model: Assessing an Innovative Educational Strategy."
- Theresa Canada. Editorial/Advisory Board Member for McGraw-Hill's Annual Edition of "Multicultural Education."
- Marcia Delcourt. Editorial Advisory Board Member for Parenting for High Potential.

- Marcia Delcourt. Reviewer for Journal for the Education of the Gifted.
- Marcia Delcourt. Reviewer for Journal of Advanced Academics.
- Nancy Heilbronner. Reviewer for Gifted Child Quarterly, Journal for Advanced Academics.
- Gabriel Lomas. Senior Co-Editor of Journal of the American Deafness and Rehabilitation Association.
- Gabriel Lomas. Editorial Reviewer for American Journal of Play.
- Robyn Housemann. Reviewer for Journal of Rural Health.
- Jeff Schlicht. Reviewer for Psychological Reports Perceptual and Motor Skills.
- Emily Stevens. Reviewer of the American Journal of Health Behavior.
- Patti Ivry. Consulting Editor for Social Work.
- Robert Veneziano. Consulting Editor for Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work.
- Oumlil, Ben. Reviewer for the Journal of Business Ethics, the Journal of Business and Industrial Marketing, the Journal of Retailing and Consumer Services, the Society of Marketing Advances (SMA) Doctoral Dissertation Competition, the 2010 Academy of Marketing Science Cultural Perspectives in Marketing Conference, the 41st Southwest Decision Sciences SWDSI Conference.
- Koza, Karen. Reviewer for the Journal of Retailing and Special Issue of Journal of Retailing, the Journal of International Marketing, Executive Insights, the International Journal of Retailing and distribution, the Society for Case Research Journal-Annual Advances in Business Cases.
- Fred Maidment. Editorial Board Member, Journal of Ethics in Entrepreneurship, Gardner-Webb University.
- Fred Maidment. Manuscript reviewer for the Pedagogy and teaching track, United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship Annual Meeting, January, 2010.

ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Anam Govardhan attended an ETS workshop in San Francisco, CA, and participated in a symposium on freshman composition, sponsored by McGraw-Hill Publishing CO., in Key West, FL.
- Chuck Rocca, Becky Hall and David Burns participated in a Texas instruments professional development workshop on the TI-*n*Spire in August 2009.
- Senan Hayes, Becky Hall and David Burns received professional development training from the Education Connection and the Connecticut State Department of Education in Nov 2009 for mentoring and supervising student teachers under the new TEAM program.

Goal 2: Location – Create opportunities for students and faculty by capitalizing on Western Connecticut State University’s location in Danbury, Connecticut, a New England city characterized by its economic vibrancy and its diverse citizenry, as well as our proximity to the educational and cultural riches of New York City.

ENHANCE THE TEACHING AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT: THE ARTS

- The Housatonic Valley Cultural Alliance presented an award to the School of Visual and Performing Arts, October 2009, for “enriching the creative environment, improving the quality of life, and expanding opportunities” in the region.
- The MFA Thesis Exhibition in the Visual Arts was shown successfully, first in the Higgins Gallery on campus, then at the Blue Mountain Gallery in New York City, and in the fall at the UConn Gallery in Stamford, CT.
- The Communication Department produced video and web projects with Connecticut Ballet and provided media education workshops at the Brookfield Film Festival .
- The English Society, under the guidance of its advisor Dr. Gagnon, organized a trip to New York City for 30 students to see the Broadway production of *Hair!*

- World Languages students and faculty traveled to New York City to see the play *La casa de los espíritus*, October 2009 and New York City Opera, *Don Giovanni*, November 2009.

ENHANCE THE TEACHING AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT: BUSINESS

- The Marketing faculty has developed a relationship with marketing professionals at IBM. During the fall semester, we traveled to IBM headquarters to learn about IBM's marketing organization, marketing methods and current corporate strategic initiatives. The goal of this ongoing relationship with IBM is to help faculty remain current in marketing and other business methods used by global businesses in order to improve curriculum and consequently student knowledge and skill sets.
- Marie Wright arranged for information security/information assurance professionals from IBM Global Financing, IBM Watson Research Center, State of CT Computer Crime and Electronic Evidence Laboratory, Mass Mutual Financial Group, and RSM McGladrey to visit her class, MIS/JLA 341.
- Karen Koza is working with Fuel Cell Energy and Belimo on projects that will lead to experiential projects for our students, research opportunities for faculty, and training opportunities for Belimo employees.
- The Finance Department sent three finance majors to attend the Financial Leadership Forum held at Quinnipiac University. Dr. Anderson took the FIN 340 Investments class for a guided tour of the Wall Street Area.

