

AGENDA

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Institutional Advancement Committee Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting

Public Streaming Link (live captioning, upon request): <https://its.uconn.edu/bot/>

(A recording of the meeting will be posted on the Board website,
<https://boardoftrustees.uconn.edu/>, within seven days of the meeting.)

Call to order at **1:00 p.m.**

1. Public Participation*

*Individuals who wish to speak during the Public Portion of the Wednesday, September 16, meeting must sign up no later than 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, by emailing BoardCommittees@uconn.edu. Speaking requests must include a name, telephone number, topic, and affiliation with the University (i.e., student, employee, member of the public). The Committee may limit the entirety of public comment to a maximum of 30 minutes. As an alternative, individuals may submit written comments to the Committee via email (BoardCommittees@uconn.edu), and all comments will be transmitted to the Committee.

2. Minutes from June 10, 2026, Meeting

Dr. Dennis-LaVigne

Attachment 1

3. Naming Resolutions

Attachment 2

UConn Health & Health Sciences

Mr. Sullivan

- Naming recommendation for the Aldo DeDominicis Foundation Conference Room
- Naming recommendation for the Antonacci Family Foundation Waiting Room
- Naming recommendation for the Glen and Debra Greenberg Family Lab
- Naming recommendation for the Kim Institute for AI Innovation in Healthcare at UConn Health
- Naming recommendation for the Lisa-Marie Griffiths Faculty Office
- Naming recommendation for the Paul L. Jones Flexible Simulation Room
- Naming recommendation for the Paul L. Jones Virtual Reality Simulation Room
- Naming recommendation for the Robert A. Matheson '41 Faculty Office
- Naming modification for the McLeod Health Assessment Lab
- Naming recommendation for the Nancy G.M. Miner APRN Debrief Room
- Naming recommendation for the E. Carol Polifroni, RN, EdD, ANEF Dean's Conference Room
- Naming recommendation for the Rachel F. Schiffman '81 MS, '88 Ph.D. Faculty Office

UConn Law School

Ms. Marshall

- Naming recommendation for the Margaret F. Brady, Executive Director, Center for Energy and Environmental Law

UConn Athletics

Mr. Hayes

- Naming recommendation for the Choi Family Field Hockey Assistant Coach Office
- Naming recommendation for the Rubin Mental Health Service Office

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| 4. President and CEO Foundation update | Mr. Eldh |
| 5. Alumni Relations Update | Ms. Reynolds |
| 6. Governmental Relations Update | Ms. Lombardo |
| 7. University Communications Update | Mr. Kirk |
| Attachment 3 | |
| 8. University Senate Representative Report | Ms. Grande |
| 9. Other Business | |
| 10. Executive Session (as needed) | |
| 11. Adjournment | |

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ATTACHMENT 1

DRAFT MINUTES

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Institutional Advancement Committee June 10, 2026 Virtual Meeting

Committee Trustees:	Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Charles Bunnell, Shari Cantor, Diane Whitney
Other Trustees:	Daniel Toscano
University Senate Representative:	Timothy Folta
University Staff:	Radenka Maric, Pamir Alpay, Nicole Gelston, Jonathan Heinlein, Philip Hunt, Michael Kirk, Joann Lombardo, Anthony Rini, Reka Wrynn
UConn Foundation Staff:	Dave Carney, Mo Cotton Kelly, Rachel Marshall, Suzanne O'Connor, Marinda Reynolds, Michael Van Sambeck, Amy Yancey
UConn Foundation Board of Directors:	Craig Ashmore, Jonathan Greenblatt

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Public Participation
No members of the public signed up to address the Committee.
2. Minutes from April 22, 2026, Meeting Attachment 1
On a motion by Trustee Bunnell, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2026, Meeting.
3. Statement of Work for the UConn Foundation for Fiscal Year 2027 Attachment 2

Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning Wrynn presented the Statement of Work for the UConn Foundation for Fiscal Year 2027.

On a motion by Trustee Bunnell, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Statement of Work for the UConn Foundation for Fiscal Year 2027 to the Board of Trustees.

4. Naming Resolutions Attachment 3

On a motion by Trustee Whitney, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Naming Recommendation for the Jorge Agüero Conference Room to the Board of Trustees.

On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Whitney, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Naming Recommendation for the Sweeney Family Meal Room to the Board of Trustees.

5. UConn Foundation Update

Ms. Yancey shared the UConn Foundation update with the Committee.

6. UConn Alumni Report

Ms. Reynolds shared an Alumni update with the Committee.

7. Governmental Relations Update

Ms. Lombardo shared updates from the current legislative session with the Committee.

8. University Communications Update

Attachment 4

Mr. Kirk shared an update on work happening in University Communications.

9. University Senate Representative Report

Dr. Folta did not have an update for the Committee.

10. Other Business

There was no Other Business.

11. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

12. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Bunnell, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Cote

Secretary to the Committee

ATTACHMENT 2

September 23, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Aldo DeDominicis Foundation Conference Room

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorize the naming of conference room C2087, located on the second floor of the UConn Health main building located in Farmington, within The Pat and Jim Calhoun Cardiology Center as the "Aldo DeDominicis Foundation Conference Room."

BACKGROUND:

Conference room C2087 is located on the 2nd floor of the UConn Health Main Building within The Pat and Jim Calhoun Cardiology Center in Farmington, and is approximately 283 square feet.

The Aldo DeDominicis Foundation has been a generous and consistent supporter of UConn since 2005, directing its philanthropy to initiatives across the University, particularly those advancing health care, patient care, and the well-being of Connecticut residents.

Most recently, the Aldo DeDominicis Foundation committed to supporting the needs of the Pat and Jim Calhoun Cardiology Center at UConn Health, reinforcing its longstanding partnership with UConn and its dedication to improving access to high-quality cardiovascular care while advancing the University's mission of education, research, and service.

The Aldo DeDominicis Foundation has made a pledge consistent with the amount recommended for naming this area under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

September 23, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Antonacci Family Foundation Waiting Room

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes naming the waiting room in the Pat and Jim Calhoun Cardiology Center located on the 2nd floor of the main UConn Health building in Farmington, as the "Antonacci Family Foundation Waiting Room."

BACKGROUND:

The Pat and Jim Calhoun Cardiology Center located on the second floor of the main hospital building at UConn Health provides top quality clinical care to cardiovascular patients. The proposed naming is for the waiting room located within the cardiology center. The square footage of the space is approximately 1,319 square feet.

