

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

*Alumni*

CONVOCATION



*Saturday, June 1, 2024*

REUNION 2024

# Alumni Convocation Program

11 a.m. | Athey Center for Performance and Research at Palmer Auditorium

WELCOME

Isaac “Chip” Clothier ’79 P’10  
*President, Alumni Association Board of Directors*

YEAR-END REFLECTION

Les Wong, *Interim President*

A LOOK AHEAD

Andrea Chapdelaine, *President-Elect*

PRESENTATION OF ALUMNI AWARDS

Isaac “Chip” Clothier ’79 P’10

Mach Arom ’89 Award

Gabriella Araya ’19

Agnes Berkeley Leahy Award

Jamie Glanton Costello ’89

Harriet Buescher Lawrence ’34 Prize

David Grann ’89  
Ann Napolitano ’94

Goss Award

Saveena Dhall ’94

Alumni Tribute Award

Warren Erickson ’74

The Unity Award

Annie Scott ’84

REUNION CLASS GIFT RECOGNITION

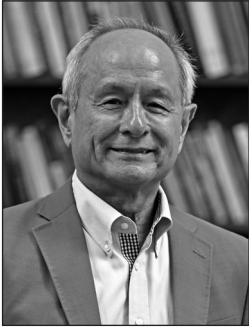
Dwayne Stallings ’99, *Trustee*

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Isaac “Chip” Clothier ’79 P’10

ALMA MATER

Derin Gezgin ’27, Katie Caviness ’25  
and Madeline Keithan ’26



## **Leslie E. Wong**

*Interim President, Connecticut College*

Leslie E. Wong, Ph.D., is interim president of Connecticut College. He assumed office on July 1, 2023 and will serve until the College's 12th president, Andrea Chapdelaine, takes office on July 1, 2024.

Wong has extensive experience in higher education leadership and a strong understanding of Connecticut College through his service on Conn's Board of Trustees since 2019. He has served on the Board's Executive Committee, chaired the Faculty-Trustee Liaison Committee and served as vice chair of the Committee on Academic Affairs. When he was appointed as interim president, he resigned as a trustee and is serving on the Board in an ex officio capacity.

Wong earned a B.A. in psychology from Gonzaga University, an M.S. in experimental psychology from Eastern Washington University and a Ph.D. in educational psychology from Washington State University. He previously served as president of San Francisco State University, where he is president emeritus, and Northern Michigan University; vice president of Academic Affairs of Valley City State University in North Dakota; interim president, provost and academic vice president of the University of Southern Colorado; and academic dean and faculty member at Evergreen State College in Washington.

An educational psychologist by training, he is a widely published scholar in the fields of psychology, higher education leadership and diversity, equity and inclusion. His work includes cognitive aspects of supercomputing applications, cross-cultural approaches to teaching math and cross-cultural counseling, especially in the area of PTSD with Vietnam War veterans and Southeast Asian refugees.



## **Andrea Chapdelaine**

*President-Elect, Connecticut College*

In March 2024, Andrea Chapdelaine was unanimously appointed to serve as Connecticut College's 12th president by the Board of Trustees, beginning July 1, 2024. She has served as president of Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, since 2015, where she is also a tenured faculty member in the psychology department, teaching social psychology at the graduate level. A strategic leader and compassionate community builder, Chapdelaine has more than 30 years of experience in higher education as a professor, dean, provost and president.

She began her teaching career at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana, where she was a visiting assistant professor from 1993 to 1995. She then taught at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, from 1995 to 1998, also as a visiting assistant professor. She joined Albright College in 1998 as a psychology faculty member and served as dean of undergraduate studies before becoming provost.

During her career, she has taught courses in introductory psychology, statistics, research methods, program evaluation, social psychology, psychology and the law, close relationships and community-based research. Her most recent scholarly work has focused on supporting faculty through policies designed to promote flexibility and work-life balance, the value of undergraduate research to student learning and ethical issues in service learning.



