AGENDA

University of Connecticut
Board of Trustees

Institutional Advancement Committee
Wednesday, October 21, 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, October 21, meeting must sign up no later than 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 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 September 21, 2026, Meeting — Dr. Dennis-LaVigne
   Attachment 1

3. Naming Resolutions
   Attachment 2

   Naming Recommendation for Adomat Nursing Simulation Center

   Naming Recommendation for the Ashley M. Sullivan, BSN, RN, CCRN Faculty Office

   Naming Recommendation for the Crista Nolan BS RN Faculty Office

   Naming Recommendation for The Cottage Classroom

   Named Gift Opportunities for the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing Building grounds

   Naming Recommendation of The Hartford Insurance Group Heat Safety Lab at the Korey Stringer Institute

   Establishment of The Hartford Insurance Group Professor in Laborer Safety

   Naming Recommendation for The Margaret and Robert Brady Executive Director, Center for Energy and Environmental Law

   Naming Recommendation for Athletic Facility (under separate cover)

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
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Institutional Advancement Committee
September 16, 2026
Virtual Meeting

Committee Trustees:	Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Shari Cantor, Diane Whitney
University Senate Representative:	Sandy Grande
University Staff:	Radenka Maric, Nathan Fuerst, Nicole Gelston, Jonathan Heinlein, Philip Hunt, Michael Kirk, Joann Lombardo
UConn Foundation Staff:	Becky Chabot, Rich Eldh, Jack Hayes, Rachel Marshall, Marinda Reynolds, Dan Sullivan
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 June 10, 2026, Meeting Attachment 1
   On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2026, Meeting.

3. Naming Resolutions Attachment 2
   On a motion by Trustee Whitney, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Naming recommendation for the Aldo DeDominicis Foundation Conference Room, the Naming recommendation for the Antonacci Family Foundation Waiting Room, and the Naming recommendation for the Glen and Debra Greenberg Family Lab to the Board of Trustees.

   On a motion by Trustee Whitney, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Naming recommendation for the Kim Institute for AI Innovation in Healthcare at UConn Health to the Board of Trustees.

   On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Naming recommendation for the Lisa-Marie Griffiths Faculty Office, the Naming recommendation for the Paul L. Jones Flexible Simulation Room, the Naming recommendation for the Paul L. Jones Virtual Reality Simulation Room, the Naming recommendation for the Robert A. Matheson ’41 Faculty Office, the Naming modification for the McLeod Health Assessment Lab, the Naming recommendation for the Nancy G.M. Miner APRN Debrief Room, the Naming recommendation for the E. Carol Polifroni, RN, EdD, ANEF Dean's Conference Room, and the Naming recommendation for the Rachel F. Schiffman ’81 MS, ’88 Ph.D. Faculty Office to the Board of Trustees.

   On a motion by Trustee Whitney, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Naming recommendation for the Margaret F. Brady, Executive Director, Center for Energy and Environmental Law to the Board of Trustees.

On a motion by Trustee Whitney, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Naming recommendation for the Choi Family Field Hockey Assistant Coach Office and the Naming recommendation for the Rubin Mental Health Service Office to the Board of Trustees.

4. UConn Foundation Update
   Mr. Eldh shared the UConn Foundation update with the Committee.

5. UConn Alumni Report
   Ms. Reynolds shared an Alumni update with the Committee.

6. Governmental Relations Update
   Ms. Lombardo shared updates from the current legislative session with the Committee.

7. University Communications Update Attachment 3
   Mr. Kirk shared an update on work happening in University Communications.

8. University Senate Representative Report
   Ms. Granda did not have an update for the Committee.

9. Other Business
   There was no Other Business.

10. Executive Session
    There was no Executive Session.

11. Adjournment
    On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Cote
Secretary to the Committee

ATTACHMENT 2

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Dr. Radenka Maric
President, University of Connecticut

October 28, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Adomat Nursing Simulation Center

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the Nursing Simulation Center, located in the Neil O'Leary Building on the University's Waterbury campus as the "Adomat Nursing Simulation Center."

BACKGROUND:

The Center is located on second floor of the Neil O'Leary Building on the University's Waterbury campus. The Center is expected to offer access to simulation technology for nursing students starting their educational journey at the Waterbury campus as part of the newly launched Waterbury Nursing Pathway.