The Antonacci Family, including Frank and Rebecca Antonacci and Frank M. and Jessica Antonacci, have been long-term supporters of Athletics at UConn having made their first gift in 1994. This is their first gift to UConn Health after they shared gratitude for the institution and the Pat and Jim Calhoun Cardiology Center. They are deeply committed to the University and are honored to express their appreciation for UConn Health through this naming opportunity.

The Antonacci Family Foundation was founded in 1994 and supports healthcare, human services, education, public safety and disaster management, arts and culture and religion.

The Antonacci Family Foundation has pledged a commitment totaling an amount consistent with the amount recommended for naming this space under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

September 23, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Glen and Debra Greenberg Family Lab

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the "Glen and Debra Greenberg Family Lab" at UConn's School of Medicine located at the UConn Health campus in Farmington.

BACKGROUND:

Located on the first floor of UConn Health's Academic Research Building, this 4,616-square-foot cancer immunology lab has produced advances in cancer immunotherapy for nearly 30 years. Researchers use mouse cancer models to study immune responses and translate discoveries into human research and clinical trials.

Glen and Debra Greenberg have supported UConn Health, including cancer research at UConn's School of Medicine, since 2007. Deeply committed to the lab's work, they are honored to support UConn Health through this naming opportunity.

Glen Greenberg was President and CEO of Turbine Controls, Inc., a globally recognized, FAA-approved repair station specializing in engine components and accessories for commercial, military, industrial, and airframe applications. Its customers included Pratt & Whitney and clients across Europe, the Middle East, and the Pacific Rim. He sold the company to VSE Corporation in 2024.

Glen and Debra Greenberg have pledged a commitment totaling an amount consistent with the amount recommended for naming this space under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

September 23, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Kim Institute in AI Innovation in Healthcare at UConn Health

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the “Kim Institute for AI Innovation in Healthcare” at UConn Health.

BACKGROUND:

The Kim Institute for AI Innovation in Healthcare at UConn Health will be dedicated to supporting UConn Health’s mission through its expected development, validation, and commercialization of AI-driven solutions that improve patient outcomes and health system operational and financial performance. Through strategic partnerships, real-world testing at UConn Health, and translation of intellectual property into scalable applications, the Institute will accelerate adoption of practical, safe, market-ready innovations. It will identify unmet clinical and operational needs, evaluate and pilot promising AI technologies, integrate validated solutions into healthcare settings, and strategically invest in high-potential companies—positioning UConn as a leading hub for AI-powered healthcare innovation and Connecticut as a national leader in the future of medicine.

John Kim is a globally respected business leader, investor, and philanthropist with a career spanning insurance, investment, and financial services. A Korean immigrant who earned his MBA from the University of Connecticut School of Business in 1987, he rose to become President and Chief Investment Officer of New York Life Insurance Company, one of the nation’s largest and most successful mutual insurers. Recognized for strategic leadership, innovation, and advancing opportunities for others, John is a longtime UConn supporter, trusted advisor, and University champion who received an honorary doctorate for his professional achievements and service. He also formerly chaired the UConn Foundation Board of Directors.

John and his wife, Diane Kim, have built a philanthropic legacy rooted in gratitude, educational opportunity, and community impact. They established the Kim Family Scholarship Fund at UConn to support students with financial need and support numerous charitable and educational initiatives through the John and Diane Kim Foundation. Their generosity reflects a deep commitment to expanding educational access, fostering innovation, and helping others achieve their potential.

The Kims have pledged a commitment totaling an amount consistent with the amount recommended for naming this institute under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

September 23, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Lisa-Marie Griffiths Faculty Office

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the "Lisa-Marie Griffiths Faculty Office" in the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing Building within DeLuca Hall on the Storrs campus.

BACKGROUND:

The faculty office will be approximately 90 sq. ft. space located in the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing Building within DeLuca Hall. It is expected to be equipped to provide a dedicated space for faculty to work and meet with students.

Lisa-Marie Griffiths has been a health equity advocate and advanced practice registered nurse, caring for mothers and newborns, since 1993. She began her career in 1980 as a member of the U.S. Navy Nurse Corp where she served for several years then continued in the Navy Reserves until 2002. For over 20 years, she was a beloved member of UConn's nursing community in a variety of roles ranging from nursing professor on the Storrs campus to Nurse Practitioner at UConn Health. Throughout her career, she encouraged her students to understand and prioritize health equity in their practice.

Her grateful student, Lindsay Bolt, and her father, Robert Bolt, named this faculty office in honor of Lisa-Marie Griffiths and her dedication to health equity - pledging a commitment totaling an amount consistent with the amount recommended for naming this faculty office under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

September 23, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Paul L. Jones Flexible Simulation Room

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the "Paul L. Jones Flexible Simulation Room" located in the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing within DeLuca Hall on Storrs campus.

BACKGROUND:

The Paul L. Jones Fund has been providing scholarship support to the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing and nursing schools throughout the state of Connecticut for decades. Established in 1979, the Paul L. Jones Fund is a trust managed by Webster Bank and, at the donor's behest, information pertaining to the family who established the trust is not known.

The 225 sq ft Flexible Simulation Rooms will provide high fidelity simulation spaces in a realistic clinical setting. The equipment will be adaptable to allow the space to be set up to mimic different patient care scenarios, such as maternity, pediatrics, or acute care.

The Paul L. Jones Fund's pledge is consistent with the amount recommended for naming this area under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

September 23, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Paul L. Jones Virtual Reality Simulation Room

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the "Paul L. Jones Virtual Reality Simulation Room" located in the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing within DeLuca Hall on the Storrs campus.

BACKGROUND:

The Paul L. Jones Fund has been providing scholarship support to the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing and nursing schools throughout the state of Connecticut for decades. Established in 1979, the Paul L. Jones Fund is a trust managed by Webster Bank and at the donor's behest, information pertaining to the family who established the trust is not known.

The 432 sq ft Virtual Reality Simulation room is expected to expose nursing students to immersive clinical simulations using high tech virtual reality. The students will experience a variety of real-life scenarios and settings, such as an emergency room or patient home, that they will encounter as practitioners and can practice communication, compassion, and other essential aspects of patient care.

The Paul L. Jones Fund's pledge is consistent with the amount recommended for naming this area under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

September 23, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Robert A. Matheson '41 Faculty Office

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the "Robert A. Matheson '41 Faculty Office" located in DeLuca Hall within the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing on the Storrs campus.

BACKGROUND:

The "Robert A. Matheson '41 Faculty Office" will be a 90 sq. ft. space in the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing Building within DeLuca Hall. It is expected to be equipped to provide a dedicated space for faculty to work and meet with students.