ENHANCE THE TEACHING AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT: MATH & THE SCIENCES

- Science at Night Program: speakers representing different academic disciplines in the sciences give monthly talks to the community (lay language). This Fall, the following speakers have participated:
 - Berrien Moore III is a 2007 Nobel Peace Prize Winner from Climate Central, spoke on November 18, 2009. He spoke about global warming.
 - Candlewood Lake – panel discussion. Dr. Thomas Lonergan, Dr. Christopher Kukk, Dr. Mitch Wagener, among others. Specialists in natural resource management, biology and ecology discussed recent research and offer policy views on strategies to control proliferation of the pest weed Eurasian watermilfoil in Candlewood Lake at a forum on Dec. 10th.
 - "Herpetology Talk". Peter Warney discusses his research & conservation efforts. Dec 7.
- Bethany Morrison with Laurie Weinstein co-taught the 2009 Summer Field School in Archaeology. Archaeological survey and excavation were conducted at a Revolutionary winter encampment site in Redding, CT.

ENHANCE THE TEACHING AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Dr. Abigail Disney spoke and screened her award-winning documentary about the women's peace movement in Liberia: "Pray the Devil Back to Hell." Steven Neuwirth Annual Arts & Sciences Lecture.
- In October 2009 Dr. Peretti traveled with his Intro to Historical Research students to Yale University to explore original documents in the Manuscripts and Archives room.
- Professor David Blight of Yale University gave a lecture sponsored by Teaching American History on the WCSU campus in October 2009.

Goal 3: Diverse University Community – Further develop an environment that values and affirms the unique contributions of Western's many constituent populations, recognizes the learning opportunities that differences can create, and strengthens connections among our various community members.

DIVERSITY ON CAMPUS

- Heather Levy served as a chaperone for over 40 students who attended the Diversity March in Washington, D.C.
- World Languages and Literature sponsored a play, *Tres Vidas*, as part of Hispanic Heritage Month.
- Galina Bakhtiarova facilitated a workshop for faculty and students with members of a Greek Theater Troup, presenters of Euripides's *Troades*.
- Renate Ludanyi sponsored two events of the German Studies Center focusing on the fall of the Berlin Wall.
- The Masters of Arts in Teaching program now offers a new course, ED5XX Urban Experience, requiring 20 hours of field service to agencies within the region who serve urban populations.
- The Social Work students, who participated in the Human Rights Study Abroad June 2008 trip, were among those students who presented to the WestConn Community in September 2009 the self-impact of such an experience.
- The Strategic Plan Diversity subcommittee assisted SGA with the development of a Student Multicultural Advisory Committee which partners with student affinity groups.

DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

- Two Week Study Program: American Studies for German Students, for 42 German students, June 26–June 7. Students from Bethel High School and Danbury High School and WCSU participated.
- Several of the faculty from the School of Professional Studies participated in this year's Community Read Programs, integrating the discussion of mental health within their classes, and involving their students in a number of mental health community projects.
- MS Counselor Education program began in November, a piloting program, offering students and families counseling services for two of Danbury's schools by its faculty and student interns.
- Bonnie Rabe began a partnership with Danbury's Western Academy of International Studies to develop for the school an approach to effectively assess students' learning of a second language.

Goal 4: Range of Quality Academic Programs – Offer a range of quality academic programs, including featured signature programs that together educate a diverse student population and meet the needs of the state and region within the context of a global environment.

RESPONDING TO STUDENT LIBERAL ARTS AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE NEEDS

- The B.A. in Musical Theatre, a new degree program offered by Theatre Arts in collaboration with Music and Dance, received licensure from the Board of Governors. Students have expressed great interest in this program, which takes advantage of our location, with easy access to the rich resources of New York City in music and theatre.
- MS Counselor Education created a 60 credit, Clinical Mental Health Counseling option to replace its 42 credit, Community Counseling option to better meet the Connecticut's mental health workforce needs.
- The new Master of Arts in Teaching Program and its first cohort of career changers, who will graduate this Summer, will begin to fill the CT teaching shortage needs in Biology, Mathematics, and Spanish.