Elisabeth C. DeLuca is an alumna of the School of Nursing, where she earned her B.S. in 1969. Her transformative gift positions the School of Nursing to be a leader in combating the state and national nursing shortage and will be transformational for the profession. Ms. DeLuca's gift will provide scholarships and programmatic support for a dynamic nursing education that includes patient-centered practice, interdisciplinary research, and technology-based innovations. It will also support the construction of a new state-of-the-art facility for the School of Nursing in Storrs. The Adomat Nursing Simulation Center will be named in honor of Ms. DeLuca's mother, Elsa Adomat.

Ms. DeLuca's pledge is consistent with the amounts recommended for naming this space under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines.*

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President, University of Connecticut

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TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric Radenka Maric

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Ashley M. Sullivan, BSN, RN, CCRN Faculty Office

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of a faculty office located on the fifth floor within DeLuca Hall of the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing on the University's Storrs campus as the "Ashley M. Sullivan, BSN, RN, CCRN Faculty Office."

BACKGROUND:

The Ashley M. Sullivan, BSN, RN, CCRN Faculty Office is expected to be a 90 sq. ft. space located on the fifth floor within DeLuca Hall of the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing in Storrs, Connecticut. It is expected to be equipped to provide a dedicated space for faculty to work and meet with students.

Ashley M. Sullivan is a Connecticut resident and proud Registered Nurse. A second-generation nurse, and a graduate of Tarleton State University College of Nursing in Stephenville, TX, she spent the first decade of her career as a burn intensive care unit nurse at Parkland Health in Dallas, TX, one of the nation's largest and busiest civilian burn units, before continuing her nursing career as a pediatric and neonatal ICU nurse. An anonymous donor would like to name a faculty office in honor of her many years of dedicated service to patients and families. Although Ashley is not a UConn nursing alumna, she and her family hold deep appreciation and respect for the nursing profession and UConn's Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing.

The anonymous donor has pledged a commitment totaling an amount consistent with the amount recommended for naming this office under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

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TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric Radenka Maric

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Crista Nolan BS RN Faculty Office

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of a faculty office located on the fifth floor within DeLuca Hall of the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing on the University's Storrs campus as the "Crista Nolan BS RN Faculty Office."

BACKGROUND:

The Crista Nolan BS RN Faculty Office is expected to be a 90 sq. ft space on the fifth floor within DeLuca Hall of the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing on UConn's Storrs campus. It will be equipped to provide a dedicated space for faculty to work and meet with students.

Crista Nolan is a proud Husky graduating in 1991 and a lifelong Connecticut resident who has been a Registered Nurse for almost 30 years. Although she did not earn her nursing degree at UConn, she has a deep appreciation and respect for UConn's Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing, its faculty, and its positive impact on the state of Connecticut and its residents.

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

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TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric

RE: Naming Recommendation for The Cottage Classroom

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of classroom 204 located on the second floor of DeLuca Hall within the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing on the Storrs campus as "The Cottage Classroom."

BACKGROUND:

The Classroom will be approximately 1,150 square feet and will be located on the second floor of DeLuca Hall within the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing on Storrs campus. Elisabeth C. DeLuca is an alumna of the School of Nursing, where she earned her B.S. in 1969. Her transformative gift positions the School of Nursing to be a leader in combating the state and national nursing shortage and will be transformational for the profession. Ms. DeLuca's gift will provide scholarships and programmatic support for a dynamic nursing education that includes patient-centered practice, interdisciplinary research, and technology-based innovations. It will also support the construction of a new state-of-the-art facility for the School of Nursing in Storrs.

This room is dedicated to the class of 1969 classmates of Elisabeth DeLuca, who carried the lessons learned in The Cottage into their calling, transforming knowledge into compassion and delivering exceptional care that touched countless lives.

Ms. DeLuca's pledge is consistent with the amounts recommended for naming this space under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines.*

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TO: Members of the Institutional Advancement Committee

FROM: Rich Eldh, President and Chief Executive Officer

RE: Named Gift Opportunities for the Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing Building grounds

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Institutional Advancement Committee endorses the proposed gift opportunities to be offered in the University of Connecticut Elisabeth DeLuca School of Nursing building grounds on Storrs campus. Individual opportunities will be submitted for approval in accordance with the University's naming procedures.