Lt. Col. Robert A. Matheson served in the U.S. Army in General George Patton's 4th Armored Division during World War II and was involved in the Liberation of Ohrdruf, the first Nazi Death Camp liberated by the allied forces. He reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and subsequently served in the National Guard for 20 years. While he was a student at UConn, he worked his way through college by living in the dairy barn and milking the cows. He played on the baseball and football teams and remained a devoted Husky until his death in 2004.

His proud daughter, Patricia Bender NURS 69, named this faculty office in honor of her father and his service. She has pledged a commitment consistent with the amount recommended for naming this area under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

September 23, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Modification for the McLeod Health Assessment Lab

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the modification of the name of room 406, located within the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing, from the "McLeod Health Assessment Lab", as approved by the Board of Trustees on September 17, 2025, to the "McLeod Family Health Assessment Lab."

BACKGROUND:

Located on the fourth floor, room 406 is approximately 1400 square feet. Its 16 patient bays are a learning environment that uses simulated patients and real-world scenarios to teach nurses how to perform assessments and practice skills such as vital sign assessment, medication administration and patient communication in a safe, controlled environment.

The McLeod Blue Skye Charitable Foundation, Inc. is a longtime strategic partner of the University led by Elaine '78 Nurs and Chris McLeod whose parents and brother are all UConn alumni. The lab is expected to provide nursing students with unique experiential learning opportunities and prepare them with the skills and confidence necessary to address the challenges of today's fast-paced patient care environment.

In 2004, Mr. and Mrs. McLeod established the McLeod Family Endowed Scholarship, their first of several gifts to support UConn. The McLeods also have provided support for UConn more broadly, by providing a fellowship in the Neag School of Education designed to improve K-12 science education, and through Chris McLeod's prior service as a member of the Board of Directors at UConn Ventures, a former subsidiary of the UConn Foundation that funded innovative start-up business based in technologies developed by university faculty and staff.

The McLeods' current gift is consistent with the amount recommended for naming this space under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

September 23, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 
RE: Naming Recommendation for the Nancy G.M. Miner APRN Debrief Room

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the "Nancy G.M. Miner APRN Debrief Room" within DeLuca Hall in the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing on Storrs campus.

BACKGROUND:

The "Nancy G.M. Miner APRN Debrief Room" will be a 200 sq ft space located adjacent to the state-of-the-art simulation rooms on the 3rd floor of DeLuca Hall in the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing. The Debrief Room is expected to serve as a clinical learning space in which students come together before and after clinical simulation to reflect on their learning.

For almost 40 years, Nancy G.M. Miner APRN NURS '73 NURS'78 has been contributing to UConn Nursing and Athletics. Since 1973, Nancy has served the state of Connecticut as an advanced practice registered nurse specializing in mental health. She is the recipient of multiple awards for patient care expertise, management, and teaching. She was the 2015 recipient of the Carolyn Ladd Widmer Outstanding Alumni Award for Leadership in Nursing.

Ms. Miner has pledged a commitment totaling an amount consistent with the amount recommended for naming this area under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

September 23, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the E. Carol Polifroni, RN, EdD, ANEF Dean's Conference Room

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the "E. Carol Polifroni, RN, EdD, ANEF Dean's Conference Room" located within DeLuca Hall in the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing on the Storrs campus.

BACKGROUND:

The E. Carol Polifroni, RN, EdD, ANEF Dean's Conference Room will be a 300 sq ft space located within the Dean's Suite on the 5th floor of DeLuca Hall in the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing. This functional yet sophisticated conference room is expected to provide an exceptional space for high-level meetings, presentations, and strategic discussions.

Dr. Polifroni served as a member of the University of Connecticut's faculty since 1975. Among her many accomplishments, Dr. Polifroni served two tenures as interim dean at the School of Nursing; established UConn's accelerated nursing degree program (CEIN) and co-edited the classic textbook "Perspectives on Philosophy of Science in Nursing", a book widely used in doctoral and graduate nursing programs throughout the U.S. since 1999. Dr. Polifroni is widely beloved and highly regarded by nursing alumni and faculty.

Dr. Polifroni has pledged a commitment totaling an amount consistent with the amount recommended for naming this room under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

September 23, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Rachel F. Schiffman '81 MS, '88 Ph.D. Faculty Office

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the fifth-floor Faculty Office in the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing Building on the Storrs campus as the "Rachel F. Schiffman '81 MS, '88 Ph.D. Faculty Office."

BACKGROUND:

This Faculty Office will be approximately 90 square feet and is located on the fifth floor of the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing Building. It is equipped to provide a dedicated space for faculty to work and meet with students.

Dr. Rachel Schiffman graduated with a Master of Science in 1981 from UConn's School of Nursing and with a Doctor of Philosophy in 1988 from UConn's School of Education. Dr. Schiffman had a highly respected career in nursing education and research. She retired as Professor and Associate Dean for Research for the School of Nursing for the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. In 2000, Dr. Schiffman received the Marlene Kramer Outstanding Alumni Award for Research from UConn's School of Nursing.

Dr. Schiffman has pledged a gift amount consistent with the amount recommended under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines* to name this area.

September 23, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Margaret F. Brady Executive Director,
Center for Energy and Environmental Law

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the "Margaret F. Brady Executive Director, Center for Energy and Environmental Law" in the School of Law.

BACKGROUND:

Established at UConn School of Law in 2010, the Center for Energy & Environmental Law (CEEL) integrates legal education, policy, and scholarship. CEEL enables students to explore global energy demand, climate change, environmental degradation, and the role of law and policy in addressing these challenges. The Executive Director oversees all aspects of CEEL's programs.

Margaret F. Brady earned her law degree from UConn Law in 1978, where she met Bob Brady '78. Before her death in 2015, she pursued lifelong interests in land use, civic beautification, and gardening through both her career and community service. She worked as a land use attorney and city planner for the cities of New Haven and Stamford and the Town of Westbrook, where she introduced and oversaw the town's recycling program. She also served on the Madison Zoning Board and helped found SGOD, a Madison organization that worked to protect Griswold Airport from overdevelopment.

Before attending law school, Bob Brady '78 JD worked as a college newspaper editor, reporter, and newsletter writer. During his final year at UConn Law, he launched Business & Legal Reports, Inc., beginning with a newsletter that explained employment law to human resources and personnel managers.

