AGENDA

1. Public Participation*
   *Individuals who wish to speak during the Public Portion of the Tuesday, September 12, meeting must do so 24 hours in advance of the meeting’s start time (1:15 p.m. on Monday, September 11) 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. Institutional Advancement 2024 Meeting Dates
   Attachment 1

3. Minutes from the June 12, 2023, Meeting
   Attachment 2

4. Naming Resolution
   Attachment 3
   Nicole D. Gabelman CLAS ’12 Bench at the W.B. Young Building

5. UConn Foundation Named Gift Guidelines
   Attachment 4

6. Legislative Update
   Ms. Lombardo

7. UConn Foundation / Alumni Update
   Ms. Cotton Kelley / Mr. Greenblatt

8. University Communications Update
   Attachment 5

9. Other Business

10. Executive Session (as needed)

11. Adjournment
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ATTACHMENT 2
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. Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2023
   On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2023, meeting.

3. Naming Resolution
   On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Bunnell, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the renaming of Oak Hall on the Storrs Campus as “Susan V. Herbst Hall” to the Board of Trustees.

4. Naming Resolutions
   On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Bunnell, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Modification of the Carole and Ray Neag Innovation Professorship to the Board of Trustees.

   On a motion by Trustee Bunnell, seconded by Trustee Gouin, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the Named Gift Opportunities for the Plant & Soil Health Center.

5. Proposed Statement of Work for the UConn Foundation for Fiscal Year 2024
   On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Fiscal Year 2024 Statement of Work for the UConn Foundation to the Board of Trustees.
6. Legislative Update
   Governmental Relations Director Garber provided a legislative update.

7. UConn Foundation / Alumni / Communications Update
   Interim President and Chief Executive Officer Greenblatt and Senior Vice President for Stakeholder Engagement and Chief Operating Officer Cotton Kelly provided updates for the UConn Foundation and Alumni Relations. Associate Vice President Reynolds also provided an update regarding Alumni engagement.

8. University Communications Update
   Vice President for Communications Kendig reported on UConn+ and University Communications latest accomplishments.

9. Other Business
   No Other Business was presented to the Committee.

10. Executive Session (as needed)
    No Executive Session was held.

11. Adjournment
    The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Cote
Secretary to the Committee
September 27, 2023

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric
RE: Naming Recommendation for the Nicole D. Gabelman CLAS ’12 Bench

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorize the naming of the bench located outside of the W. B. Young Building the “Nicole D. Gabelman CLAS’12 Bench.”

BACKGROUND:

Nicole D. Gabelman served the Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture in the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources for over fourteen years before losing her life in a tragic accident. The College has proposed to dedicate this bench in Nicole’s honor, recognizing her commitment and dedication to the University and the College both as a student and staff member. Nicole received her B.S. in Biological Science from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 2012.
The University of Connecticut, inclusive of the University of Connecticut Health Center, (“University”) and the UConn Foundation, Inc. (“Foundation”) have jointly developed the following revised Named Gift Guidelines concerning University naming opportunities and Foundation funds which replace and supersede the prior guidelines approved by the Trustees on December 10, 2014. The University and Foundation will review these guidelines from time to time and may submit recommended changes to the University’s Board of Trustees, through its Institutional Advancement Committee (“IA Committee”), for review and approval.

I. Procedures for Approving Naming Opportunities

1. The following procedures are established for approving naming opportunities in recognition of charitable contributions:

   a. **Deanships, Distinguished Chairs, Chairs, and Professorships.** All new deanships, distinguished chairs, chairs and professorships must be established and filled in accordance with University policies. Such positions may be named in recognition of donors with the approval of the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation and following approval by the IA Committee, when sufficient funds have been provided through an outright gift or a written pledge to support a significant share of the position-holder’s salary, and/or research, teaching or related academic expenses. See Recommended Gift Minimums provided below.

      Upon recommendation of the Foundation President and either the University Provost or the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs for the UConn Health Center, the University President will present to the IA Committee a proposal (“Naming Memo”) for naming a deanship, distinguished chair, chair or professorship. Naming Memos for positions will address: the purpose of the named position in light of the University’s academic mission,

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1 Any documented proposal related to a naming opportunity discussed with a donor prior to the effective date will be honored at the prior naming minimum funding level if requested for a period not to exceed one year from the date of approval of these guidelines by the Board of Trustees.
source of funding of the contribution, and such other matters as may be relevant to the creation of the named position.

b. **Schools, Institutes, and Centers.** All new schools, institutes and centers must be established and approved in accordance with University policies. Schools, Institutes and Centers may be named by approval of the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation and following approval by the IA Committee, when significant funds have been provided through an outright gift or a written pledge to support the operation of the School, Institute or Center. See Recommended Gift Minimums provided below. Upon recommendation by the Foundation President and either the University Provost, the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs at the UConn Health Center, or the University Athletic Director, the University President will present to the IA Committee a proposal (“Naming Memo”) for establishment of a named school, institute, or center.