Named Space	Named $ Amt	sq. ft.	Spaces
Garden	$100,000	1375	1
Boulder seating 1	$2,500	n/a	1
Boulder seating 2	$5,000	n/a	1
Boulder seating 3	$5,000	n/a	1
Boulder seating 4	$2,500	n/a	1

BACKGROUND:

Located at the southern edge of campus, DeLuca Hall occupies a 16,000-square-foot site that will be surrounded by a plain concrete walkway, lawn, attractive trees, and plantings.

Surrounding the two entrances of DeLuca Hall will be non-decorative, concrete pavers that will be flanked by approximately 1,375 square feet of "educational plantings" that spread the full length of the Althia Drive side of the building, and half the length of the Bolton Road side. This garden section of DeLuca Hall's outdoor space will include perennial flowers and plants well known for their medicinal usages. In addition, plans for DeLuca Hall's exterior also include 58 boulders for seating; grouped into four seating sections.

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Dr. Radenka Maric
President, University of Connecticut

October 28, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric

RE: Naming Recommendation for The Hartford Insurance Group Heat Safety Lab at the Korey Stringer Institute

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes a five-year termed naming of the newly renovated heat lab operated by the Korey Stringer Institute of the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources, as "The Hartford Insurance Group Heat Safety Lab at the Korey Stringer Institute." The five-year term will commence upon the re-opening of the newly renovated lab, anticipated in January 2027.

BACKGROUND:

The Hartford Insurance Group has generously committed to name a professorship and heat safety laboratory within the College of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources. The Hartford Insurance Group Heat Safety Lab at the Korey Stringer Institute will support continued growth of the nation's premier facility dedicated to real-world testing, training, and translational research. The new heat safety laboratory is expected to open January 2027 following renovations and is a specialized space used to study heat stress and heat illness prevention.

The Hartford Insurance Group Inc. is a growing corporate partner, supporting strategic priorities in student access, research and innovation, worker safety, and sustainability.

Their commitments advance both community impact and industry aligned research while strengthening UConn's workforce development pipeline. The Hartford's ongoing and proposed support demonstrates an emerging, multi-dimensional partnership with UConn. This pledge is consistent with the amount recommended for naming this area for a five-year term under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

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Office of the Provost
Pamir Alpay, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

October 28, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Pamir Alpay, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Establishment of The Hartford Insurance Group Professor in Laborer Safety

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of "The Hartford Insurance Group Professor in Laborer Safety" within the Department of Kinesiology in the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources.

RESOLUTION:

"Be it resolved that the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees approves the recommendation to establish "The Hartford Insurance Group Professor in Laborer Safety" within the Department of Kinesiology in the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources."

BACKGROUND:

The Hartford Insurance Group has generously committed to establishing a professorship and heat lab within the College of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources. "The Hartford Insurance Group Professor in Laborer Safety" is expected to support a distinguished faculty leader advancing research, industry engagement, and applied solutions to protect workers from heat-related illness, while strengthening partnerships with corporations, policymakers, and practitioners nationwide.

The Hartford Insurance Group is a growing corporate partner, supporting strategic priorities in student access, research and innovation, worker safety, and sustainability. Their commitments advance both community impact and industry aligned research while strengthening UConn's workforce development pipeline. The Hartford's ongoing and proposed philanthropy demonstrates an emerging, multi-dimensional partnership with UConn. This pledge is consistent with the amount recommended for naming this position under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

The Academic Affairs Committee recommended establishment to the full Board at their meeting on September 22, 2026.

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President, University of Connecticut

October 28, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric

RE: Naming Recommendation for The Margaret and Robert Brady Executive Director, Center for Energy and Environmental Law

RECOMMENDATION:

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

BACKGROUND:

Established at UConn School of Law in 2010, the Center for Energy and 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 and Robert Brady both earned their law degrees from UConn Law in 1978. They had met prior to enrolling. Before Margaret's 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, Robert 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, Robert 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.

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*.