Over the next 40 years, the company grew to more than 200 employees, and its newsletters reached all 50 states with a combined circulation of several hundred thousand. Although he did not practice law in the traditional sense, Brady credits his legal education with helping launch his successful career. In recognition of that experience and in tribute to Margaret, he is establishing an endowment to name the Executive Director position for the Center for Energy and Environmental Law in her honor.

Mr. Brady has pledged a commitment totaling an amount consistent with the amount recommended for naming this position under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

September 23, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Choi Family Field Hockey Assistant Coach Office

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the "Choi Family Field Hockey Assistant Coach Office" within the Bailey Student-Athlete Success Center located on the Storrs campus.

BACKGROUND:

The Bailey Student-Athlete Success Center will be a state-of-the-art student-athlete performance and academic support center on the Storrs campus. The 215 square foot proposed coach office will be located on the second floor in the Field Hockey, Tennis, Coaches, Team Support Suite of the Bailey Center.

Steve Choi is a double alumnus earning his bachelor's degree in 2004 and master's degree in 2011 from the School of Business. He has been an athletics donor to UConn since 2015, donating to both basketball programs and football.

Mr. Choi has pledged an amount consistent with the amount recommended for naming this area under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

September 23, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Rubin Mental Health Service Office

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the "Rubin Family Mental Health Service Office" within the Bailey Student-Athlete Success Center located on the Storrs campus.

BACKGROUND:

The Bailey Student-Athlete Success Center will be a state-of-the-art student-athlete performance and academic support center on the Storrs campus. The 215 square foot proposed space will be located on the first floor near the entrance of the Bailey Center. It represents a holistic program that offers a diverse number of services and unique opportunities for the entire student-athlete population to learn and thrive.

Dr. Jonathan Rubin has supported UConn for thirty-six years, including thirteen consecutive years of giving. A resident of Canton, Connecticut, he is married to Dr. Vivianne Rubin, who completed her residency at UConn Health in 1993. Dr. Jonathan Rubin serves as Chief Financial Officer of Magellan Health Services, Inc.

A dedicated supporter of UConn Athletics, Dr. Rubin has made a pledge that is consistent with the amount recommended for naming this space under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

ATTACHMENT 3

MEMORANDUM

To: Institutional Advancement Committee
From: Michael Kirk, Vice President for Communications
Date: September 16, 2026
Subject: UConn in the media

[The Enduring Cost of Gun Violence](#)

June 1, 2026 – Kellogg Insight

To understand these long-term impacts, Schnell conducted a comprehensive analysis of educational and economic data for students who attended Texas public schools where a shooting took place. She collaborated with Northwestern colleague Hannes Schwandt as well as Marika Cabral of the University of Texas at Austin, Bokyoung Kim of the University of Connecticut, and Maya Rossin-Slater of Stanford for the study. The researchers found that gun violence at school had clear and lasting reverberations, not just on students' education in the months following a shooting but also on their career prospects and earnings in the years after it occurred.

[Will There Be Cicadas at the 2026 Memorial Tournament in Columbus?](#)

June 1, 2026 – Columbus Dispatch

Periodical cicadas do not travel very far, typically less than half a mile from where they emerge, according to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, so according to USA Today, a small group of stragglers from Brood XXII may be present in Ohio this year. Still, those cicadas will emerge closer to Cincinnati on the Ohio-Kentucky border, according to a map from the University of Connecticut.

[The Genius of the Barn Owl's Feathers](#)

June 2, 2026 – The MIT Press Reader

Andrew Moiseff, at the University of Connecticut, demonstrated this by fitting barn owls with miniature earphones. When the sound was louder in the left ear, they turned their heads downward, but when it was louder in the right ear, the owls turned their heads upward.

[Covering El Salvador's Civil War](#)

June 3, 2026 – TOTIM Exposures

Interview with Professor of Journalism Scott Wallace.

[Popular Anti-Aging Drug Combo Triggers Severe Brain Damage in Mice](#)

June 4, 2026 – Discover Magazine

"When you administer this cocktail to an animal, young or old, the myelin is damaged, which makes it disappear. Even worse in the young animals," said UConn School of Medicine immunologist Stephen Crocker.

[Trick or Spice? How 'Nutmeg' Came to Dominate the Soccer World](#)

June 4, 2026 – NPR All Things Considered

This leads to the 1833 story of the unscrupulous Connecticut peddlers. Connecticut engaged in extensive global trade in the 18th and 19th centuries, said Andy Horowitz, Connecticut's state historian. Horowitz calls it the "OG globalization" of the spice trade.

[NJ College Valedictorian Beats the Odds Stacked Against Foster Care Kids Like Her](#)

June 6, 2026 – NJ.com

A September report by the Annie E. Casey Foundation cited a University of Connecticut survey of published studies, which concluded that just 8% to 12% of young adults who had been in foster care earned a two- or four-year degree by their mid- to late-20s. That compared to 49% among all young adults, meaning those who had been in foster care were about five times less likely to have earned degrees than their age group overall.

[How DLE is Turning Oilfield Wastewater into a Valuable Lithium Source](#)

June 8, 2026 – Mining Technology

Research assistant at the University of Connecticut Hasan Nikkhah explains solvent extraction: "Brine encounters the organic solvent, and the lithium is transferred to it from the brine. Subsequently, we strip the organic solvent and extract lithium from it."

[What is 7-OH? Experts Warn of Emerging Opioid Threat](#)

June 8, 2026 – Newsweek

"The FDA and [the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)] believe that 7-OH products are an emerging threat and given that it acts very similarly in terms of addictive potential and risk of respiratory depression as traditional opioids, I strongly agree with their assessment," Charles White, a professor of pharmacy practice at the University of Connecticut, told *Newsweek*.

[Decades of NASA Satellite Data Reveals the Enigmatic 'Urban Pulse' of Six Major Cities](#)

June 9, 2026 – The Debrief

A multi-institutional team of researchers led by University of Connecticut Professor Zhe Zhu has developed a method for measuring the dynamic, real-time activity of urban environments from space, which they are calling an "Urban Pulse."

The research team behind the novel urban activity metric said that monitoring a city's Urban Pulse could help mitigate uncontrolled urban sprawl or decay and enable environmentalists and urban planners to intervene before disasters become unavoidable.

[Inside Unit 731: Japan's Secret Human Experiments](#)

June 9, 2026 – CNA Insider (Singapore)

Documentary featuring interviews with Professor of History Alexis Dudden.

[World Cup Players Challenged by Dangerously Hot Weather](#)

June 11, 2026 – PBS Newshour

Television interviews with Professor of Kinesiology Douglas Casa and Professor of Kinesiology Rebecca Stearns.