## **Isaac “Chip” Clothier ’79 P’10**

*President, Alumni Association Board of Directors*

Chip Clothier joined the Connecticut College Board of Trustees upon his appointment as President of the Alumni Association Board of Directors on July 1, 2022. Chip is managing partner and co-founder of HFC Executive Search where he has focused on filling senior level positions for privately-held and Fortune 1000 companies for more than 15 years. Prior to joining HFC Executive Search, he spent 20 years in a variety of sales and marketing positions in the consumer and B2B industries, in particular with Nabisco and ShareMax. Before attending business school, Chip spent five years in merchandising management for Filene’s in Boston, MA and Strawbridge’s in Philadelphia, PA. He has received numerous awards including the American Marketing Association’s prestigious EDISON Award, Advertising’s EFFIE Award and Point-of-Purchase Advertising International’s Gold Award. He also has been quoted in publications including The Wall Street Journal, The Philadelphia Inquirer, Ad Age, Brandweek and CFO Magazine.

Chip majored in History at Conn and earned an MBA from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University in 1986. At Connecticut College, Chip served as the Student Government Association parliamentarian, senior class president and was a recipient of the Anna Lord Strauss Medal. Since graduation, he has served as alumni class president, class gift officer and has hosted frequent College events in the Philadelphia area. He is the chair of the nominating committee of the Merion Cricket Club and former chair and board member of the Agnes Irwin School in Bryn Mawr, PA.

# Alumni Awards

**THE MACH AROM '89 AWARD** honors young alumni for service to Connecticut College and for distinguished achievements in their professional field or in society. The award is named in honor of Mach Arom, who died of a heart attack in Rwanda while on a humanitarian mission for the International Rescue Committee. Mach is remembered for his service to his class and Connecticut College and the ways in which he carried out everything he did with intense commitment, strong presence, attention to detail and unbelievable energy.



**Gabriella Araya '19**, Social Work Case Manager at the World Trade Center Mental Health Program at Mount Sinai Hospital

As an undergraduate, Gabriella was involved in everything from youth mentorship to the women's rugby team to the Women's Empowerment Initiative. That willingness to share and give back carries on in her career with Americorps VISTA and as a social worker at the Mount Sinai World Trade Center Health Program. Her work aiding 9/11 first responders and survivors in accessing mental health care and management services has had a genuine impact on their lives. Gabriella is fiercely protective, compassionate and genuine in all her endeavors.

*My thoughts on being a Camel:*

Immersing myself in community engagement and advocacy at Conn led me to become a licensed social worker with a passion for social justice.

**THE AGNES BERKELEY LEAHY AWARD**, established in 1961, honors alumni who have contributed outstanding service, demonstrated by continued interest in the Alumni Association and sustained active participation in class, club or Board of Directors activities. Agnes Berkeley Leahy '21 served as president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors twice and was a member of the Board of Trustees for 10 years.



**Jamie Glanton Costello '89**, Associate Vice President and Dean of Students, Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Jamie exemplifies a passion for all things Conn and has a longstanding commitment to volunteerism. Jamie has helped shape our community in numerous ways—as a mentor, a fundraiser and a Board of Trustee member. She also served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, breaking boundaries as the first person of color to serve as president. She continues to be a beacon of encouragement and knowledge for our alumni community.

*When I think about Conn:*

It's not a memory, it is a feeling—a sense of belonging and friendship. The Class of 1989 is a wonderfully unique group that has supported one another over the years and I am blessed to be a part of the magic.

**THE HARRIET BUESCHER**

**LAWRENCE '34 PRIZE** recognizes alumni who are leaders in improving society or inspiring others for good, either through direct service or through changing the climate of human life materially, socially, ethically or spiritually. Harriet

*Buescher Lawrence spent the last years of her life increasingly involved with charitable activities and in support of higher education.*



**David Grann**  
**'89, Author**

David is a No. 1 New York Times bestselling author and staff writer at The New Yorker. His novels continue

to enthrall readers and his writing tackles intimidating, complex topics. Additionally, David is a frequent speaker who has given talks about everything from the importance of historical memory to the dangers of complicity in unjust systems to the art of writing.

*How my Conn experience shaped me:*

The broad liberal arts education made me endlessly curious about the world and laid the foundation for me to be a writer.



**Ann Napolitano**  
**'94, Author**

Ann has been recognized by top critics for several of her recent works. Her novel “Hello Beautiful” was an instant

New York Times bestseller and the 100th Oprah Book Club pick. “Dear Edward,” another New York Times bestseller, was adapted for the screen on Apple TV+.

*Conn’s lasting impression:*

Professor Blanche Boyd was a seminal figure in my becoming a writer. I took classes in English Literature—a Henry

James seminar and a “Finnegan’s Wake” seminar in particular—that had a huge impact on me.