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October 21, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric

RE: Naming Recommendation for the M&T Bank Center at Harry A. Gampel Pavilion

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorize naming the renovated and enhanced athletics complex that is home to the Harry A. Gampel Pavilion and certain administrative, educational, and operational offices as the "M&T Bank Center at Harry A. Gampel Pavilion" for a term of twenty years, subject to execution of a gift agreement acceptable to the University and UConn Foundation and consistent with the University and UConn Foundation *Named Gift Guidelines*.

BACKGROUND:

The Harry A. Gampel Pavilion is UConn's iconic on-campus arena in Storrs and the home court of the UConn men's and women's basketball programs. Opened in January 1990, the Pavilion is a prominent venue for intercollegiate athletics and other University events.

M&T Bank has proposed a gift to the UConn Foundation in support of the University and planned improvements to the Pavilion and the overall athletics complex, which will include newly or renovated spaces such as locker rooms for UConn men's and women's basketball student-athletes and coaches, visiting teams and gameday officials; coaches' conference and recruiting rooms; an athletic training and sports medicine area; a media interview and work area; donor hospitality spaces; and administrative offices. The proposed gift is expected to support the preservation and enhancement of the complex, which also houses offices and labs utilized by the Department of Kinesiology, and benefit the University, UConn Athletics, and the broader University community. Additionally, the funding will strengthen athletics programming and operational resources dedicated to sustaining UConn's championship tradition.

M&T Bank is also a University partner under a separate campus-wide agreement through which it serves as the University's official bank and provides sponsorship support. The proposed naming would recognize M&T Bank's philanthropic commitment to the University and its support for the long-term preservation, enhancement, and prosperity of the arena and athletics complex, as well as the continued success of UConn Athletics and the University.

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The proposed naming would be authorized in anticipation of, and subject to, execution of a definitive gift agreement acceptable to the University and UConn Foundation. The naming would be limited to an initial twenty-year term, with the commencement date and other terms and conditions governed by the executed gift agreement. The naming authorization will expire upon the earlier of expiration of the twenty-year term or termination of the gift agreement, unless otherwise approved for extension by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the then-existing University policies and procedures.

The proposed gift is an amount consistent with the amount recommended for naming this facility for this term under the University and UConn Foundation *Named Gift Guidelines.*

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ATTACHMENT 3

Michael Kirk
Vice President for Communications

MEMORANDUM

To: Institutional Advancement Committee
From: Michael Kirk, Vice President for Communications
Date: October 21, 2026
Subject: UConn in the media

Trump-Kim Talks Could Resume, as South Korean Intelligence Sees Signs of Renewed Dialogue
BizPac Review – September 2, 2026
"Several indicators make clear that negotiations about a potential meeting are underway," Alexis Dudden, a professor of history specializing in Korea and Japan at the University of Connecticut, said. "The director of the Pentagon's Defense POW/ MIA Accounting Agency told reporters the White House reached out about next steps in the event of a summit to help recover the remains of the estimated 5300 US servicemen believed still to be in North Korea since the armistice was reached in 1953. This is exactly what happened in the lead up to the 2018 Trump-Kim meeting in Singapore."

HEPA Air Filters Linked to 12% Faster Thinking in Older Adults
Intelligent Living – September 2, 2026
A new randomized crossover trial from researchers at the University of Connecticut and Tufts University reports that running a HEPA air purifier in the home for just one month measurably improved executive function in adults over 40. The benefit appeared only in middle-aged and older participants, not in younger adults, and lined up with what other recent studies have begun to show about traffic-related air pollution and the aging brain.
Also covered in the Seoul Economic Daily and the Eastern Herald.

The Good Kind of Rot: Boston Wants Your Old Lasagna
The Christian Science Monitor – September 3, 2026
Composting's success, in the end, depends on how conveniently a resident can adopt a new habit, experts say. And as cities like Boston work to reduce waste, convenience will be key to behavior change. "The way you form the habits [is] you make it easy for people," explains Jackson Somers, assistant professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Connecticut. "You have to make it so convenient that it's seamless."

Gardening Season Isn't Over Yet
The Spruce – September 7, 2026
"They're a go-to if you're looking for a quick show of color that will continue to flower through fall's warm days and cool nights," says Heather Zidack of the University of Connecticut.

