Mission

Founded in 1881, the University of Connecticut serves as the flagship for public higher education and the primary doctoral degree granting public institution in the state. The University of Connecticut is dedicated to excellence demonstrated through national and international recognition. As Connecticut’s public research university, through freedom of academic inquiry and expression, we create and disseminate knowledge by means of scholarly and creative achievements, graduate and professional education, and outreach. Through our focus on teaching and learning, the University helps every student grow intellectually and become a contributing member of the state, national, and world communities. Through research, teaching, service, and outreach, we embrace diversity and cultivate leadership, integrity, and engaged citizenship in our students, faculty, staff, and alumni. As our state’s flagship public university, and as a land and sea grant institution, we promote the health and well being of Connecticut’s citizens through enhancing the social, economic, cultural, and natural environments of the state and beyond.

Statutory Responsibility

The General Statutes of the State of Connecticut and the Morrill Act adopted by the United States Congress have charged the University of Connecticut with the responsibility for the education of Connecticut youth in scientific and classical studies, agriculture and mechanic arts and liberal and practical education. General Statutes give the University authority for programs leading to a wide variety of doctoral degrees and post-baccalaureate professional degrees. The University's constitutional mandate, "excellence in higher education," is accomplished in its traditional triad of academic responsibilities: teaching, research and service.
Public Service, Research and Clinical Care

University offices authorized by Connecticut General Statutes to serve the public include: Connecticut Museum of Natural History, Sec. 10-112(a-c); Office of Archaeology, Sec. 10a-112; State Historian, Sec. 11-1; State Museum of Art, Sec. 10a-112(g); and Connecticut Poison Center, Sec. 10a-132.

Support for Human Rights in Connecticut and Across the World

The University’s commitment to human rights and social justice is evidenced in the human rights minor recently added to the academic program, the planning of a graduate certificate in human rights, the interdisciplinary research and public events sponsored by the Human Rights Institute, activities and archival collections at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, the ongoing partnership with the African National Congress in South Africa, the focus of the Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee, and the activities of the Center for Applied Genetics and Technology. The Journal of Human Rights, a major international scholarly publication, is now based at UConn with a University faculty member as the editor.

Human Rights Awareness Festival took place at the Storrs Campus in a week-long series of events to promote human rights, awareness, advocacy, and activism. The event was run completely by a UConn student organization called Idealists United, whose members are dedicated to spreading human rights awareness.

The Human Rights Institute fall conference on “Humanitarian Responses to Narratives of Inflicted Suffering” featured a new History faculty member, Emma Gilligan, who is writing a book on war crimes in the break-away republic of Chechnya. The conference analyzed humanitarian response to private and public narratives of politicized suffering inflicted by states and private political groups, as well as social conflict, colonialism, and apartheid. The Institute has become a nationally recognized center for academically-oriented research, teaching and outreach on human rights.

Initiatives to Enhance and Improve Access to Health Care

Governor M. Jodi Rell announced the awarding of $20 million in state funds to support stem cell research projects during the StemCONN07, a two-day international conference at the state capitol. UConn was awarded 15 of the 21 state grants, totaling nearly $12 million. The grants will support 23 investigators at the Storrs and Farmington campuses. Current UConn research projects include: use of glial cells generated from stem cells to repair the brain and nervous system; study of genes that control the migration of stem cell-derived neurons for the treatment of degenerative and traumatic brain disorders; analysis of how embryonic stem cells can help rebuild bone, cartilage, skin and muscle tissue; and development of stem cell lines offering the potential for curing a host of diseases. The Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee was established to provide oversight of the complex ethical issues related to the derivation and research use of human stem cell lines at the University’s facilities.

With a five-year, $2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health, Ernst Reichenberger and colleagues in the Center for Restorative Medicine and Skeletal Development began studying keloids, a relatively rare wound healing disorder that affects mostly darker skinned populations in the U.S. and around the world. Reichenberger’s goal is to find the genetic mutations that cause the disorder and develop the molecular understanding necessary for effective treatments.

The Patrick & Catherine Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation has pledged $1.75 million to name and support The Ethel Donaghue Center for Translating Research Into Practice and Policy (TRIPP) at the Health Center. Its mission directly responds to the National Institutes of Health “Roadmap” initiative to foster practice-oriented health services research and researchers. The roadmap emphasizes programs that warrant particular attention due to their cross-cutting relevance or complexity.
The Health Center is scheduled to offer a revolutionary new cancer treatment thanks to a gift of $2.5 million from Carole and Ray Neag. It will become the first facility in New England to offer the treatment of a Helical TomoTherapy Hi-Art system. TomoTherapy delivers radiation to a precisely mapped section of the body with accuracy not previously possible. This precision not only allows for more specific treatment of tumors, but also reduces the amount of healthy tissue exposed to radiation.

Gregory Contas, in honor of his wife’s memory, made a $100,000 gift to benefit the Clinical Trials Office of The Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center. One of the main objectives of the Clinical Trials is to “demystify” and improve the process for patients and their families so that they can more easily benefit from the more than 90 studies of new treatments currently ongoing at the Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center, as well as those at other health care centers.

A $450,000 gift from the Dr. Robert C. Atkins Foundation to UConn’s Department of Kinesiology will help expand research into the many facets of carbohydrate restriction for the treatment of obesity, cardiovascular disease, and related metabolic syndromes. The Atkins Foundation funds independent scientific research on the role of metabolism and nutrition on a number of diseases, including diabetes, Alzheimer’s, and cancer.

The Health Center’s melanoma program offers patients services to help ensure that the disease is caught in its earliest and most curable stage. Multidisciplinary care is provided by a team of doctors, dermatologists, an oncologist, and a surgeon who have a special interest in melanoma. The Health Center is the only facility in Connecticut that offers whole body digital imaging to monitor and track potential skin cancer in high-risk populations. Program expansion plans include a Cutaneous Oncology Center as a regional center of excellence.

The University of Connecticut Foundation has received a $25,000 grant from The Richard Davoud Donchian Foundation for the Health Center-based Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) in support of the Urban Service Track. The program addresses the chronic shortage of health care providers in Connecticut’s underserved urban communities by building a pipeline of medical professionals committed to working in those areas.

A $1 million federal grant from Learn and Service America, an arm of the Corporation for National and Community Service agency has been awarded to the Northwestern Connecticut Area Health Education Center (AHEC) in Middlebury to recruit high school students into the Connecticut Youth Health Service Corps for volunteer service in the health professions. The UConn School of Medicine collaborates with the Connecticut Department of Public Health, the Connecticut Primary Care Association, and the National Health Services Corps to develop the community-based, service-learning AHEC programs.

One of the University’s most successful interdisciplinary ventures, the Center for Health, Intervention, and Prevention (CHIP), has secured more than $44.7 million in research funding since 1999, and in January 2007 won its largest grant ever, a nearly $7 million award from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). The award funds a partnership between CHIP and the Nelson Mandela School of Medicine at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal in Durban, South Africa, and other institutions. Researchers will test an HIV/AIDS prevention intervention called Options at 16 clinics in South Africa, where AIDS is a menacing public health problem.

An interdisciplinary team of researchers hope to assist older adults to avoid potential harmful drug interactions, improve their overall health literacy and control their blood pressure. The research study is being conducted with a three-year, $1 million grant funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, a part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The research team includes health care professionals and UConn doctoral students representing a variety of disciplines within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Schools of Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy.