ACADEMIC QUALITY STANDARDS

- The Music Department successfully completed the self-study and peer review required for reaccreditation of all its degree programs by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

- The Art Department formally declared its intention to apply for professional accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) and hosted a consultant on qualifications and the process of application.
- The Math Department supported the introduction of the M.A.T. in Secondary education. The first cohort completes the second term of study in Fall 2009.
- Rondall Khoo taught a new course in cognitive neuroscience.
- WestConn received full NCATE accreditation of all its professional education programs in November.
- Secondary education programs in Biology, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Social Studies, and History and the Advanced Post Master's Certificate Program in Intermediate Administration and Supervision received full National Recognition from their respective national specialized professional associations in September.
- The Master of Arts in Teaching program in Secondary Education received full 5 year approval from Connecticut Department of Higher Education in October.
- The MS Counselor Education program received Connecticut Department of Higher Education approval for its new clinical mental health option, and is currently completing its institutional report for January 2010 submission to Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (ACREP) for reaccreditation.
- In October, the Department of Nursing received word that 100% of its May 2009 graduates passed the NCLEX exam.
- The Ancell School's pre-eligibility application was accepted by the Association for the Advancement for Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). Our next step is to work with our mentor to develop an accreditation plan over the next two years, which includes a detailed assessment plan and financial plan for attaining accreditation.

ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS

- NBC television invited Theatre Arts students to serve as technical interns at a figure skating ice show featuring the U.S.A. Olympic Team at the Danbury Ice Arena in September. The show was sponsored and taped by NBC.
- Marcy May and Joshua Rosenthal worked with the Danbury *News-Times* to create The History Blog, an online site that discusses all matters historical-- <http://blog.ctnews.com/wcsuhistory/>.
- Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox organized and supervised one of the largest university/college debate tournaments in the country, held at WCSU, in November.
- Faculty from the Ed. D. Instructional Leadership Program have partnered with McGill University and UConn for these institutions faculty and students in planning and participation in WCSU's Ed. D. Distinguished Lecture program for Spring 2010.
- The Education Department is partnering with SCSU's School of Education in the design and implementation of a new Post Master's Certificate Program in Special Education for WestConn's new M.A.T. program in Elementary Education.
- The Department of Nursing is partnering with SCSU's Department of Nursing in the design and implementation of a new joint Ed. D. Program in Nursing Education.
- Department of Nursing began partnering with Danbury Hospital to provide their RN-BSN Program course offerings on site at the hospital to staff nurses.
- University Computing worked with faculty to create a transatlantic virtual classroom using video conferencing technology.

CREATE GATHERING SPACES

- Josette Eynon initiated and conducted weekly French Conversational Table.

- The HPX resource room opened in Fall 2009 with three personal computer workstations; fitness testing space and equipment; and a lounge and study area.

IMPROVE AND SUPPORT ONGOING STUDENT ADVISEMENT

- Education Department has established a four year by semester sequence planning guide to assist in advising its students in Elementary Education.
- MS Nursing Program has developed electronic newsletters to advise students on new program requirement changes and semester course offerings for registration.
- Ed.D. faculty have placed their semester advisement schedules on Wiki for the doctoral students.

Goal 5: Enriching and Supportive Student-Focused Environment – Foster a holistic approach to intellectual and social growth and development that prepares students to be productive citizens of the state of Connecticut and the world by developing their knowledge, experience, and critical thinking and by fostering life-long learning characterized by intellectual curiosity, imagination, and creativity.

IMPROVE SCHEDULING TO OPTIMIZE THE ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- MS Counselor Education Program developed semester course schedules so students are able to take their courses back-to-back on given days during a semester to accommodate their full-time work schedules.
- HPX is developing department “CLEP” tests to save students time and money, and is promoting the “CLEP” options to students.
- 24 hour access to computer labs.
- Expanded Residence Hall Networking (RESNET) supporting to both campuses and providing night time and weekend assistance.

BETTER UTILIZE TECHNOLOGY TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATION

- MS Nursing Program ran as a fully online course (Nur502) for the first time and continues to send students a Fall and Spring electronic Newsletter.
- Piloted the Hyperion Reporting environment to the Finance, Admissions, and related Enrollment Management groups, improving delivery times for information.
- Implemented ConnectMail for student email, to access WCSU email from computers and mobile phones.
- Created mobile device friendly version of university website.
- University Computing successfully piloted the CISCO WebEx video conference product for the CSUS International Conference.
- University Computing created the Instructional Technology Center, a collaborative effort between Academic Affairs and University Computing. Faculty and staff now have a designated area (Haas Library, room 416) to get assistance with integrating technology into curriculum.
- University Computing created a Curriculum Development Web application that automates and provides electronic workflow for curriculum updates and modifications.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ON WCSU CAMPUSES AND THE REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTS

- The recently approved Institute for Financial Literacy will foster a holistic approach to intellectual and social growth and development that prepares students to be productive citizens of the state of Connecticut and the world by developing their knowledge, experience, and critical thinking and by fostering life-long learning characterized by intellectual curiosity, imagination, and creativity.