**THE GOSS AWARD** recognizes alumni who, through their enthusiastic participation in programs and activities, have made a significant contribution to the Connecticut College community. This award was established by Cassandra Goss Simonds '55. Cassandra served in a wide range of positions as a student and as an alumna, including as class president and president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.



**Saveena Dhall**  
**'94, Saveena Dhall Coaching and Consulting**

Saveena is a passionate and deeply committed volunteer at

Connecticut College, currently serving as an Alumni Association Board of Directors Vice President. She has served on numerous committees on the Board including the Unity and Engagement Committees. With her commitment to DEI-minded work, she has helped our community flourish.

*Looking back at my time at Conn:*

I found my voice here. There were so many incredible, powerful women of color—juniors and seniors—who mentored me and widened their circle to include me. I learned so much from them, as well as from my professors and the staff who gave their gifts to the Conn community.

**THE ALUMNI TRIBUTE AWARD**, established in 1986, honors an alumna or alumnus who has given sustained and extraordinary service to the College. Service must be in keeping with the



*purposes and spirit of the Alumni Association, but it doesn't have to be given through the Association. Nominees cannot be currently employed by the College or members of the Association's Board of Directors. The award is presented annually to a member of a Reunion class during the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association.*



**Warren Erickson '74,**  
*Retired VP of Human Resources, MassMutual Financial Group*

Warren's commitment to Connecticut College is unwavering and admirable. He has served the College in many noteworthy ways including the Board of Trustees, Rosemary Park Society, Class Gift Officer, Alumni Association Board of Directors, and most recently, on his 50th Reunion Committee as the Class Gift Chair. Warren inspires others to give back to Connecticut College — his joy and enthusiasm are contagious.

*Lasting legacy:*

My fondest memories are singing with Gamut, the College's first coed a cappella group; taking religion courses with Professor Garrett Green; and serving as a Housefellow in Lambdin House. Conn helped build my self-confidence and instilled in me the belief that I could do anything I put my mind to. I was a scholarship student at Conn; without the financial aid I received, I would not have been able to attend. I will never feel as if I've repaid the College for all it gave me.

**THE UNITY AWARD, new in 2024, is awarded at CELEBRATIONS Reunions and recognizes individuals who have gone above and beyond in their contributions towards promoting diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility (DEI) in their personal and professional lives.**



**Annie Scott '84,**  
*Director of Information Technology, Connecticut State Community College, Middlesex Campus*

Annie is a champion for diversity, equity and inclusion. Her commitment to supporting alumni and students of color is laudable. Annie has served Connecticut College in many capacities including the Board of Trustees, Presidents Council on Equity and Inclusion, HERD Mentorship program, Reunion Committee, Class Gift Officer, Alumni Association Board of Directors, and most recently, as the Chair of the 50th Anniversary of Unity Committee

*Why give back?*

At Conn, I felt the initiative and inspiration to speak my truth and to advocate not only for myself but for those who were less able. I felt comfortable at any table. I want everyone to have the experience that I did—the FEELINGS of belonging, being welcome, being heard, being seen, being valued and being an integral part of the herd!



## **Class Achievement Awards**

Thank you to all alumni who have participated in their Reunion class gift effort. Giving back to Connecticut College is a meaningful way to commemorate your Reunion while making a difference for today's students.

Every Reunion class gift is a volunteer-led initiative with classes working together to set goals and promote participation at all levels. Many classes choose to focus on a certain initiative and often pursue multi-year commitments up to five years.

To fulfill the College's mission of educating students to put the liberal arts into action as citizens in a global society, we must raise funds to support all areas of campus while continuing to attract the best and brightest students and faculty.

Alumni support allows the College to provide a world-class liberal arts education. It is an investment in our continued success and allows students to benefit from the same great education that our alumni received.

## **Reunion Class Gift Recognition**

To celebrate the impact of Reunion class gifts, the College established two awards in honor of renowned class agent chairs, C.B. Rice '31 and Ann Crocker Wheeler '34, who cared deeply about giving back to their alma mater.

The Reunion class with the highest percent participation receives the C.B. Rice '31 Award and the Ann Crocker Wheeler '34 Award is given to the class with the greatest increase in donor participation percentage over the previous year.

Today, we share highlights and current standings of Reunion class gifts. The winners of these awards are based on fiscal year-end results, which closes on June 30, 2024.