Research, Scholarship and Professional Education

UConn research and training grants exceed $180 million each year from federal agencies, including U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, the National
Endowment for the Humanities, and many others, and from such prestigious private entities as the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Donaghue Medical Research Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The Storrs campus has approximately 70 active centers and institutes involved in research and graduate education. A small sampling of the centers includes the following: Biotechnology/Bioservices Center, Booth Engineering Center for Advanced Technology, Center for Environmental Sciences and Engineering, Center for Health/HIV Intervention and Prevention, Center for Public Health and Health Policy, Center for Regenerative Biology, Center for Survey Research and Analysis, Connecticut Sea Grant College Program, Institute of Materials Science, Marine Sciences and Technology Center, National Undersea Research Center, and Roper Center for Public Opinion Research. The Health Center has a broad array of world-class research activities facilitated by “Signature Programs” in cancer, cardiology, musculoskeletal medicine, and Connecticut health. Numerous centers support research in Medicine and Dental Medicine. Examples include the Alcohol Research Center, Taste and Smell Center, Center for Biomaterials, Connecticut Clinical Chemosensory Research Center, Claude Pepper Older American Independence Center, and Lowell Weicker General Clinical Research Center.

Emeritus Psychology Professor, Maurice Farber, has donated $2 million to UConn’s psychology department to endow scholarships and graduate fellowships in psychology, which will benefit both undergraduates and graduates majoring in psychology. Farber wanted to help today’s students, particularly in light of the growing costs of a college education.

The Health Center received a pledge of $1.25 million from a Hartford foundation to establish a new center to study and treat blood diseases. The Lea's Foundation Center for Hematologic Disorders will focus on advancing research and improving treatment and care for patients with benign and malignant blood disorders. The center will also provide a dedicated space for the children of patients who come to the Health Center for care, allowing patients to undergo treatment without having to worry about childcare. It is estimated that in the U.S. alone, more than 35,000 new cases of leukemia have been diagnosed in 2006, with more than 22,000 deaths attributed to the disease in 2007. Through this gift, the Health Center will be able to translate the latest research directly into patient care.

The law firm Bingham McCutchen LLP has donated $50,000 to the School of Law to create the Bingham McCutchen Diversity Programming Fund and the Bingham McCutchen Scholarship Fund. The Diversity Programming Fund will support programs sponsored by, or hosted at, the Law School to further racial, ethnic, cultural, religious, sexual-orientation, or gender-identity diversity on campus or within the legal profession. The Bingham McCutchen Scholarship Fund will award two scholarships each year for the next five years to an academically strong first- or second-year law student who has overcome significant economic, linguistic, cultural, or educational obstacles, or who belongs to a group historically underrepresented in law schools and the legal profession.

Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc., of Ridgefield, Connecticut, has committed $180,000 over the next three years to co-develop a pilot master’s degree program in synthetic organic chemistry with the School of Pharmacy. The pilot program is designed to build on Connecticut’s strong pharmaceutical industry and fill an unmet need for highly educated and expertly trained synthetic organic chemists. This commitment from Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals follows a $1.25 million gift in 2006 to establish the Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Chair in Mechanistic Toxicology and a $250,000 gift in 2004 to support and name the Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Dosage Forms Laboratory in the School of Pharmacy.

Astra Tech, Inc., a Massachusetts-based subsidiary of the global company Astra Tech AM, pledged a significant gift to support the Center for Implant and Reconstructive Dentistry, part of the School of Dental Medicine and UConn Health Center’s Musculoskeletal Institute. The gift will be used to promote clinical and translational research efforts, and to educate dental students and dental practitioners to perform leading-edge procedures in a state-of-the-art environment.

The Health Center received a $2 million federal grant to purchase a sophisticated imaging machine to study the structure, stability and dynamics of proteins and their role in human disease. Researchers will
use the instrument, an 800 MHz nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer, to investigate proteins associated with cancer, infectious disease and essential biological processes.

John Chandy, assistant professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, was awarded a three-year, $538,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to conduct research in the area of computer storage subsystems, seeking to solve the problem of slow access times for network disk storage performance, which limit computer system performance. His work will benefit high performance computing used, for example, in physics, weather modeling, oil exploration, and genome sequencing.

Emmanouil Anagnostou, associate professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Emvrossios Bagtzoglou, associate professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, were awarded over $433,000 to conduct research intended to improve flood prediction using satellite data. The three-year grant was awarded by NASA under the Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM) mission, a program that supports use of satellites to study precipitation throughout the world.

Changfeng Gui, professor of Mathematics, was the recipient of the 2007 Provost’s Research Excellence Award. The award recognizes excellence in research at the Storrs and regional campuses.

Three graduate students were awarded the first Warren Jay Mitofsky Awards, presented to students who submitted the best proposals for an original research project using data from UConn’s Roper Center for Public Opinion Research. The recipients are: Jamie Gursang, Yazmin Garcia Trejo, and Xia Wang. The awards are named for the late Mitofsky, a former chair of the Roper Center’s Board of Directors, a survey research innovator and a director of surveys for CBS News. The Roper Center maintains the world’s largest archive of survey data.

General Community Service

The University of Connecticut was one of nine colleges and universities in the nation to receive a Katrina Compassion Award for excellence in hurricane relief service, placing it on the first-ever President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. UConn was the only institution in Connecticut to receive the award and was one of 141 colleges and universities nationwide named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction for General Community Service. UConn students from 20 community service, social, and academic organizations established the Hurricane Katrina Relief Student Organization to raise funds for Katrina relief. An estimated 1,000 students participated in fund-raising projects for hurricane relief, contributing an estimated 11,000 hours of service.

An Academic Plan Colloquium on Outreach, Engagement, and Public Service was held in May with faculty, staff, and administrators in attendance, representing a wide range of academic units, university departments, campuses, and professional schools. Discussion was focused on workforce development, economic and community development, and engaged scholarship. A follow-up colloquium was planned for the fall to further interdisciplinary networking and to recommend implementation strategies for outreach and engagement in the Academic Plan.

The first 2007 Coast-to-Coast for a Cure, a fund raiser to benefit Lea’s Foundation for Leukemia Research, was organized by UConn medical students. The students flew to San Francisco in June and for the next nine weeks pedaled their bicycles back to Connecticut for a 4,000 mile journey. The goal was to raise $100,000 for the nonprofit organization which provides financial support to blood cancer research efforts at the UConn Health Center.

Funded by an $83,000 planning grant from the Federal Office of Rural Health, School of Nursing is working closely with agencies to set up a network of community-based providers and citizens to examine mental health and health disparity issues for Latinos and Hispanics, who comprise nearly a third of the Willimantic population. The project “Companeros Por Salud: Partners in Health,” has spawned a variety of collaborations among nursing, social work, pharmacy, and medical students, who have taken part in student-run health clinics. This year about 200 nursing students were placed in the community to offer health education and screenings.
UConn’s dental students, members of the American Student Dental Association (ASDA), visited second and third graders in six of Hartford’s schools to teach hundreds of children the importance of oral hygiene. They visited 28 classrooms, teaching children how to brush and floss properly, how important it is to see a dentist twice a year, and the proper diet to avoid tooth decay. The program is ASDA’s single largest community service project and is the School of Dental Medicine’s contribution to national Give Kids a Smile Day.