[UConn Launches Shipbuilding Initiative to Support Workforce, Research Efforts](#)

June 11, 2026 – WorkBoat

The University of Connecticut has launched the UConn Shipbuilding Initiative, a program designed to coordinate the university's shipbuilding-related research, workforce development, and supply chain programs under a single framework aimed at supporting the nation's growing maritime industrial base.

Also covered in [Koran Manado](#) (Indonesia).

[Why Connecticut Physicians Advocate Habit Stacking for Enhanced Health and Wellness](#)

June 12, 2026 – Livewell Magazine

Dr. Keith Bellizzi, a Professor at the University of Connecticut specializing in gerontology, highlights that the concept is deeply anchored in established behavioral principles. According to Bellizzi, the perception that many fail in health behavior change is not due to lack of knowledge but because new behaviors often feel inconvenient or disconnected from everyday routines. By attaching new healthy behaviors to habitual ones, individuals can effortlessly transform their lifestyle without the usual barriers of motivation or overwhelming change.

[New Training for Connecticut Urban Police Officers to Incorporate Community Input](#)

June 12, 2026 – Newsday

Chris Collibee, spokesperson for Gov. Ned Lamont's budget office, said the agency worked with the University of Connecticut's Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy to "review national best practices and ensure Connecticut delivers high-quality training that supports both community and law enforcement safety."

[A Shared Mourning Ritual Helped an American Soldier and an Iraqi Interpreter Find Common Ground](#)

June 15, 2026 – The Conversation

News essay by anthropology Ph.D. candidate Steve Medeiros.

[Drug Shortages: Causes, Consequences, and Mitigation](#)

June 16, 2026 – The Pharmacy Times

Commentary by Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences Jeanette Wick.

[Unit 731 and the Fight for Historical Truth](#)

June 17, 2026 – CGTN (China)

Television interview with Professor of History Alexis Dudden.

[FIFA's Hydration Breaks Have Sparked Criticism. But What Do They Actually Do?](#)

June 18, 2026 – The Associated Press

That could mean putting wet, cold towels on the exposed parts of a player's body, such as the neck, head, back and arms. If done well, that could reduce their body temperature by about 0.22 F (0.12 C) per minute, said Douglas Casa, CEO of the University of Connecticut's Korey Stringer Institute who also co-signed the letter to FIFA. "Some people can tolerate a little more fluids comfortably and then do intense exercise. Some people can't because it sloshes around in their stomach and they don't feel super comfortable, so they might not drink as much in such a short period of time," he added.

[Satellite Observations Detect 'Urban Pulse' of Six Global Cities](#)

June 18, 2026 – Reuters

"We got the inspiration from the human pulse, which tells us different information about our health than weight or height," said study lead author Zhe Zhu, a professor of remote sensing and director of the Global Environmental Remote Sensing Laboratory at the University of Connecticut's Department of Natural Resources and the Environment.

[UK Gardeners Warned to Check for These Invasive Weeds Before They Spread](#)

June 20, 2026 – HuffPost

Nettles, meanwhile, are brilliant for moths and butterflies, and can even be used for tasty recipes. And according to the University of Connecticut's College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources (UC), they can help you to work out which kind of soil you have, too.

[Why Men Keep Dropping Out of the Labor Force](#)

June 21, 2026 – Forbes

Now a new paper from University of Connecticut economists Remy Levin and Daniela Vidart has added to the debate, arguing that men's beliefs about the benefits of work are shaped by the labor market conditions they observed over their lifetimes, particularly during childhood. When young males grow up seeing weak wages and high unemployment among the men around them, they form pessimistic expectations about their own prospects later in life, making them less likely to participate in the labor force, the economists explained.

Also received coverage in [Fortune](#) and [Inc.](#)

[Can Connecticut Become America's Quantum Capital?](#)

June 22, 2026 – Governing Magazine

Of the \$121 million it has allocated, half is going immediately to QuantumCT, a public-private partnership between DECD, the University of Connecticut and Yale University.

[Meet the Externs: How Faculty Use Workplace Experience to Help Students](#)

June 25, 2026 – Inside Higher Ed

This summer, the University of Connecticut College of Engineering debuted its faculty-to-industry fellow program and placed six inaugural fellows at companies including aerospace manufacturer Pratt & Whitney, submarine builder General Dynamics Electric Boat, and medical equipment manufacturer Nextern. JC Zhao, dean of the college, said he's working on placing six more faculty members in internships this cycle.

[Americans Aren't as Well Off as People in Peer Nations](#)

June 26, 2026 – The Conversation

Analysis and commentary by Professor of Economics Susan Randolph.

[New Estimate: Earth Has 14 to 20 Million Insect Species](#)

June 29, 2026 – Popular Science

"The core problem is that most insects are rare, and even with enormous samples you keep finding new species," Robert Colwell, a study co-author and entomologist at Museum of Natural History at the University of Colorado and the University of Connecticut, tells *Popular Science*. "We collected over 1.6 million individuals from traps running for 69 trap-years in Costa Rica and still hadn't captured everything living right there. The statistical challenge is estimating not just what you've seen, but how much you're missing."

Also covered in [the BBC](#); [the Independent \(UK\)](#); [Time Magazine](#); [El Pais \(Spain\)](#).

[Declaring 'Revolution'](#)

June 30, 2026 – History News Network

Analysis by Professor of History Robert Gross

[A Campus Sustainability Journey](#)

June 30, 2026 – Nature Sustainability

Q&A with President Radenka Maric.

[A Disease Outbreak Nearly Cost This US Poultry Farmer Everything. One More Could Wipe Him Out](#)

July 1, 2026 – The Guardian

The consequences of having even one confirmed case on a farm are dire. "Once you have one bird positive, you have to depopulate the entire flock. It's sad, but that's a mandatory USDA rule," Indu Upadhyaya, a poultry and food safety expert at the University of Connecticut, said.

[How to Stay Safe When Exercising in the Heat](#)

July 2, 2026 – The Washington Post

You don't want to jump right into your regular workout the first day it's really hot. Instead, focus on acclimating your body to the heat slowly, said Rebecca Stearns, chief operating officer at the University of Connecticut's Korey Stringer Institute, which researches heat illness among athletes.

[Scientists Say Earth May Have Millions More Insect Species Than Previously Thought](#)

July 2, 2026 – Vice

This is more than a fun fact that puts into perspective just how outnumbered we are by insects on a planet that we think we dominate. As the University of Connecticut points out, scientists have recently warned of a mass global insect die-off that's been cheekily referred to as the "insect apocalypse," spurred by a range of human-driven factors, including habitat destruction, widespread pesticide use, climate change, and even light pollution.