# Previous Class Award Winners

## **Ann Crocker Wheeler '34 Award**

*For the Reunion class with the greatest increase in donor participation percentage over the previous year*

2023	Class of 1973	2018	Class of 1968
2022	Class of 1972	2017	Class of 1967
2021	Class of 1971	2016	Class of 1991
2020	Class of 2010	2015	Class of 1965
2019	Class of 2014	2014	Class of 1969

## **C.B. Rice '31 Award**

*For the Reunion class with the highest donor participation percentage*

2023	Class of 1973	2018	Class of 1968
2022	Class of 1957	2017	Class of 1967
2021	Class of 1971	2016	Class of 1966
2020	Class of 1970	2015	Class of 1955
2019	Class of 1969	2014	Class of 1954

*If you have not yet made your Reunion gift there is still time! The winners of these awards are based on fiscal year-end results, which closes June 30. To make your gift today visit: [giving.conncoll.edu](http://giving.conncoll.edu).*

# Thank you!



*Looking  
Back...*

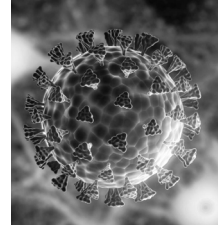
# Noteworthy From Reunion Class Years

## Class of 2019

#1 Single: "Old Town Road" by Lil Nas X featuring Billy Ray Cyrus  
Academy Award for Best Movie: *Parasite*

Average price of gas: \$2.60 a gallon

Historic event: This was the year in which the first known human case of COVID-19 was documented, preceding the pandemic which was declared by the World Health Organization the following year.



## Class of 2014

#1 Single: "Happy" by Pharrell Williams

Academy Award for Best Movie: *Birdman*

Average price of gas: \$3.37 a gallon

Historic event: Violent riots break out in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson after an unarmed teen named Michael Brown was fatally shot by a police officer.

## Class of 2009

#1 Single: "Boom Boom Pow" by Black Eyed Peas

Academy Award for Best Movie: *The Hurt Locker*

Average price of gas: \$2.35 a gallon

Historic event: President Obama signs executive orders closing all secret prisons and detention camps run by the CIA, including the infamous Guantanamo Bay prison in Cuba, and banning coercive interrogation methods.



## Class of 2004

#1 Single: "Yeah!" by Usher

Academy Award for Best Movie: *Million Dollar Baby*

Average price of gas: \$1.88 a gallon

Historic event: The U.S. returns sovereignty to an interim government in Iraq, but maintains roughly 135,000 troops in the country to fight a growing insurgency.

## Class of 1999

#1 Single: "Believe" by Cher

Academy Award for Best Movie: *American Beauty*

Average price of gas: \$1.17 a gallon

Historic event: U.S. and China sign historic trade agreement.

## Class of 1994

#1 Single: "Ace of Base" by The Sign

Academy Award for Best Movie: *Forrest Gump*

Average price of gas: \$1.11 a gallon

Historic event: South Africa holds first interracial national election. Nelson Mandela is elected President.



## Class of 1989

#1 Single: "Look Away" by Chicago

Academy Award for Best Movie: *Driving Miss Daisy*

Average price of gas: \$1.00 a gallon

Historic event: Oil tanker Exxon Valdez runs aground in Prince William Sound, spilling more than 10 million gallons of oil, the largest oil spill in U.S. history.

## Class of 1984

#1 Single: "When Doves Cry" by Prince  
Academy Award for Best Movie: *Amadeus*  
Average price of gas: \$1.13 a gallon  
Historic event: Apple introduces its revolutionary personal computer.



## Class of 1979

#1 Single: "My Sharona" by Knack  
Academy Award for Best Movie: *Kramer vs. Kramer*  
Average price of gas: 86 cents a gallon  
Historic event: Iranian students storm the U.S. embassy in Teheran and hold 66 people hostage. 13 of the hostages are released.

## Class of 1974

#1 Single: "The Way We Were" by Barbra Streisand  
Academy Award for Best Movie: *The Godfather Part II*  
Average price of gas: 59 cents a gallon  
Historic event: House Judiciary Committee recommends to the full House that President Nixon be impeached on grounds of obstruction of justice, abuse of power and contempt of Congress. Nixon resigns.