The Department of Mental Retardation has partnered with the School of Dental Medicine to provide $100,000 in funding for the Collaboration Dental Fellowship Program. The dental school provides health care services to more than 2,500 outpatient special needs patients, and 37 emergency and 79 operating room cases. With the new fellowship program, the school will be able to provide services for approximately 72 additional operating room cases and 990 additional outpatient clinic visits per year, which should dramatically reduce the waiting time for dental care for special needs patients.

UConn installed new software to help people with visual impairments retrieve information from UConn web pages. The LIFT Text Transcoder efficiently converts web pages with images, style, color, and text into text-only sites, which helps people who have visual limitations. It also assists those who access UConn webpages via cell phones, PDAs, and other portable devises: all-text pages can be downloaded quickly and are easier to see on a small screen. The new software will be helpful to the UConn community, prospective students and others interested in the University.

The East Hartford office of UConn Health Partners began offering the services of the Pat and Jim Calhoun Cardiology Center – one of the region’s only comprehensive cardiology programs east of the river. Services include stress testing, using exercise testing as well as stress-echo. Other services include echocardiography and ankle-brachial index studies to diagnose vascular problems. All tests are supervised by UConn cardiologists.

The School of Medicine’s Hospice Arts program addresses one of the most crucial and often neglected skills for a physician – the ability to make a human connection with patients. Second-year medical students can now earn credits for the course while developing a more holistic approach to medical care, benefiting both patients and their families. The program enables terminally ill patients and medical students to interact through music, dance, poetry or literature, and to work together on art or craft projects.

Connecticut high school students from around the state visited the School of Business to participate in the first annual Connecticut Youth Financial Institute, a program designed to educate students about personal finance. High school seniors took part in three information seminars, each taught by a Business faculty member. One session was on money and banking; another was on goals, planning, budgeting, and savings; and the third was on investing. Jump$tart Coalition, an organization comprised of government agencies, financial institutions, and corporations seeking to increase financial literacy among Connecticut’s youth, co-sponsored the program with the Business School.

In honor of Constitution Day, celebrated nationally to mark the anniversary of the signing of the constitution in 1787,! the University hosted a panel discussion on the Fourth Amendment: privacy in the age of electronic technology. This event was held at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center and was free and open to the public. The objective was for students, as well as the public, to gain knowledge of the Constitution and how it impacts their lives.

A web site, developed by marine scientists at the Avery Point Campus, allows students in Connecticut classrooms to take a peek at marine life in Long Island Sound. The site was developed by Peter Auster and Ralph Lewis, faculty members in Department of Marine Sciences, with a $25,000 grant from the Long Island Sound Fund of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. Students view underwater images captured during a 30-year period by scientists at Avery Point with more than 4000 digital images available on the site. Additional images describe the habitants in the Sound, the Sound’s history and geology, and how its environment is affected by human activity.

Each year School of Fine Arts events in art, music and dramatic arts serve 200,000 on campus and 150,000 in locations throughout the state.
Programs to Support Economic Development

Partnerships of the School of Business with state businesses have continued productively with the GE Edgelab in Stamford, the Financial Accelerator in Hartford, and part-time MBA and EMBA programs offered in several locations in the state.

Planning continued, pending funding, for two programs to promote and serve the state’s economy in a focused partnership between the university, the state and industry. A Center for Entrepreneurship was designed to train faculty and student inventors in commercialization, business development, and venture capital, and to develop an intellectual property law clinic. An Eminent Faculty Program was designed to bring top faculty in the fields of science and technology to Connecticut to work on research that would develop products that could be transferred to the state’s businesses and enhance the state’s economy. The Provost has reviewed proposals for eminent faculty in four areas: fuel cells, nanotechnology, functional foods, and cancer/stem cell research. Three leading state energy companies were working with the University, and in particular the School of Engineering, on the development of a new research initiative and funding options for viable, sustainable and environmentally sound energy alternatives, including fuel cells and biofuels. The initiative, to also provide a training ground for energy workforce and entrepreneurs, is expected to help Connecticut meet its goal of reducing fossil fuel consumption by 20% and replacing it with clean or renewable energy sources by 2020. The companies are FuelCell Energy of Danbury, the Northeast Utilities Foundation, and UTC Power of South Windsor. The School of Engineering has a number of energy-focused units under its wing, including the Connecticut Global Fuel Cell Center and the Biofuels Consortium, whose scope of research and development activities will complement the broader mission of sustainable energy initiative. Both entities work closely with Connecticut’s energy industry.

Connecticut Transportation Institute (CTI) in the School of Engineering received a $2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to explore new ways of improving the state’s transportation system. The grant will establish a University Transportation Center (UTC) overseen by two Civil and Environmental Engineering professors. Improvement goals include better coordination between state and local agencies that have jurisdiction over various parts of the transportation development process. For example, currently the State Department of Transportation has responsibility for transportation system maintenance and construction while municipal governments control land use.

The University’s graduating classes each year provide a new resource of skilled individuals who help to keep business in the state, lure new firms, and serve with distinction in schools, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations.

Expanding Educational Opportunity

The Health Professions Partnership Initiative (HPPI), formed in 1996, and renamed The Aetna Health Professions Partnership Initiative at the UConn Health Center following a $2 million gift from the Aetna Foundation, has continued to provide long-term academic enrichment and support activities for underrepresented and disadvantaged students in Hartford-area middle and high schools. HPPI is a cooperative effort of faculty and staff of the University’s Schools of Medicine and Dental Medicine, its Storrs-based School of Nursing, School of Pharmacy and Physical Therapy and Pre-Engineering Programs, UConn’s Greater Hartford Campus, Central Connecticut State University, and Wesleyan University, working with the Hartford Public Schools to recruit minority and low-income students for the medicine, dentistry, biomedical research, nursing, pharmacy, and allied health professions. Two new programs in this initiative are being hosted by the UConn Greater Hartford Regional Campus: Jumpstart, a six-week summer program and Saturday series, focused on ninth through eleventh graders with college preparatory courses and skills that supplement a 12-week academic year program in the high schools; and the Juniors Doctors Academy, a 30-week Saturday academic year program, targeted for underrepresented
and disadvantaged students entering the eleventh grade and including instruction in math, language arts, and test-taking strategies to increase SAT scores.

Each year many collaborations of the University with Connecticut’s public schools have expanded educational opportunities and postsecondary education participation outcomes for the state’s elementary and secondary students. In addition to the Carnegie Foundation funded, multi-year, multi-disciplinary Teachers for a New Era Project, the collaborations are illustrated by the examples below:

- **Neag School of Education:** Reading Intervention Program to Increase Achievement, Fluency, and Enjoyment in Reading; Connecticut Reading Recovery Center; Project on Mentoring Mathematical Minds; Husky Sport Programs; and School Counseling Program to Improve Minority Achievement.
- **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences:** Kids Are Scientists Too (KAST) summer day camp; Physics Olympiad; Visiting Junior Scientist Program; Marine Scholars Program; BioBlitz; Archaeology camp; GlobalEd Project; and Writing Tutorial Center.
- **School of Engineering:** Connecticut Invention Convention; Northeast Regional Science Bowl; Da Vinci Workshop; Galileo Project; Pre-Engineering Program (PEP); Engineering summer camp; Multiply Your Options workshop for female students; PATHS to the Future – Community of Learners program for urban students; and BRIDGE residential summer program for admitted underrepresented minorities.
- **School of Business:** Connecticut Information Technology Institute (CITI) training and Teenage Minority Business Program.
- **College of Agriculture and Natural Resources:** 4-H LIFT (Learning, Interaction, Friends, and Talents) and other after-school programs; Adventures of Lead Busters Club, focused on hazards of lead poisoning; Classroom Incubator Management instruction; Integrated Pest Management (IPM) training; Beetle Farmer Program; High School Student Internships; and Connecticut FFA Career Development Events.
- **School of Fine Arts:** University Symphony Orchestra rehearsal option for public school musicians.
- **School of Nursing:** Healthy Kids are Happy Kids Program and Healthy Schools Collaborative for key health topics.
- **School of Pharmacy:** Science Fair judging and underrepresented minority student mentoring.
- **School of Law:** Connections Mentoring Program and Street Law Seminar.
- **School of Social Work:** Student Internship Program in school settings and Safe Schools/Health Students initiative to reduce and prevent school and urban violence.
- **Schools of Medicine and Dental Medicine:** Great Explorations Middle School Program and Health Professions Academy.
- **Center for Continuing Studies:** Community School of the Arts opportunities for credit and noncredit programs in music, theatre, art, and Homeland Security training.
- **Center for Academic Programs:** Gear-Up Program; Educational Talent Search; Upward Bound for ninth graders; and Pre-Freshmen Student Support Services for summer before first UConn semester.
- **Early College Experience (ECE) Program:** 37 different first-year University courses offered in 120 Connecticut high schools. High school student course registrations for ECE credit totaled 7,397 in the 2006-07 academic year, 13 percent more registrations than in 2005-06.

**Improvements /Achievements 2006-07**

The University of Connecticut, its students, alumni, faculty, and staff take pride in the University’s 126-year history of achievements. The quality of our student population, and those seeking admission to the University, continues to rise, as the accomplishments of our faculty and our students continue to impress.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) ten-year re-accreditation process in 2006-07 included: the UConn submission of a comprehensive self-study; ten-member external review team meetings with faculty, students, administrators and staff at the Storrs Campus; review team visits
with faculty, students, administrators and staff at other University sites, including the Health Center, and the Avery Point, Stamford, and Greater Hartford campuses, and the team presentation of its report to NEASC’s Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (CIHE). Re-accreditation is expected in the fall of 2007 when the NEASC CIHE meets. The re-accreditation standards emphasize inclusiveness in university planning and organizational decision making, and institutional commitment to the accreditation standards. The University was first accredited by NEASC in 1931 and has been re-accredited in each review since that time.

**National Recognition**

The University received national recognition for the quality of its programs and accomplishments:

**Academic Programs, Research and Scholarship**

- University President Philip E. Austin announced plans to resign the presidency in September, 2007, and, following a sabbatical, return to teaching as a tenured member of the Economics faculty. He has been the President since 1996 and has provided exemplary leadership for the University’s growing national reputation and throughout UCONN 2000, the $2.3 billion program, which began in 1995, to review, rebuild, and enhance UConn and its campuses.
- For the eighth consecutive year, the University of Connecticut was named the top public university in New England in *U.S. News & World Report: America’s Best Colleges*. The report published in August 2006 ranked UConn 27th among 162 public universities in the nation.
- The Neag School of Education was ranked 31st among all graduate schools of education in the country, named the top public graduate school of education in the northeast, and ranked 21st among all public doctoral education programs in the country (and in the specialties, 12th in Special Education, 15th in Elementary Education, and 16th in Administration Education. The rankings were in the *U.S. News & World Report: America’s Best Graduate Schools* published in Spring 2007.
- The School of Business was recognized as one of the top MBA program programs nationwide by *Business Week*. UConn was the only public MBA program in New England that was ranked.
- The School of Business was ranked in the top four percent of business schools worldwide by the *Wall Street Journal*.
- The University’s graduate and professional programs were highly rated by *U.S. News & World Report* in its latest issue of *America’s Best Graduate Schools*. Among public medical schools nationwide, UConn ranked 22nd in Medical Schools-Primary Care and 26th in Medical Schools-Research. In the Liberal Arts and Sciences, UConn national public graduate program rankings included 47th in Biological Sciences and 51st in Chemistry. Among public graduate and professional programs nationwide in other disciplines, UConn ranked: 23rd in Law; 42nd in Nursing, 42nd in Engineering (and in the specialties, 28th in Materials Engineering, 31st in Environmental Engineering, 41st in Computer Engineering, 43rd in Civil Engineering; and 44th in Electrical Engineering). The *U.S. News* rankings are based on expert opinion about program quality and statistical indicators of quality of faculty, research, and students. *U.S. News* does not rank all programs or all specialties every year.
- UConn, including both the Health Center and Storrs-based programs, ranked 74th among all institutions and 52nd among public universities nationwide in research and development expenditures, as measured by the National Science Foundation (NSF).
- UConn ranked in the top 35 best value public colleges for in-state costs by *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance*. The ranking is based on a combination of quality measures and cost, which Kiplinger defines in terms of schools where students can receive an excellent education without accumulating a large amount of debt.

• New Englanders had a second opportunity in mid-May to see and smell one of the strangest productions of vegetable kingdom. The titan arum, or corpse flower, which features a gigantic bloom and a mighty stench, was exhibited at the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB) Conservatory. The UConn-based flower was about six feet high and three feet wide, shaped like an urn, with a tall spike rising from the center. The Connecticut corpse flower was started 13 years ago, from a seed the size of a lima bean, and donated to UConn by botanical explorer James Symon. It bloomed for the first time in 2004, more than 60 years after a corpse flower last opened in the northeast, in the New York Botanical Garden. The UConn EEB Conservatory has the finest collection of exotic plants under glass between New York and Montreal, with outstanding displays of orchids, cacti and succulents, carnivorous plants, tropical ferns, and many other groups.

• William Benton Museum of Art celebrated its 40th anniversary. It has a collection of more than 6,000 works and an annual patron count of 40,000. It is designated by statute as the State of Connecticut’s art museum.

Health Care

• John Dempsey Hospital was included in the “100 Top Hospitals®: National Benchmarks for Success” in 2006 for the third year in a row by Solucient, a health care information and data analysis software company. UConn’s Health Center is one of only 15 hospitals nationwide and the only hospital in Connecticut judged in the major teaching hospitals category. The rating is based on objective statistical measurement of performance in clinical outcomes, patient safety, operational efficiency and growth in patient volume.

• John Dempsey Hospital has been recognized for superior outcomes in the use of angioplasty and stents to unblock narrowed coronary arteries in patients with myocardial infarction by CareScience, a company that provides care management services for hospitals. CareScience identified the hospital as a 2006 National Quality Leader through its Select Practice Methodology which uses both quality and efficiency measures to rank hospital performance.

• The Connecticut Poison Control Center (CPCC) at the Health Center marked its 50th year providing lifesaving treatment advice for the people of Connecticut and their health care providers. CPCC is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by nurses, pharmacists, physicians and other medical professionals. They receive 100 calls a day and have helped treat over one million poison victims over the past 50 years.

• President Bush appointed Dr. Carolyn Runowicz, director of the Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center at the Health Center, to serve as chair of the National Cancer Advisory Board. Dr. Runowicz has devoted her career to advances in the treatment, early detection and prevention of cancer.