['Ed Young's Bright Worlds': Creating a Retrospective Exhibition](#)

July 2, 2026 – Publishers Weekly

Antonia described her role throughout the process as that of facilitator, taking Tam and Zheng on a visit to her father's studio in Hastings-on-Hudson in New York and connecting them with the archivists at the University of Connecticut at Storrs Library.

[Connecticut Knows Its Schools Are Segregated. Now Comes the Hard Part](#)

July 2, 2026 – Governing Magazine

Preston Green, John and Maria Neag Professor of Urban Education at University of Connecticut and an expert on school desegregation, published a study concluding a relationship between school segregation and insufficient funding for Black and Latino students in seven cities including Hartford. The report summarizes the history of segregated housing policies that excluded Black families from white areas, Green said.

[Say Goodbye to Keurig: The Alternatives That Make Coffee Breaks More Eco-Friendly](#)

Tasting Table – July 4, 2026

Volume is only one side of the problem. Harmful chemicals like benzophenone and bisphenol A in coffee pods can be released during the high temperature, high pressure brewing process and "leak" into your coffee, according to a study conducted by the University of Connecticut.

[Early-life Experiences of Labor Markets Faced by Others Can Leave Permanent Scars on Men's Willingness to Work](#)

Vox EU – July 4, 2026

Research analysis by Remy Levin and Daniela Vidart, faculty members in the Department of Economics.

[Manipulation Comes Under the Microscope in New Relationship Research](#)

Psychology Today – July 5, 2026

According to University of Connecticut's Meredith, "Manipulativeness is a common, yet complex, feature of interpersonal relationships," associated with the personality trait of psychopathy along with the tendency to lie and emotionally abuse others. As bad as all of this sounds, there is a surprising lack of research on how these qualities affect how relationships characterized by a manipulative partner manage to survive (or not). The purpose of her research was to examine this research systematically to get some answers.

[Data Shows Millions of American Men Are Walking Away from the Labor Force](#)

Inc. – July 5, 2026

A paper from the University of Connecticut theorizes that the participation rate could be deeply tied to generational experience. Economists Remy Levin and Daniela Vidart noted that men's beliefs about work are shaped particularly during childhood, with labor market conditions being observed in the background.

[How Robust Corporate Governance Shields Companies from Fatal Crises](#)

Forbes – July 6, 2026

When governance systems remain weak or theoretical, crucial early warning signals are ignored. Robert Bird, a professor of business law and Eversource Energy Chair in Business Ethics at the University of Connecticut, asserts that organizations fundamentally fail because decision-makers lack the structural agility to process uncomfortable truths.

[The End of Reading is Here](#)

The Atlantic – July 8, 2026

Things are about to get worse, and fast. The next generation reads much less than today's adults did when they were kids. Kindergarten teachers say that many of their students don't know nursery rhymes or fairy tales, Benjamin Powers, the director of Yale and the University of Connecticut's Haskins Global Literacy Hub, told me.

[Indian American Law Professor Helps Overhaul Connecticut's Hate Crime Laws](#)

American Bazaar – July 9, 2026

Sachin S. Pandya, an Indian American University of Connecticut law professor helped shape Connecticut's new hate crime law, signed by Governor Ned Lamont on June 8. Pandya helped draft the model bill that formed the basis of the legislation, which consolidates and revises the state's hate crime laws, according to a university release.

[The Viral 'Tanmaxxing' Trend is Exploding Online – And It's Ruining Teen Skin](#)

HuffPost – July 9, 2026

Lastly, offer safer ways to achieve the look. Mary Wu Chang, associate professor of Dermatology and Pediatrics at UConn Health, recommended self-tanning lotions and spray tans, for instance.

[Gen Z Calls the New Social Media Trend 'Tanmaxxing.' Experts Call It 'Harmful' and 'Dangerous'](#)

The Houston Chronicle – July 9, 2026

Dr. Brett Sloan, a dermatologist at UConn Health, said these trends of maximum UV exposure and using tanning booths are glamorizing tanning and downplay long-term health effects. "Kids have always gone out and gotten tan. We know more information, now its effects and UV exposure, but there is a lot of bad information out there now being circulated," Sloan said. "There's no doubt UV rays cause skin cancer, and some skin cancer can be deadly."

[Hershel Parker, Melville Scholar of Ahab-Like Obsessiveness, Dies at 90](#)

The New York Times – July 10, 2026

Mr. Parker could be prickly. "I have the warmest regard for him," Mary K. Bercaw Edwards, a professor of English at the University of Connecticut, said in an interview. "But he was controversial. He'd have spats with other scholars. Hershel would think they hadn't done enough research. Nobody could have done as much as he did."

[Your Child's Brain is Growing. Is Their Diet Helping Or Hurting?](#)

Black Doctor – July 12, 2026

"Food companies hardly ever market fruit and vegetables, water or healthy juices," said Jennifer Harris, a lead author of the study and director of marketing initiatives for the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity at the University of Connecticut.

[Student's Love of Haitian Creole Leads to Book Translating](#)

USA Today – July 14, 2026

It would have been much easier to learn if she'd had access to children's books in her parents' native language, said Odne, who grew up in Boston and Brockton. She got a chance to put two into the world when a professor at the University of Connecticut, where Odne is a rising junior, asked her to translate picture books into Haitian Creole.

"She really liked how I was writing the translations, how my translations were very clear," Odne said.

[The Importance of Water Intake is Increasing Along with the Heat](#)

Maeil Business (Korea) – July 15, 2026

In fact, according to a study by the Human Performance Laboratory at the University of Connecticut in the United States, it has been confirmed that even light dehydration of about 1-2% of body weight can cause fatigue, decreased concentration, and headaches. The researchers reported that mild dehydration had a significant effect on mood, cognitive function, and ability to perform tasks in an experiment with healthy adults.

[NSF Awards \\$15M to Connecticut Quantum Technology Engine](#)

Quantum Insider – July 15, 2026

Led by the University of Connecticut with partners including Yale University, Southern Connecticut State University, ConnCORP, CT Innovations, and the State of Connecticut, QuantumCT will develop quantum computing, sensing, communication, and materials technology initiatives.

Also received coverage in [Quantum Zeitgeist](#), [Quantum Computing Report](#), [EdTech Innovation Hub](#), and [Bioengineer](#).

