

Events

Undergraduate Open House



Nov. 3

History Book Talk



Nov. 4

Live Election Coverage



Nov. 5

Psychology Lecture



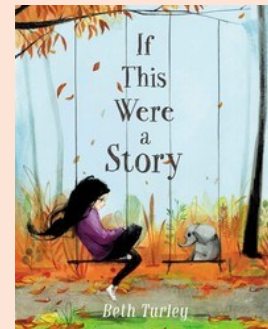
Nov. 7

Faculty Spotlight



Dr. Brian Clements's ongoing feature, [*Every Atom: Reflections on Walt Whitman at 200*](#), a collection of commentaries from 200 poets, writers, scholars, songwriters, leaders, nurses, farmers, and others on Whitman's "Song of Myself" in the year of Whitman's 200th birthday, has reached its 120th day and post at *North American Review*. Daily posts will continue through early December, then all posts in the project will be collected into an interactive online feature.

Alumni Spotlight



Beth Turley, a 2016 graduate of the MFA in Creative and Professional Writing, has received a second two-book deal with Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. The first book in this new deal is titled THE HONEST TRUTH, and follows a group of young journalists who are chosen to be part of a magazine. Publication is planned for Summer 2021. Turley's debut novel, IF THIS WERE A STORY, was released in 2018, and her second book, THE LAST TREE TOWN, will be published in 2020.

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I'm First 2019



Nov. 8

Biology Research Seminar



Nov. 15

Regional Lake Communities Symposium



Nov. 25

Student News:



The following Meteorology students completed 200 hours of internship work towards fulfilling requirements for the MTR 370 Internship this past summer:

- James Tomasini: NOAA National Weather Service New York (Brookhaven, NY)
- Aaron Zalcman: WTNH News 5 (New Haven, CT)
- Stephen Puglisi: WTNH News 8 (New Have, CT)
- Adam Dziewaltowski: Periship (Branford, CT)
- Patrick Cahill: Periship (Branford, CT) & Fox 5 News (New York, NY) [split internship]



New Milford Police Department honors Dr. JC Barone, Jacob Kehrley ('19) and seniors Rebecca Burton, Michael Hanley, and Samantha Saalborn at their 50th Anniversary Awards Ceremony this fall. The WCSU team created a four-minute recruitment video showing the department's diverse force

and opportunities and earned over 11,000 views on NMPD Facebook, allowing them to hire two recruits. New Milford Police Department's Chief Spencer Cerruto, a WestConn alum (MS/JLA, 07) shared his approval of the video with President John Clark, "I am writing to make you aware of the awesome video production work done for us by Prof. Barone and your media arts students! The crew worked with the NMPD officers for months to develop a community policing/recruitment video, always interacting in a positive and professional manner."



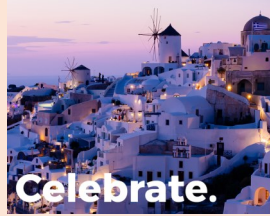
BIOLOGY MEETS ART IN THE SCIENCE BUILDING:

Biology student Alexandra Vatis found a way to merge her interest in the natural world with her artistic talents when she enrolled in art professor Jack Tom's Honors Biological Illustration class (HON489) this semester. The class can be taken by any WCSU student, and has provided a wonderful opportunity for interdisciplinary collaboration among the science and arts communities at WCSU. In this photo, Alexandra illustrates an adult female lone star tick, an aggressive species that can transmit several disease agents, and is newly emerging here in Connecticut.

Previously in MSAS: Macricostas Experience Week



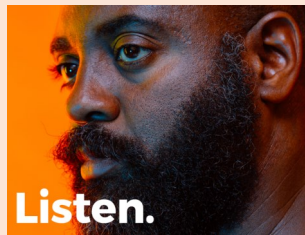
Higgins Hall Open House took place on Oct. 18th and was a great success. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and our Danbury neighbors tie-dyed free tees, drank fresh hand-cranked cider, toasted s'mores, and toured beautifully renovated Higgins Hall where they participated in hands-on activities and talked with dynamic Higgins faculty and students about what we do in the Macricostas School. A special thanks to Communication and Media Arts, Computer Science, Mathematics, Writing, and World Languages and Cultures for showcasing everything you do.



Dr. Jenifer Neils joined our Greek Scholar, Dr. Chris Paone, at an evening Greek celebration. WCSU History student, Vassilios Vassiliadis, and two band mates entertained a group of visitors, alumni, students, faculty and staff with traditional Greek music. Participants enjoyed Greek food and even some dancing.



Saturday's "Weather Report" symposium by artist-scientists on their weather-inspired art on display at the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum connected science, art, and our humanity. Also, more cider: thank you, Tom Philbrick! One attendee stated that she was thrilled to be able to explore her interests in art and weather together. Thank you, Physics, Astronomy, and Meteorology, and Richard Klein and Namulen Bayarsahihan of the Aldrich, for your partnership.



Macricostas speaker, Reginald Dwayne Betts, spoke to English and Writing classes about his poetry and poetic interpretations. Following his Master class, Dwayne spoke to over 250 students, visitors, faculty and staff about his life experiences and inspired attendees.



Dr. Jenifer Neils, Director of the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, spoke to about 70 students and visitors on *"The Parthenon: Then and Now"*.



Students came and folded origami single pixels, which were installed in the vestibule off the Higgins Hall lobby. A sense of community arose as students helped each other learn the fold. Students can still contribute by picking up instructions and origami paper from HI 101. Event ends November 11th.