• The Health Center’s human research participant protection program has been awarded qualified accreditation by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs, Inc. The Association is a nonprofit entity that works with organizations that conduct human research to raise the level of protection for research participants.

Athletics

• The University’s National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Recertification Self-Study of Division I sports programs was submitted in May for a recertification process that is roughly analogous to the NEASC accreditation for the entire University. Some 70 faculty, students, staff and others both within and outside the Division of Athletics participated in the self-study, which will be
reviewed by NCAA staff over the summer and be followed by a fall evaluation visit and certification status decision.

- The Division of Athletics has been recognized nationally for its student-athletes’ success in completing their degrees and performing community service. The National Consortium for Academics and Sports (NCAS) added UConn to its Degree Completion Honor Roll and its Community Service Honor Roll for the 2005-06 academic year. It is the second time and second consecutive year that UConn has received the honors. UConn is one of 30 schools to be recognized for the honors. The lives of at least 2,000 youth in Connecticut communities have been impacted by the athletes’ service activities.

- For the third time in five years, UConn’s football program has been recognized by the American Football Coaches Association for its high graduation rate. UConn is one of 32 Division I-A programs (and one of four in the Big East Conference) that graduate at least 70% of football student-athletes.

- College of Agricultural and Natural Resources women’s polo club team won the National Intercollegiate Polo Championship for the third consecutive year. It is the team’s sixth overall title.

- Swin Cash ’02 has established a charitable organization to benefit children, called Cash for Kids, which receives proceeds from her line of clothing, Swin Cash Enterprises. Cash also works with the Women’s National Basketball Association (WNBA) to support programs and organizations that help disadvantaged kids succeed. Cash, who currently plays for the Detroit Shock, is the only woman who has won two NCAA championships, an Olympic Gold Medal, and two WNBA championships.

- Jeffrey Hathaway, Athletic Director, was appointed to the NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Committee for a five-year term. The 10-member committee oversees administration of the NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Championship, including the selection and seeding of teams for the tournament.

Fundraising for Charities and UConn

- The University of Connecticut Foundation reported a robust $32 million return on endowment investments in fiscal year 2006, growing the endowment to nearly $300 million. Annual gift receipts and commitments from 34,006 donors exceeded $53 million in 2006. The endowment plays a direct role in achieving the University’s long-term academic and research goals. Donations and endowment investments result in the addition of endowed chairs and professorships, expansion of merit-based student aid, major support for facilities in business, athletics, and the arts, and funding for many initiatives (among the many examples are the Humanities Institute, the Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center, and the Gilman Gallery at the Benton Museum).

- Three new endowed chairs have been established and filled at the UConn Health Center. The Dr. Manfred J. Sakel Distinguished Chair in Psychiatry was established with a gift from the late Marianne Hartly. Her bequest, which with the state’s match totaled more than $3 million, is in memory of Sakel, a pioneer developer of therapies based on an understanding of biology and the workings of the brain. Appointed to the Sakel Distinguished Chair was Andrew Winokur, director of the Health Center’s Neuropsychopharmacology Treatment, Research, and Training Center, and researcher with drugs for the treatment of mood and anxiety disorders. The Hartly gift also will provide financial support to medical students. The Lockeian Distinguished Chair in Mental Health Education, Research and Clinical Improvement was established with an anonymous gift of $2 million. The first holder of the Lockeian Distinguished Chair is Daniel Connor, who founded the Department of Pediatric Psychopharmacology at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and whose research at UConn will focus on pharmacological treatments for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, and conduct disorder in children and adults. The Joseph M. Healey Jr. Chair in Medical Humanities and Bioethics was established with a gift of more than $1 million from the Health Center Auxiliary, which raised the money through gifts from medical school alumni and faculty, the gift shop, golf tournaments, and bake and book sales. Audrey Chapman was appointed to
the Joseph M. Healey Chair. She is an ordained minister and joins the Health Center from the American Association for the Advancement of Science, where she was director of the Science and Human Rights Program and the Science and Intellectual Property in the Public Interest Program. Her research at UConn will be ethical and justice issues related to genetics and stem cells, intellectual property regimes affecting health and genetics research, and human rights monitoring methodologies. The Health Center now has 33 endowed chairs.

- The School of Pharmacy announced a fundraising campaign to establish an endowed faculty position in honor of Henry A. Palmer, clinical professor emeritus, director of pharmacy continuing education, and a key factor in the School’s effectiveness over the past 40 years. The position will be used to recruit a nationally renowned scholar and researcher to the Department of Pharmacy Practice.
- The UConn Foundation hosted the annual Founders Society Dinner, held for the first time in banquet space at Rentschler Field. The event attracted 240 people and honored 69 new and ascending members of the Founders Society, established in 1996 to recognize UConn’s most generous benefactors. A key announcement was the creation of an endowed chair to be named for President Austin. As of April 2007, $1.1 million had been pledged toward the $1.5 million needed to permanently endow the chair.

**Individual Achievement Examples**

Many individuals in the University community contributed academic and scholarly achievements and services to the state and nation. Examples include the following:

- James Ackley, assistant professor of music and trumpet soloist, released his new solo CD, *Recital Music for Trumpet*, composed of modern and romantic music. Ackley has previously recorded with orchestras, including the Bogota Philharmonic, the Cincinnati Symphony, the Dayton Philharmonic, the Mexico City Philharmonic, and the Aguascalientes Symphony, as well as recording television and movie scores.
- Peter Albertsen was named medical director of the UConn Medical Group, a 350 member multi-specialty physician practice. Albertsen, who recently celebrated 20 years at the Health Center, also serves as associate dean for clinical research planning and director of the urology residency program, and has developed an international reputation for his research in the treatment of prostate cancer.
- Scott Bradfield, professor of English, had a short film, *Greetings from Earth*, starring Mariel Hemingway, premier at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York. Bradfield has authored many novels, short stories, and feature films based on his own work. He teaches creative writing and film writing.
- Mark Brand, professor of Plant Science, developed an ornamental grass called the Ruby Ribbon, a new variety of Panicum virgatum, or switch grass. Ruby Ribbon has been launched into wholesale production by the West Chicago-based Ball Horticultural Company, the world’s largest breeder-producer of ornamental plants, with distribution to nationwide horticultural retailers and to 19 countries.
- Ming-Hui Chen and Richard A. Vitale, both professors of Statistics, were elected fellows of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics. Chen was cited for outstanding contributions to research in Bayesian methodology, Bayesian computation, categorical data analysis and analysis of missing data, and for innovative interdisciplinary work within industry and medicine. Vitale’s citation was for deep and influential contributions to probability inequalities, random sets and stochastic geometry, and symmetric statistics.
- Sylvain De Guise, professor of Pathobiology and Veterinary Science, was named director of the Connecticut Sea Grant College Program at the Avery Point Campus. Connecticut Sea Grant is part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Sea Grant College Program, a network of 31 university-based programs in coastal and Great Lakes states. De Guise will lead and oversee the Program’s efforts to develop fundamental knowledge, technology, trained personnel, and public awareness to advance the sustainable use of coastal and marine resources and environments.
• Julie Friedlander, a senior majoring in Political Science with a minor in Human Rights, received the first Richard Goldstone Internship at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Richard Goldstone, a former justice of the Supreme Court of South Africa, has endowed two six-month internships. Goldstone is a member of the Board of Overseers of UConn’s Human Rights Institute.