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Vice President for Communications

[Connecticut Dental School Celebrates $17.7M in Research Funding]
Becker's Dental Review – September 9, 2026
The University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine received $17.75 million in new extramural research grant funding in fiscal year 2026 — the highest in its history. The dental school's FY26 funding was also more than twice than what it received in each of the previous three years, according to a Sept. 8 news release.

[Can An Entire Arctic Ecosystem Evolve to Adapt to the Climate Crisis?]
The Guardian (UK) – September 9, 2026
"Across hundreds of experiments, we have seen this happening," says Mark Urban, an evolutionary biologist at the University of Connecticut working on the project. "There is this incredible buffer ability of adaptive evolution."

[Exquisite 66-Million-Year-Old Bird Feather Preserved in Dinosaur Dropping]
New Scientist – September 10, 2026
"This discovery is really exciting," says Frank Muzio at the University of Connecticut. "It opens up so many questions about how feathers evolved, what they were originally used for, and how they came to perform so many different functions in modern birds."
The links among the different animals involved are also fascinating, says Muzio. "Discoveries like this really make the imagination run wild," he says. "From a single coprolite, we are learning about at least three individual species – morphologically, ecologically and evolutionarily. What more can you ask for?"

[Connecticut Releases Occupational Illness Report and Workplace Prevention Guide]
Occupational Health & Safety – September 10, 2026
The Connecticut Workers' Compensation Commission released the report, which was prepared by the UConn School of Medicine. It draws on 2024 data from three reporting systems that measure occupational illness differently.

[Rapid Expansion of Data Centers Raises Public Health Concerns]
Environmental Protection – September 14, 2026
The rapid rise of artificial intelligence and digital services is accelerating data center construction across the nation, bringing significant environmental and public health concerns to light, according to research published by UConn Today. Shinsuke Tanaka, an assistant professor of agricultural and resource economics at the University of Connecticut, highlighted the growing consequences of facilities that consume massive amounts of energy and water while contributing to local and regional air pollution.

[Inside the Generational Clash Over AI in Math]
Business Insider – September 14, 2026
Math professors, for their part, told Business Insider that despite the alluring headlines, AI's work in math is often quick and dirty and requires hours of human-led research to make sense of the solutions. "If the machine understands something new, then there is no progress," said Ivaro Lozano-Robledo, a professor at the University of Connecticut. "The actual progress is when human knowledge advances."

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[These Places Already Tried a 32-Hour Workweek. Here's What Happened.]
Newsweek – September 15, 2026
Robert Bird, a professor of business law at the University of Connecticut, said the prospect of a working week with reduced hours is tenable in the U.S., given that working hours have already been reduced during the country's history. "There is nothing inevitable or special about the five-day, 40-hour workweek. A few centuries ago, a common workweek was six days and 96 hours a week," he told *Newsweek*. "Labor union protests were instrumental in lowering the standard workweek over decades. By 1920, union members worked a 48-hour week, and by the mid-20th century, the five-day, 40-hour workweek was widespread."

[These 6 Greens Will Taste Better If You Wait Until October to Plant Them]
The Spruce – September 16, 2026
These greens tolerate light frost, and cold temperatures help create a more balanced, less pungent flavor. University of Connecticut vegetable associate extension educator Shuresh Ghimire says they are an ideal choice for people who find summer-grown mustard too sharp. "They don't have to fully mature before the first light frost," he says. "However, they should produce most of their harvestable leaves before short days and low temperatures bring growth nearly to a stop."

[Historian: Japan's Yasukuni Has Been a Shrine to War Criminals Since 1978]
CGTN (China) – September 18, 2026
Alexis Dudden, professor of history at the University of Connecticut, tells CGTN that Tokyo's Yasukuni Shrine has been a shrine to Japanese war criminals since 1978, when 14 Class-A war criminals were enshrined there. She argues that neighboring countries understandably wonder why Japan is arming itself to the teeth when it still has not fully come to terms with its brutal wartime past.

[In 2019, a CT Home Renovation Uncovered Human Remains; Seven Years Later, Researchers Have a New Understanding of a Revolutionary War Battle]
The Times of India – September 21, 2026
Researchers from the University of Connecticut have also used ground-penetrating radar near the site of the original 2019 discovery, identifying seven additional areas that experts say could contain wartime burial sites.