[FDA Drug Approval Affects Healthcare Around the World, But Political Shortcuts Could Hurt the Agency's International Reputation](#)

The Conversation – July 15, 2026

News analysis by Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Pharmacy Practice C. Michael White.

[The Serious Health Risks Posed by Wildfire Smoke](#)

Reuters – July 17, 2026

"The bad news is, there's no safe level" of inhaled particles from wildfire smoke, said Doug Brugge, who chairs the Department of Public Health Sciences at University of Connecticut School of Medicine. "The higher the exposure, the worse the risks, but even at levels below the national safety standards, these particles can make people sick."

[Protect Their Skin with the Best Bathtub Filters for Babies](#)

Forbes – July 17, 2026

Expert analysis by Professor of Pediatric Dermatology Mary Chang.

[Against Geopolitical Football Moralizing](#)

Jacobin – July 18, 2026

Opinion and analysis by Professor of History Mark Healey.

[What's Really Behind America's Male Recession?](#)

The Hill – July 18, 2026

A recent paper by economists at the University of Connecticut offers a deeper, significantly darker explanation. Their argument isn't that men stop working because today's labor market looks weak, but that they learned a bitter truth much earlier. Essentially, the economic struggles boys witness during childhood permanently warp their belief in whether hard work is actually worth the effort.

['Ghost' Job Postings are Now in Lawmakers' Crosshairs](#)

HR Executive – July 20, 2026

New research also suggests the cost of this cycle runs deeper than employer brand. A National Bureau of Economic Research working paper published in June by University of Connecticut economists Remy Levin and Daniela Vidart found that men's decisions to participate in the labor force are shaped by lifetime observation of how the labor market treats the people around them. Those beliefs form mostly before age 24 and persist for decades, even among men who later move to stronger job markets. The authors argue that short-run drops in labor demand can harden into long-run drops in labor supply.

[Study Links Racial Representation in Children's Television Shows to Early-Childhood Biases](#)

The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education – July 20, 2026

The study was led by Michael Rizzo, assistant professor of psychology at the University of Illinois, and scholars from New York University, the University of Connecticut, and the University of California, Santa Cruz.

[Big Shot: The Ozempic Revolution](#)

CNBC – July 23, 2026

Television news special featuring Distinguished Professor of Pharmacy Practice C. Michael White.

[What Triggered One of the Most Dramatic Changes in Earth's History?](#)

Science – July 31, 2026

The Great Oxidation Event (GOE), as it's known, is "the most fascinating and most dramatic change in how the Earth's surface works in its history," says Mojtaba Fakhraee, a geochemist at the University of Connecticut.

[Radiology Professor Still Teaching Residents at 90 Years Old](#)

Radiology Business – August 2, 2026

Moskowitz is losing his vision and no longer draws a salary, but says he remains driven by his lifelong passion for teaching. A professor emeritus since retiring in 2016, he still visits UConn Health several times a week to lecture medical students and first year radiology residents. Throughout his career, which spans over six decades, the doctor estimates he has likely



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interpreted more than 100,000 X-rays.

Michael Kirk
Vice President for Communications

[Tanning is Getting Hot Again. Here's What It Really Does to Your Skin](#)

The Associated Press – August 3, 2026

Teenagers can be a tough group to persuade because they have less capacity at that age to consider long-term health consequences, but there are ways to get the message across, said Sherry Pagoto, PhD, a psychologist and professor at the University of Connecticut who has studied indoor tanning behavior and tanning bed culture for decades. "What resonates more with them is physical appearance, because that's why they're doing it," Pagoto said.

[The Outdated Boomer Summer Habit Millennials Would Never Do Today](#)

Health Digest – August 3, 2026

Unfortunately, social pressures aside, the practice of so-called "tanmaxxing" is still very, very bad for your skin. "That is absolutely not recommended," Hao Feng, M.D., associate professor of dermatology at UConn Health, said. "That is the exact opposite of what we love to see people doing."

[Running An Air Purifier Could Do More Than Clear Your Air](#)

Real Simple Magazine – August 3, 2026

Research shows all that exposure can take a toll, says Nicholas Pellegrino, a PhD student in the Department of Public Health Sciences at UConn and author of the previously mentioned study. "I think we can safely say that exposure to air pollution, both in the short- and long-term, is negatively associated with brain health," he says.

[CT Legislation Aims to Expand Islam Education in Public Schools](#)

Religion News Service – August 4, 2026

Casey Cobb, Neag endowed professor of educational policy at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, said it is hard to predict how widely the Islamic and Arab curriculum will be used, though he expects its implementation to align with local demographics. "School administrators know their communities very well, and those who have substantial Arab American or Muslim populations are probably the ones that would want to represent those students in the curriculum," he said. This leaves out rural districts that he said would likely benefit the most from this curriculum.

[Collagen Peptides Show Promise for Women's Bone Health](#)

US News & World Report – August 4, 2026

"Oftentimes, we associate running with being bad for us, bad for our bones, because runners are at a higher risk of stress-related injuries," said study leader Jennifer Fields, an assistant professor of nutritional sciences at the University of Connecticut. "But oftentimes, it's due to just simply under fueling and not giving your body enough calories to support training and recovery and adaptation."

[How Songs May Help Reduce Pain – and Even Treat Stroke Symptoms](#)

National Geographic – August 5, 2026

Edward Large, a theoretical neuroscientist and physicist who directs the Music Dynamics Laboratory at the University of Connecticut, studies how the brain detects and anticipates rhythm. He helped develop the neural resonance theory (NRT), which proposes that the human brain physically synchronizes its own neural pulses to an external musical beat.

[Think You Need 8 Glasses of Water a Day? Scientists Say the Real Answer is Much Simpler](#)

Inc. – August 5, 2026

"Hydration is highly individual. There isn't a single amount that works for everyone, or even for each person each day, because fluid needs vary based on body size, fitness, activity level, environment, sweat rate, and heat acclimatization status," Rebecca Stearns, PhD, the chief operating officer of the Korey Stringer Institute at the University of Connecticut told Inc.

[Oklahoma Jewish Charter Case Heads to Court as Debate Spreads to Other States](#)

The 74 – August 5, 2026

Along with Carol Burris of the Network for Public Education and Preston Green of the University of Connecticut, Welner wrote in a policy paper that if the court ultimately rules that charter schools are private entities, such schools will not only be able to practice religion, but potentially ignore other "basic laws governing public schools," like open meetings requirements and conflict-of-interest rules.