• Kent W. Holsinger, professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, received the 2007 Past Presidents Award from the American Institute of Biological Sciences. He was president of the Institute in 2006.

• Jay R. Leibeman, a nationally prominent orthopedic surgeon with expertise in joint replacement surgery, is the new director of the Musculoskeletal Institute and chairman of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at the Health Center. The focus of his research is to enhance the body’s ability to heal difficult bone-loss problems associated with fractures, total joint replacement, and bone tumors.

• Frank Musiek, professor of audiology and director of audiology research in the Department of Communication Sciences, was recognized with the James Jerger Career Award for Research in Audiology, the field’s highest award. He has contributed to a fundamental understanding of the anatomy, physiology, and neurophysiology of the human auditory system, and his work has advanced best practice methods in audiology for clients around the world.

• Luigi “Gino” Nicolais, an adjunct professor with UConn’s polymer program since the 1980’s, was named Minister of Innovation and Technologies in the new government that took office following the defeat of Former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi’s ruling party in Italy’s national elections.

• Mark Peczuh, assistant professor of Chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, won the 2006 American Chemical Society New Investigator Award in Carbohydrate Chemistry. He is conducting research at the atomic level to synthesize a new carbohydrate molecule in order to determine how to change the natural way carbohydrates interact with other basic chemical elements.

• Bruce Stave, professor emeritus of History, completed a comprehensive history of the University. His research was underwritten by the University of Connecticut Foundation, the UConn chapter of AAUP, the Alumni Association, the University of Connecticut Professional Employees Association (UCPEA), the Health Center, and the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, which provided office space and other support. The book, titled Red Brick in the Land of Steady Habits, was published by University Press of New England and sold at the UConn Co-op and other bookstores.

• Maureen Worley, a clinical nurse supervisor for the Health Center’s Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory, and who has worked nearly 20 years at the John Dempsey Hospital, was named Connecticut Nurse of the Year by the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services. She also was winner of the Health Center’s 2007 Executive Vice President’s Award in recognition of her outstanding outpatient care and service to the Pat and Jim Calhoun Cardiology Center.

• Quing Zhu, associate professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, was named a Donaghue Investigator by the Patrick & Catherine Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation for her groundbreaking discoveries in early detection and treatment of breast cancer.

• UConn researchers received three of nine 2007 Women of Innovation awards from the Connecticut Technology Council. Mei Wei, assistant professor of Chemical, Materials, and Biomolecular Engineering, received the academic innovation and leadership award; Quing Zhu, associate professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, received the research innovation and leadership award; and Kristyn Greco, doctoral student in Pharmaceutical Sciences, captured the collegian innovation and leadership award.

• The 2007 Women of Color Recognition Awards were awarded to Susana Ulloa, Fe Delos Santos, and Debra Booker. The awards recognize outstanding contributions to the University and excellence in leadership, achievement, and service.

• Two faculty members in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences were elected fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS): Sandra Shumway, research professor of Marine Sciences; and Joseph Budnick, professor emeritus of Physics.
Six faculty members from the School of Engineering, two from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and two from the Health Center were recently elected to the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE) in honor of their accomplishments. The recipients are: Luke Achenie, professor of Chemical, Materials, and Biomolecular Engineering; Rajeev Bansal, professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering; Ann Bucklin, professor and head of Marine Sciences; Hans Dam, professor of Marine Sciences; Steve Demurjian, professor of Computer Science and Engineering; Eric Jordan, professor of Mechanical Engineering; Mark Lalande, professor of Genetic and Developmental Biology; Nejat Olgac, professor of Mechanical Engineering; David Rowe, professor of Oral Rehabilitation, Biomaterials, and Skeletal Development; and Quing Zhu, associate professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering. The Academy was charted by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1976 to provide the state expert guidance on science and technology. It is comprised of distinguished scientists and engineers from Connecticut’s academic, industrial, and institutional communities.

Four UConn graduates were overseas on prestigious Fulbright Scholarships, working, conducting research, and serving as cross-cultural ambassadors for the United States. The recipients are: Michelle Ernst, BS ’05 in Diagnostic Genetic Science, researching traditional Chinese medicine at National University of Singapore; Brad Guarino, MFA ’06, studying at the National Academy of Art in Bulgaria; Laura Burmeister, MA ’04 and doctoral student in Anthropology, conducting research on migration of Australian indigenous populations to urban areas; and Jeremi Bigosinski, BFA ’06, studying pre-war metal casting of sculptures in Poland. Since 2001, between 25 and 50 percent of UConn applicants have won the prestigious scholarships.

Academic Programs

In Fall 2006, 28,481 students were enrolled in degree credit programs in: College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the Schools of Business, Neag Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Graduate, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Ratcliffe Hicks at the Storrs campus and the regional campuses (Avery Point, Stamford, and Tri-Campus with locations in Torrington, Waterbury, and West Hartford); the School of Law in Hartford; the School of Social Work in West Hartford; and the Schools of Medicine and Dental Medicine and graduate programs at the Health Center in Farmington. The enrollment represents the largest number of students ever at the University.

The number of freshmen applying to UConn has risen dramatically, from 10,809 for Fall 1995, to 14,677 for Fall 2002, to 20,996 for Fall 2006, to more than 22,000 anticipated for Fall 2007. The increased interest has been attributed to the physical transformation of the University through the state-supported UCONN 2000 and its continuation into 21st Century UConn, the quality and efforts of the University’s academic departments and faculty, the success of Husky athletic teams, and the perceived value of a top quality education at a reasonable cost.

Nearly 4,400 new freshmen and more than 900 new transfers joined the UConn community in Fall 2006. At all of UConn’s campuses, more than three-fourths of the new freshmen were Connecticut residents, and 22 percent were from minority groups.

The average SAT score for Storrs enrolled freshmen has risen 82 points since 1996, to 1195 for the Fall 2006 entering class. Based on paid deposits in June, the Fall 2007 class is expected to include 135 valedictorians and salutatorians, bringing the total since 1995 to 920 at all campuses.

At the Health Center, the Fall 2006 incoming class included 39 new dental students (3 percent of the dental applicants), and 80 new medical students (3 percent of the medical applicants).

Approximately 6,600 degrees were conferred in FY 2006-07 for completions of undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs at the Storrs, regional and Health Center campuses. The 4,354 bachelor’s degrees were the highest number of baccalaureates awarded in any year of the University’s history. Other degrees awarded included: 1,417 master’s, 339 doctoral, 68 education sixth-year, and 24 agricultural associate’s. The graduate professional programs awarded 76 medicine (M.D.), 36 dental
medicine (D.M.D.), 89 doctor of pharmacy (Pharm.D.), and 208 law (J.D. and LL.M.) degrees. Since its founding in 1881, the University has conferred more than 228,500 degrees.

Four honorary degrees were conferred by the University at its Commencement ceremonies: Doctor of Science - Wolfgang Ketterle, John D. MacArthur Professor of Physics at MIT and 2001 Nobel Prize winner in Physics; Doctor of Science – John Krenicki, President and CEO, GE Energy; Doctor of Humane Letters – Mark R. Shenkman, President and CIO, Shenkman Capital Management, Inc.; and Doctor of Letters – Fay Weldon, British novelist, essayist, and screenwriter.