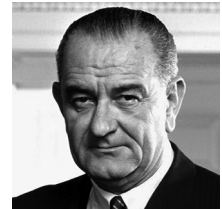


## Class of 1969

#1 Single: "Sugar, Sugar" by The Archies  
Academy Award for Best Movie: *Midnight Cowboy*  
Average price of gas: 35 cents a gallon  
Historic event: Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin, Jr., become the first men to land on the moon.

## Class of 1964

#1 Single: "I Want to Hold Your Hand" the Beatles  
Academy Award for Best Movie: *My Fair Lady*  
Average price of gas: 30 cents a gallon  
Historic event: President Lyndon Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act.



## Class of 1959

#1 Single: "The Battle of New Orleans" by Johnny Horton  
Academy Award for Best Movie: *Ben Hur*  
Average price of gas: 31 cents a gallon  
Historic event: Alaska becomes the 49th state and Hawaii becomes the 50<sup>th</sup>.

## Class of 1954

#1 Single: "Little Things Mean a Lot" by Kitty Kallen  
Academy Award for Best Movie: *On the Waterfront*  
Average price of gas: 29 cents a gallon  
Historic event: Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas  
Landmark Supreme Court decision declares that racial segregation in schools is unconstitutional.



# Reunion Committee Members

## *Class of 1954 - 70th Reunion Committee*

Joanne Williams Hartley '54 P'87

## *Class of 1959 - 65th Reunion Committee*

Sara Gail Gildden Goodell '59

Ann-Mary Potter Kapusta '59

Constance Snelling McCreery '59

Carolyn Graves Mitchell '59

Patricia Chambers Moore '59

## *Class of 1964 - 60th Reunion Committee*

Patricia Edwards Anderson '64

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## *Class of 1969 - 55th Reunion Committee*

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Ellen Robinson Epstein '69

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Heather Morrisson '69 P '95

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Stephanie Phillips '69

Irene Kolanko Shedlosky '69

Ann Barber Smith '69

Susan Scharlotte Walton '69

Alice Wellington '69

## *Class of 1974 - 50th Reunion Committee*

Sherry Alpert '74

Caroline Cole '74

Warren Erickson '74

Sukey Stone Farmer '74

Jan Howland '74

Scott Jezek '74

Charles Morrison '74

Deborah Pope-Lance '74

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Nancy Stuart '74

Barbara Herbst Tatum '74

Jeffrey Whitestone '74

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Benjamin Sperry '79

Mary Wright '79 P'11

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William Kane '84

Annie Scott '84

Julia Anne Seigel Slom '84

Lucy Marshall West '84

## *Class of 1989 - 35th Reunion Committee*

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Parnell Wood Buhlman '89

Darrell Clark '89

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Loulie Sutro Crawford '89

Kristin Masturzo Cuddihy '89

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Massimo Messina '89

Anne Mickle '89

Tamsen Bales Sharpless '89

Chesca Sheldon Mayser '89

Frank Suher '89 P'21

Stacy Xanthos Pearce '89

## *Class of 1994 - 30th Reunion Committee*

Andrew Bogle '94

Jonathan Finnimore '94

William Furgueson '94 P'21 '24

Daniella Defilippo Garran '94

Kimberly Laboy '94

Jennifer Lapan Mann '94

Christopher McDaniel '94

Eric Olmsted '94

Charles Stackhouse '94

## *Class of 1999 - 25th Reunion Committee*

Samuel Bigelow '99

Cara Colgate '99

Caroline Davis '99

Kathleen Minor Kheel '99

Joseph Krol '99

Kathryn Godowsky Ouellette '99

Evan Ouellette '99



# Reunion Committee Members cont'd

Anthony Silvestro '99  
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Alexa Lynch '04  
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## *Class of 2009 - 15th Reunion Committee*

Erin Holstein Mogel '09  
Harris R. Rosenheim '09  
Jillian Sergi '09

## *Class of 2014 - 10th Reunion Committee*

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Charlotte Novak '14  
Grace Pearlman '14  
Jennifer Rodriguez '14  
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Catherine White '14

## *Class of 2019 - 5th Reunion Committee*

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Madison Lefton '19  
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Allan Rogers '14  
Katrina Sanders '98  
Annie Scott '84  
Tamsen Bales Sharpless '89  
Franklin Tuitt, Ed.D. '87  
Aidyn P. Urena '10  
Veronica Venture '86  
Denise L. Wheelless '80  
Mariko Wilcox '99

# Convocation

The word convocation originates from the Latin word, *convocare*, meaning to call or come together. In academia, it can refer variously to a gathering of all of an institution's alumni, to a ceremony at the start of the academic year to welcome incoming students and to a graduation ceremony, also known as commencement. The Alumni Convocation held during Reunion weekend at Connecticut College brings together all the alumni in attendance to celebrate the accomplishments of alumni and their dedication and commitment to their alma mater.