[New Bovine IVF Treatment Could Dramatically Improve Success Rates]
The Cattle Site – September 21, 2026
Maria Gracia Gervasi, assistant professor of animal science in the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources at the University of Connecticut, is an expert on sperm capacitation and the application of assisted reproductive technologies such as IVF in rodent and bovine species. She is part of a team that recently developed a new method for sperm capacitation that makes bovine IVF more effective.

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[Mathematicians Use AI to Find Mysterious Symmetries, Solving Decades-Old Problem]
Scientific American – September 22, 2026
In the end, six participants who had never worked together soon found themselves part of a mathematical dream team. Pries and Poonen were joined by Xiaoyu Huang of Temple University, Blake Jackson of the Institute for Computer-Aided Reasoning in Mathematics, Kyu-Hwan Lee of the University of Connecticut and Shaowu Zhang, a Ph.D. student at Caltech.

[Has China's Panda Diplomacy Lost Its Charm? It's Not So Black-and-White]
Time Magazine – September 25, 2026
A peer-reviewed study at the University of Connecticut found that U.S. students who viewed panda videos that were not sourced from the government were likely to have a positive attitude toward Chinese culture and, in turn, Chinese people.

[One Simple Food Change May Help Lower Weight, Cholesterol, and Blood Pressure]
Newsweek – September 25, 2026
Chris Blesso, a professor of nutritional sciences at the University of Connecticut, told *Newsweek* that going forward, longer randomized trials are needed to "compare different grain types and examine if certain individuals respond better than others, since there may be differences in grain type fibers and phytochemical contents which may interact with an individual's gut microbiome composition."

[The Hows and Whys of Clipping]
Equus Magazine – September 25, 2026
Clipping horses is a subject well known to Alena Meacham**,** director of the Horse Riding Program in the University of Connecticut's Department of Animal Science. A former intern with Olympic silver medalist Ann Kursinski, she has also trained with many Grand Prix jumper and dressage trainers in the United States and Europe. "Horses in heavy work, competition, or those that sweat excessively and struggle to cool down and dry off are the most in need of winter clipping," Meacham says. "These signs indicate that their thick winter coats may be interfering with comfort and recovery after exercise."

[Help Prevent Workplace Bullying]
Safety and Health Magazine – September 28, 2026
"It could just be that someone in the 'in group' doesn't like someone else. It could be as simple as that," said Traci Cipriano, assistant professor of psychology at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. "It could be that someone has a difference of opinion or is perceived as a competitive threat. Often, targets are people who are perceived as less assertive because the bully thinks the person will not stand up to him or herself. Or they could just be a person who is viewed as different in some way."

[OpenAI Keeps Bulldozing Mathematicians]
The Verge – September 28, 2026
"This is not how any academic behaves," said Álvaro Lozano-Robledo, a professor of mathematics at the University of Connecticut. "I don't go around saying, like, 'Oh, I've proved all these things, but I don't know what to do with them.'"

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[Cast Iron Pans Have Surprising Health Benefits Few People Know About]
HuffPost – September 29, 2026
There's a high chance you or someone you know has an iron deficiency or iron deficiency anemia, which is a more severe type of the condition. According to Jillian Wanik, a doctor of clinical nutrition and associate professor in residence in the department of Allied Health Sciences at the University of Connecticut, the red blood cell component — which is responsible for moving oxygen through your body — "is the number one deficiency in the world."

[The Crisis We Fail to Name]
Vital City – September 30, 2026
Special issue co-edited by Professor of Public Policy Jennifer Necci Dineen.

[On Call for Everyone I Love: The Doctor is Always In]
Medscape – September 30, 2026
Rebecca Andrews, MD, was on a flight where a passenger had a bad reaction to codeine-containing cold medicine and heard the dreaded phrase, "Is there a doctor on the plane?" Andrews, a nurse practitioner, and a firefighter all jumped in to assist. "It was actually a great combination as the firefighter knew how to put the crowd at ease while we took care of the woman," said Andrews, a professor of internal medicine and physician at UConn Health in Farmington, Connecticut. "But as we were sitting on the aisle floor with her, people are asking us, 'well, what *is* the best thing then for a cold?' It was kind of crazy."

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