The Commencement speakers included Fay Weldon, Christopher Keen Donovan, and Ray Neag, for the undergraduate ceremonies; Wolfgang Ketterle for the Storrs-based graduate ceremony; Charles Bertolami, for the Health Center graduates; and Shirin Ebadi, winner of the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize, for the Law School graduates.

UConn’s Greater Hartford Campus celebrated its 60th anniversary. Alumni and families were invited to visit the campus and see all the changes to the campus since UCONN 2000. The UConn Greater Hartford branch opened in 1946, in response to a demand for higher education for World War II veterans.

UConn’s Waterbury campus received a $100,000 grant to expand non-credit programming for the region’s citizens, targeting people 50 years old and older. The competitive grant, awarded by the Osher Foundation of San Francisco, California will be used to develop the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Waterbury. The Osher Foundation targets mature students who are not necessarily well served by standard continuing education curricula. Lifelong learning programs have been offered in Storrs, through the Center for Learning in Retirement, for more than 16 years.

Four years of participation in the Teachers for a New Era (TNE) project has resulted in many notable improvements in teacher education and the teaching culture among faculty of the Neag School of Education and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS). TNE Fellows, three from Neag and four from CLAS, and their faculty colleagues have accomplished the following: a review of course offerings as they relate to state and national standards for educators to ensure that these key standards are addressed in Neag and CLAS courses; the introduction of a teacher candidate self-assessment survey; initial approval of an option of a double major in education and a content area in CLAS to enhance the content knowledge of teachers; and the development a university-wide diversity studies minor available for all students. TNE is an educational reform initiative started by the Carnegie Corporation of New York to improve K-12 teacher preparation and pupil learning through evidence-based research, the integration of education and liberal arts studies, systematic clinical experiences and support services for new teachers. UConn is one of only 11 colleges and universities selected to participate. To supplement the Carnegie project funding, the McLeod Blue Sky Foundation has pledged a $250,000 endowment to sponsor an annual TNE Faculty Fellow in math or science who will support the enhancement of those curricula for education students.

In College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Department of Modern and Classical Languages received a $475,000 grant from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), the research and development arm of the U.S. Department of Defense. This grant has enabled the purchase and use of podcasts and various computer technologies allowing instructors to hear students’ progress with the language more easily and to remediate problems during the semester. The iPods, used in conjunction with laptop computers, language software and other technology tools, are helping students with what are considered “level 4” language studies (i.e. Arabic and Chinese) that take three to four times longer to learn than languages such as French or Spanish. The iPods are loaded with language files that reinforce and expand what the students learn in weekly instruction with native-speaking conversation partners, making language studies easier to learn.

School of Engineering installed a new supercomputer system in its Booth Engineering Center for Advanced Technologies (BECAT) to initiate the Connecticut Institute for Supercomputing and Visualization. The new integrated system will help provide faster, more accurate and realistic predictions in such computer-intensive research as biomolecular and metabolic engineering, fuel cells and alternative energy development, parachute dynamics and uncertainty analysis in biological system. The School plans
to offer the supercomputer system to pre-collegiate students and teachers for simulation research on problems facing modern society, such as energy, environment, biotechnology, and transportation.

School of Social Work has been reaccredited for a full eight-year cycle by the national Commission on Accreditation of the Council of Social Work Education. The reaccreditation report cited a number of areas of excellence, including diversity; programming, especially studies regarding populations at risk and social economic justice; field education; community relationships; alumni relationships; student participation; and leadership. The School also added two new post-master’s certification programs to help social workers in Connecticut gain specialized skills in two critical areas of need – clinical supervision and adoption services. Both programs are being offered in response to specific needs identified by longtime collaborators with the School: the state chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and the Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF).

The University expanded student and program options for global understanding and experience. Based on the Provost’s Academic Plan and recommendations of the Provost’s Task Force on Developing Global Citizens, several undergraduate education goals were being addressed: increasing the number of international undergraduates (222 enrolled in Fall 2006, 9 percent more than in Fall 2005); increasing student participation in Study Abroad, with a goal of 30 percent participation (15 percent of 2006 graduating seniors had studied abroad); developing a global curriculum to supplement the current international topics scattered throughout the disciplines, area studies, languages, minors and individualized major options; promoting new courses with international content; and establishing a new global living/learning community. Global House, to open Fall 2007, will be a residential unit in McMahon Hall of up to 80 domestic and overseas students interested in international issues, languages, and experiences.

Graduate programs and faculty were encouraged to further develop international collaborations on both the individual and University levels. Human Rights continued to be an example of the University’s many contributions in teaching, research and outreach for a global key initiative. Relationships with institutions in other countries, such as the National University of Singapore, were being developed to strengthen the Academic Plan. A group of UConn deans, vice provosts, and faculty met senior government and education officials of the United Arab Emirate of Dubai to explore potential partnerships for academic programs for Dubai students.

The Center for Continuing Studies, in a new initiative to develop interdisciplinary collaboration in emerging fields through academic partnerships, has been working with a committee of tenured and tenure-track faculty to oversee the curriculum of the Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) and Master of Professional Studies (MPS) programs. The Center also offers non-credit programs.

The gift of $1 million from Morris N. Trachten ’48 and his wife Shirley Trachten will assist in the eventual $6 million expansion of Hillel House and its programs. The Jewish student center on North Eagleville Road is a part of the international organization Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, which seeks to enrich the lives of students through cultural programming, social events, and social action projects and help attract and retain outstanding Jewish students. Approximately 1,600 (10 percent) of UConn students are Jewish.

Three faculty members were named the 2007 Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors: Michael Neumann, professor and head of Mathematics and an internationally recognized scholar in theoretical and applied linear algebra and matrix analysis; John Salamone, professor of Psychology and an internationally recognized expert in psychopharmacology and behavioral neuroscience; and Sandra Weller, professor and chair of Molecular, Microbial and Structural Biology at the Health Center who has made repeated discoveries that are key to cell biology and virology, and more recently, has worked to understand the Herpes Simplex Virus. The designation, the University’s highest honor for faculty, is reserved for no more than five percent of the full professors in active service at the University.

Michelle Cloutier, a pediatric pulmonologist, was the recipient of the UConn’s Health Center Board of Directors’ Faculty Recognition Award for her outstanding academic and professional accomplishments. Cloutier helped develop Easy Breathing, a disease management program designed to reduce the burden of asthma in youngsters.
The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) UConn chapter awarded its 2007 AAUP Excellence Awards to the following: Teaching Promise – Kevin McEvoy, Marketing, Stamford Campus, and Evelyn Simien, Political Science; Teaching Promise and Teaching Innovation – Joseph Madaus, Educational Psychology; Research Excellence – Kathleen Segerson, Economics; and Service Excellence – Kent Holsinger, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.

The Alumni Association announced the winners of its 2007 Alumni and Faculty Awards. The recipients are: Honorary Alumni Award – Philip E. Austin, President of the University of Connecticut; Distinguished Alumni Award – Alan Bennett ’69, Partner in the Washington, DC office of Ropes & Gray Law Firm; University Service Award – Kevin Bouley ’80, President and CEO of Nerac, Inc., a global technology and intellectual property advisory research firm; Humanitarian Award – Lani Fortier ’04, of Charity Global, Inc., a nonprofit organization for global assistance to those in extreme poverty; Connecticut Alumni Service Award – Josh Dunn ’92, Vice President, Wealth Management, of Smith Barney; Faculty Excellence in Research (Humanities/Social Sciences) –Richard Langlois, professor of Economics; Faculty Excellence in Research (Sciences) – Kent Holsinger, professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology; Faculty Excellence in Teaching at the Undergraduate Level –Richard Hiskes, professor of Political Science; and Faculty Excellence in Teaching at the Graduate Level – Michelle Williams, professor of Psychology.