- Averell Manes, co-chair and coordinator, Hancock Student Leadership Program: The first cohort completed the program in December 2009.
- Stephen Price, graduating in Music with a concentration in organ, was awarded a Fulbright grant for study abroad. He is now in Toulouse, France, working with a master organist.
- Averell Manes conducted training for Resident Directors and Assistants at WCSU, "Mediation." (8/09) and training for Resident Directors and Assistants at Brookview Commons, "Conflict Management." (8/09)
- Theresa Canada presented Leadership Styles/Group Dynamics at the WCSU Resident Advisor Training.
- Department of Nursing brought Dr. Richard Fraser to WestConn campus in October to present his new book, "Fighting Cancer with Knowledge and Hope."
- Professors Kain and Dwyer hosted a lecture for 200 JLA students on abolishing the death penalty. Juan Melendez, the guest speaker, was freed after spending 19 years on death row for a crime that he didn't commit.
- Dr. Koza's Fall 2009, MBA students in MKT 534 worked with Staples in India investigating real issues, real-time for this large multinational company (Staples, Inc). This involved dealing with a diverse set of issues relating to doing business in a culturally rich and diverse consumer retail market - India. Student teams in MKT 534 will WebEx with Indian executives from UPS and Boehringer interested in Staples in India for their final case presentations.
- Alba Skar: Global Academy in Granada, Nicaragua. Summer 2009. Spanish and Biology partnership to travel with 13 students to study Spanish language, Latin American culture, and volunteer as tutors and teaching assistants in local schools. Students also participated in ecological projects for reforestation and sea turtle conservation.
- Galina Bakhtiarova: Summer Study Program in Spain, June 2009. Students were immersed in Spanish culture through classes and academic travel program that focused on exploration of arts, history, music and architecture.

STRENGTHEN OPPORTUNITIES TO STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN FACULTY AND STUDENTS

- The English Department held its first Octoberfeast for English majors, a potluck meal at which 60 students and 6 full time and 2 adjunct faculty attended.
- Students from Nicholas Gallucci's PSY439 (Community Psychology) class presented their research reviews at the 2009 annual meeting of the New England Psychological Association.

STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND ACADEMIC SUPPORT PRACTICES

- Implemented Degree Verify for the Registrar's office so that companies can go directly to the National Clearinghouse website rather than contacting the Registrar's office.
- Implementation and facilitation of AccessAbilities systems like the Cart and Kurzweil systems.
- Work study coverage for the Nursing labs expanded to create clinical practice opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students.

IMPROVE PHYSICAL FACILITIES

- The HPX resource room opened in Fall 2009 with three personal computer workstations; Fitness testing space/equipment; and lounge/study area.

BUILD CONNECTIONS WITH THE DANBURY COMMUNITY

- Communications Department collaborated with the Women's Center of Danbury on an educational outreach video and Men's Initiative; and performed educational skits in the local schools.

- Galina Bakhtiarova: Invited Lecture: “Explorations of Life and Death: Fall Cultural Celebrations” The Village at Brookfield Common University/ Ridgefield Crossings University Event, October 2009
- Galina Bakhtiarova presented “The Day of the Dead: A Mexican Tradition” at the New Milford High School, October 2009.
- A public room in Haas Library was created for people with special accessibility needs.
- University Computing assisted the Newman Center with upgrading their network and server environment.
- Social Work students participated in Danbury’s “Homeless Connect” event.
- WCSU is partnering with the City of Danbury to ensure full participation in spring 2010 census activity.

Goal 6: Affordability – Deliver outstanding value to students through effective management of the university and the provision of student financial assistance, thereby maintaining the affordability and access of a mid-sized public university while creating the quality experience of the best private institutions.

EFFECTIVE UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

- Institutional Identity team has created talking points to engage university stakeholders.
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AFFORDABILITY AND ACCESS THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP AND STUDENT AID

- The Music Department has received generous scholarship support from the estate of Jonathan Greenwald, the Cunningham Trust, Rudy and Mary Behrens, Mario Mesi, and others.
- The School of Professional Studies Departments in partnership with WCSU Alumni Association’s collectively received \$57,436.64 in alumni giving from June through October 2009 for student scholarships.
- Began implementation of Uniprint. This system will reduce printing consumables.
- Marie Wright (December 2009): obtained \$350 in student scholarship funds from the Connecticut Chapter of the Information Systems Security Association (CT-ISSA). Funding was awarded to one MIS/Information Security Management student.
- Social Work’s Field Coordinator worked with the WCSU Financial Aid Office and a Danbury social service agency to develop a pilot project through which an eligible senior social work student can receive a Federal Work Student stipend for work in her senior field education placement. It is hoped that this effort will be expanded to additional students in the Spring semester.