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George S. Rogers '82 P'16  
Theodore M. Romanow '76  
Thomas A. Sargent '82 P'17  
**Annie M. Scott '84**  
Lyn Gordon Silfen '67  
**Ellen C.L. Simmons '69 P'04**  
Frederick P. Stratton, Jr. P'91 '96  
**W. Carter Sullivan '79 P'16**  
**Sally Susman '84**  
**Dhuanne S. Tansill '64**  
Jean C. Tempel '65  
Shyanne Temple '20, Young Alumni Trustee  
Franklin A. Tuitt '87  
Kevin Wade '76  
Virginia Eason Weinmann '51  
Diane Buchanan Wilsey '65 P'91  
Timothy E. Yarboro '75  
Pamela D. Zilly '75

*\* Connecticut College and the alumni community greatly appreciate the generous commitment of the trustees and directors whose terms will be completed on June 30, 2024.*

**Boldface** *Alumni celebrating milestone Reunion*

# A Short History of Connecticut College

The College was founded in 1911, but its history began in 1909 when Wesleyan University announced that it would no longer offer admission to women. At that time, more women than ever were seeking higher education and demanding the right to vote. A committee was formed and towns across the state of Connecticut began offering prospective sites.

A New London hilltop, later described as “the finest college site in the world,” was the committee’s first choice, and they asked New London to raise \$100,000 to ensure that their proposal would succeed. A 10-day fundraising campaign exceeded the goal by \$35,000. Nearly a third of the inhabitants of the city and the surrounding communities contributed, including many children, along with virtually every business and organization.

A board of incorporators petitioned the State of Connecticut for a charter, which was granted in April 1911. The incorporators became the board of trustees, whose first responsibilities were to appoint a president and a campus architect. As it prepared to make these decisions, the board learned with some astonishment that its chairman, Morton Plant, was giving \$1 million for an endowment. The future of the College was assured.



When Connecticut College welcomed its first students in the fall of 1915, it became the only baccalaureate institution in the State of Connecticut chartered solely for the purpose of providing higher education for women. From the beginning, the vision was for a different kind of institution and a different kind of education. The founders believed it was their duty

to create new opportunities for what the Progressive Era called the “New Woman,” and so the curriculum was appropriately progressive, designed to advance students both academically and professionally. One of the College’s earliest catalogues announced the young institution as “an academic and technical college,” promising a modern program that combined the “universal elements in a liberal education” with in depth study of an “important branch of knowledge.”

Connecticut College embraced co-education in 1969, fifty years after its first commencement, but it never forgot the pragmatism of the original educational vision. The most recent articulation of the College’s mission, adopted in 2004, makes this continuity clear, with its straightforward emphasis on active citizenship: “Connecticut College educates students to put the liberal arts into action as citizens of a global society.” With the celebration of the anniversary of its 100th commencement in 2019, a set of values upholding the importance of academic excellence, equity, integrity, holistic education, civic responsibility, and environmental stewardship shape the educational context that supports the College’s mission today.

Today, Connecticut College is a thriving private, coeducational liberal arts institution known for developing extraordinary students who are drawn here by rigorous, interdisciplinary academics and an integrative residential life program, as well as by diverse opportunities to explore their interests through funded internships, community outreach and international study.

# Alma Mater

CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

OLVIE LITTLEHALES Class of 1921

EDITH C. SMITH Class of 1920



Al - ma Ma - ter by \_\_\_\_ the sea, Our hearts \_\_\_\_ in love are \_\_\_\_  
Hail to our col - lege, white \_\_\_\_ and blue. \_\_\_\_ Keep through the years all our



lift - ed to thee; We'll car - ry your stand - ard for - ev - er, \_\_\_\_  
love deep and true, Our Al - ma Ma - ter we love thee, \_\_\_\_



Loy - al - ty To C. C. Faith, Friend-ship and Love. \_\_\_\_  
I - vied walls, C. C. calls To Loy - al - ty true. \_\_\_\_