Amy Howell, professor of Chemistry, was named Educator of the Year by UConn’s Undergraduate Student Government (USG). Howell was nominated by students and chosen by the USG’s Academic Affairs Committee for the yearly award of excellence.

The annual Instructional Excellence Recognition Dinner recognized the following teaching award winners: First Year Experience Awards – Francine DeFranco, University Libraries, Jeff von Munkwitz-Smith, Registrar, Katherine Jolly, Curriculum and Instruction, and Susie Mendizabal, Pre-Communication Sciences; Advising Awards – David B. Miller, Psychology, and Angela Rola, Asian American Cultural Center; University Teaching Fellows – Sara Glaz, Mathematics, and Ralph McNeal Jr., Sociology; Outstanding Teaching Assistants – Renee Gilberti, Molecular and Cell Biology, Sumie Shima, Chemistry, and Nicholas Shunda, Economics; Institute for Teaching and Learning Teaching Associate – Lynne Rogers, English, Avery Point Campus; Early College Experience (ECE) Program Faculty Coordinator Award – Thomas Recchio, English; ECE High School Instructor Award for Excellence in College Teaching – Julie Barker, Cheshire High School, Maureen Brown, Daniel Hand High School, and Thomas Cangelosi, The Gilbert School; ECE High School Lifetime Achievement Award – Thomas Connelly, Ellington High School, and Eugene DesJarlais, Sacred Heart High School. Many other teaching awards, including those in various academic disciplines, were acknowledged throughout the year.

Office of Audit, Compliance and Ethics held ethics training sessions for 500 of UConn’s faculty, non-faculty professional staff, managers, administrators, and support staff, with University wide distribution of the University Code of Conduct and State ethics requirements. The Office, established in 2005, provides an independent appraisal of the University’s financial accountability systems, identifies and manages compliance risks with educational and communication programs, and administers the Code of Conduct that outlines standards of behavior, focusing on honesty, integrity, respect, professionalism, and knowledge.

**Facilities Development**

Students returning in Fall 2006 to the Storrs campus were welcomed by new facilities completed that summer. The Student Union, after four years of renovations, additions, and new construction reopened with a 90,000 square foot wing attached to the original structure, a high-ceiling ballroom capable of holding up to 900 people and a 300-seat food court that offers a variety of food items, a soup and salad station, and a coffee shop. The addition also brings together, for the first time, all six cultural centers: H. Fred Simons African American Cultural Center, Asian American Cultural Center, International Center, Puerto Rican and Latin American Cultural Center, Rainbow Center, and Women’s Center.
Also completed during the summer was The Burton Family Football Complex and Mark R. Shenkman Training Center. These two facilities became the University’s, and the NCAA’s, first projects certified as meeting the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standard for “green” buildings, after the Board of Trustees approved a requirement that all buildings costing more than $5 million must be planned, designed, constructed, renovated, and maintained according to sustainable standards and be energy and water efficient. The policy requires buildings to be constructed to at least LEED silver standards. LEED standards are developed and updated by the U.S. Green Building Council, which also verified LEED certification when the buildings were completed.

The University purchased the former Farm Tech building near the Health Center in Farmington and will renovate the nearly 113,000 square foot structure to establish a Center of Innovation that will include a new Cell Sciences Institute for stem cell research, along with other innovative cell biology and genetics research laboratories and incubator space for businesses seeking to move research innovations into medical practice. The new facility, located on 24 acres, is expected to open in 2008.

The University’s Board of Trustees authorized planning for construction of a new six-story, 546,000 square foot, 352-bed hospital to replace and expand the current 224-bed Health Center’s John Dempsey Hospital, setting in motion a major modernization and transformation of the university hospital. It has had no major upgrades since it opened 32 years ago.

Roger A. Gelfenbien, former chairman of the Board of Trustees, was honored when the University announced that the Towers Dining Hall will be renamed in his honor. The University has a longstanding tradition of naming facilities in honor of former chairs of the Board of Trustees, including Rome Commons, Tasker Admissions Building, Budds Building and Shippee Hall.

Several residence halls on the Storrs campus are to be named in honor of early distinguished alumni to honor UConn’s history and inform current students of their predecessor’s accomplishments. The buildings will be named as follows: Hilltop Suites in honor of Harry L. Garrigus, an instructor of Animal Husbandry in 1897; three South Campus buildings in honor of the first three female graduates of Storrs Agricultural School in 1894 - Nellie Louise Wilson, Louisa Jane Rosebrooks and Ana Mabel Snow; Charter Oak Suites, to become the Alan Thacker Busby Building, in honor of the 1918 honors graduate, the first African-American to attend Connecticut Agricultural College; and six Charter Oak Apartment buildings in honor of members of the Graduating Class 1883 of Storrs Agricultural School - Frederick Brown, Charles S. Foster, Henry R. Hoisington, Burke Hough, Arthur Hubbard, and Andrew K. Thompson.

Master plan development continued for the 50-acre site that, by 2014, is anticipated to offer the UConn Storrs Campus and Mansfield community a village of restaurants and retail stores, offices, and up to 800 units of new housing. The municipal development plan for the Mansfield Downtown Partnership project had been approved by the University’s Board of Trustees and local agencies in 2005 and by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development in 2006.

Information Reported as Required by State Statute

In accordance with state and federal laws and regulations, the University of Connecticut is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. The University’s affirmative action plans are in compliance with the requirements of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, pursuant to the Regulations for Affirmative Action in the Connecticut General Statutes.

Fall 2006 minority undergraduate enrollment at all campuses was 19 percent. Graduate and professional minority enrollment was 14 percent. One hundred and nine countries were represented among the international students, who comprised 16 percent of the graduate and professional students.

The Fall 2006 workforce for Storrs and regional campuses included 18 percent minority faculty and 15 percent minority staff. At the Health Center, the workforce included 20 percent minority faculty and 21 percent minority staff.

The University of Connecticut Board of Trustees is comprised of 21 members: 12 appointed by the Governor; two elected by alumni; two elected by students; and five ex-officio, including the Governor,
the Commissioners of Agriculture, Economic & Community Development, and Education; and the Chair of the Health Center Board of Directors. Members of the Board of Trustees are: the Honorable M. Jodi Rell (President), John W. Rowe, M.D. (Chairman), Louise M. Bailey (Secretary), Philip P. Barry, Michael A. Bozzuto, Janine Braun (Legislative Director), Gerard N. Burrow, M.D., Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, D.V.M., Peter S. Drotch, Linda P. Gatling, Ross Gionfriddo (Student Trustee), Lenworth M. Jacobs, M.D., Rebecca Lobo, the Honorable Joan McDonald, the Honorable Mark K. McQuillan, Michael J. Martinez, Denis J. Nayden, Michael J. Nichols (Student Trustee), the Honorable F. Philip Prelli, Thomas D. Ritter, Wayne J. Shepperd, and Richard Treibick.

Other information required by state statute appears in other sections of this report.