[Man Charged with Organizing 1996 Killing of Rap Icon Tupac Shakur is Set to Go on Trial](#)

The Associated Press – August 5, 2026

Shakur sold over 75 million records worldwide with hits like "California Love," "Changes" and "Dear Mama." His songs spanned from party anthems to deep social commentary. The issues he discussed still resonate with people 30 years later, history professor Jeffrey O.G. Ogbar said. "I can't think of anyone else in the history of hip-hop who's had a greater impact in such a short period of time," said Ogbar, who is the founding director of the Center for the Study of Popular Music at the University of Connecticut.

[Hot Practices, High Stakes](#)

USA Today – August 6, 2026

A person exercising outdoors is at a greater risk of exertional heat stroke, the leading cause of injury and death among high school and college athletes, according to the University of Connecticut's Korey Stringer Institute. Exertional heat stroke is caused by strenuous activity in hot environments.

[Normalization of Weight-Loss Drugs Raise Concerns About Impacts on Children](#)

KCBS Radio (Los Angeles) – August 10, 2026

Interview with Distinguished Professor of Pharmacy Practice C. Michael White.

[DIY Peptide Injections Are Risky, Especially When Self-Administered](#)

Katie Couric Media – August 11, 2026

Expert analysis piece by C. Michael White, Distinguished Professor of Pharmacy Practice.

[Social Media Linked to Riskier Product Use in Teens](#)

Contemporary Pediatrics – August 14, 2026

"Dr. Barrett allowed us to manage the high school population outreach and data collection," said Kaputa, now a junior at the University of Connecticut. Both she and Moss-Wang, now a sophomore at Wellesley College, spent three years on the project and became coauthors on the resulting paper.

[Young Men Are Abandoning the Workforce](#)

Wall Street Journal – August 14, 2026

Remy Levin and Daniela Vidart, economists at University of Connecticut, found that young men who grow up seeing weak wages and high unemployment among the men around them form lower expectations about their own prospects later in life, making them less likely to participate in the labor force. That's particularly salient for Gen Zers and young millennials who witnessed the effects of the 2008-09 recession while growing up.

[My Husband Was Kicked Out of Hospice for Dying Too Slowly](#)

KFF Health News – August 17, 2026

Terry Berthelot, who teaches courses on elder law and hospice care at the University of Connecticut, said many patients benefit from hospice's careful pain management and from leaving hospitals, where they risk infection and overtreatment.

[Wait, Why the Heck Are People Putting Pennies in Their Houseplant Soil?](#)

The Spruce – August 17, 2026

"Overall, given the number of interacting variables and the lack of reliable, peer-reviewed studies supporting the penny hack, I don't recommend it," says Heather Zidack, a horticultural outreach educator in the Department of Plant Science & Landscape Architecture in the UConn Home & Garden Education Center at the University of Connecticut.

[Trump 2.0 Has Deleted or Altered Nearly 400 US Datasets, Endangering Public Health, Education and More](#)

The Guardian – August 18, 2026

"These data are critical for identifying emerging epidemics and what parts of the population are most vulnerable to different types of health conditions," said Thomas Babor, a professor emeritus at the University of Connecticut who specializes in public health and addiction.

[How Two Brains Can Quickly Be 'On the Same Wavelength'](#)

Medscape – August 19, 2026

What the researchers actually measured is “a statistical relationship between two brains’ oscillations, using conservative metrics designed to filter out noise and mere shared exposure to the same stimulus,” said Dimitris Xygalatas, PhD, associate professor of anthropology and director of the Cognitive Science Program at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, who was not involved in the study.

[Americans Are \(Still\) Drinking Less Than Ever Before](#)

Time Magazine – August 20, 2026

“Many people are changing their attitudes towards drinking and intoxication for health reasons, which means that the number of people who say they drink may be declining because lighter drinkers who are more health conscious and more capable of changing their drinking are maybe choosing to cut back or not drink at all,” says Thomas Babor, a professor emeritus at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine who studies alcohol and alcohol addiction.

[Mount St. Helens Erupted in 1980. Then a Team of Gophers Were Helicoptered in to Bring it Back to Life](#)

BBC Wildlife Magazine – August 21, 2026

This extraordinary resilience highlights the intricate, interdependent relationships that sustain ecosystems. According to Mia Maltz, the lead author of the study and a mycologist from the University of Connecticut, it underscores the essential role of soil microbes in restoring disturbed landscapes. “We cannot ignore the interdependence of all things in nature, especially the things we cannot see like microbes and fungi,” said Maltz.

[Why You Suddenly Feel Colder Than It Is](#)

The Independent (UK) – August 24, 2026

Our bodies get accustomed to feeling a certain way and adapt and respond accordingly (your mum’s admonition to take your coat off “or you won’t feel the benefit” when you were a kid was actually bang on the money). For example, physiological adaptations that occur during repeated exposure to a hot environment include reduced body temperature, reduced heart rate and increased sweating efficiency, according to a heat acclimation study conducted by the University of Connecticut.

[How 99 MPH Winds Left Gary in the Dark for 2 Weeks](#)

Indianapolis Recorder – August 24, 2026

Emmanouil Anagnostou, a Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of environmental engineering at the University of Connecticut who has worked with utilities across the country on storm preparedness, laid out how that preparation generally works. “Typically utilities, the majority of their distribution lines are overhead,” Anagnostou said. “And overhead power lines, the age and also the vegetation around them, affects or interacts with the severe weather.”

[FDA OKs Gene Therapy for Glycogen Storage Disease](#)

Medscape – August 25, 2026

“Day-to-day management of GSDIa requires a relentless regimen of raw cornstarch and strict dietary management that can be extraordinarily demanding for patients and families,” explained David Weinstein, MD, MMSc, of the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, Connecticut, and a leading GSDIa expert.

[NVIDIA Expects Revenue to Grow By 70% Over the Next Year](#)

Marketplace – August 27, 2026

But typically, forecasts are in the ballpark, according to Todd Kravet, accounting professor at the University of Connecticut. “Revenue is a pretty straightforward number,” Kravet said. “It’s easy to interpret, and it’s easier to forecast, and so that’s why I would expect it to be pretty reliable.”

[Modern Medicine’s Race to Solve Male Infertility](#)

GQ – August 31, 2026

In animal laboratory studies, scientists briefly starved sperm of the energy sources they rely on, then added them back, improving fertilization rates—like intermittent fasting for gametes. Something similar may happen in the female reproductive tract and replicating it could improve IVF fertilization, according to Maria Gracia Gervasi, a reproductive biologist at the University of Connecticut.