c. **Facility**². A Facility may be named for the useful life of the Facility when funds have been provided through an outright gift or written pledge in an amount that is significant in consideration of the cost, size, utility and visibility of the Facility. Contributions may, but are not required to, support the construction or maintenance of the Facility. Generally, the naming of a Facility will not be permitted if funds are committed through a bequest or deferred gift instrument; however, exceptional circumstances may support such naming recognition where the donor has demonstrated a long history of supporting the University at significant levels and/or where the bequest or deferred gift is expected to be augmented by additional current outright giving from the donor. See Recommended Gift Minimums below. Any Facility naming must be approved by the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation and following approval by the IA Committee. Upon recommendation of the Foundation President and either the University Provost, the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs at the UConn Health Center, or the University Athletic Director, the University President will present to the IA Committee a proposal (“Naming Memo”) for establishment of such a named Facility.

The naming of all Facilities must be consistent with Article XV, section F of the University of Connecticut bylaws, which provides:

> “Naming of Facilities - The act of naming or renaming a University facility for a person, family or organization confers one of the University’s highest and most conspicuous honors. The President is authorized to establish guidelines and procedures in accordance with this policy for naming University facilities. The naming of any facility must be approved by the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees upon recommendation of the University President.”

When a Facility ceases to exist, the University will make reasonable efforts to continue to recognize the donor in an appropriate way; however, the University will not be obligated to

² “Facility” for purposes of these guidelines mean any section of campus, proposed or existing building or section thereof, outdoor space, (such as a garden, courtyard or plaza) and other tangible and relatively permanent feature located on University property.
transfer recognition to another Facility. See the University’s Policy Regarding Demolition of Named Structures and Use Changes of Named Campus Areas for additional information.

On occasion it may be appropriate for the Foundation to obtain pre-approval of multiple naming opportunities for a Facility construction or renovation project such as a: new building, new building wing, renovated building, renovation of a section of a building, or similar such project. The Foundation, after consultation with the school, college or unit engaged in the Facility project, may present to the IA Committee for approval a list of naming opportunities and associated gift values using a formula that takes into account the cost of a new project or the value of an existing Facility, plus the size, utility and visibility of the space to be named. The Foundation may rely on such pre-approved naming opportunities in soliciting gifts provided, however, it is understood that specific names for each space must still be presented for approval by the appropriate authority on an individual basis as described in these guidelines.

d. All other naming opportunities. All other naming opportunities may be named with the approval of the University Provost, the Executive Vice President for Health Affairs at the UConn Health Center, or the University Athletic Director upon recommendation of the head of the relevant college, school or unit. Examples include, but are not limited to, scholarship, program and research funds.

II. Removal of Naming Opportunities
The University may remove a name from any Deanship, Distinguished Chair, Chair, Professorship, School, Institute, Center, Facility, or other naming opportunity upon the failure of a financial commitment to be satisfied by a donor. The University, at its sole discretion, also reserves the right to withdraw a name on any Deanship, Distinguished Chair, Chair, Professorship, School, Institute, Center, Facility or other naming opportunity under extraordinary circumstances when, based on information unavailable at the time of the naming or that arises thereafter, the continued use of the name would compromise the public trust or reflect adversely upon the University.

III. Documenting Naming Opportunities
The following procedures are established for documenting University approval of the terms of named funds and accounts administered and held by the Foundation. All such funds and accounts must be established subject to the approval of any relevant naming opportunities, as specifically set forth above. The Foundation’s Stewardship Department should be notified upon completion of documenting all naming opportunities.

1. Named Non-endowed Funds
Named non-endowed funds must be documented through a memorandum of understanding or other appropriate document that provides the terms of the fund and is approved by (i) the donor; (ii) the Foundation President or his or her designee; (iii) the University Provost, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs, or the University Athletic Director; and (iv) the head of the relevant college, school or unit who will have signatory authority over the fund.
2. **Named Endowed Funds**

   Named endowed funds must be documented in an endowment agreement or other appropriate document that provides the terms of the fund and is approved by the (i) donor; (ii) the Foundation President or his or her designee; (iii) the University Provost, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs, or the University Athletic Director; and, (iv) the head of the relevant college, school or unit who will have signatory authority over the fund.

IV. **Recommended Gift Minimums**

   The following recommended gift minimums are provided for naming opportunities. A school, college, or unit may request an exception to these minimums based on the facts and circumstances of a particular gift. All such exceptions must be made in a manner that is consistent with the procedures for approval of naming opportunities set forth above.

   Recommended gift minimums for **endowed** naming opportunities are expected to be fully funded during a period not to exceed five (5) years. However, in certain instances, with the approval of the authorities identified in Section I above, a naming opportunity may be approved based on the expectation of the endowment commitment being fully funded in a reasonable timeframe that may extend beyond the typical five-year period. For example, consideration may be given to the immediate activation of an endowed scholarship, program, or faculty position if an expendable, multi-year, irrevocable commitment is made by the donor through the first year the endowment is fully funded, which is equivalent to the spending allocation amount expected each year from the fully funded endowment. Please review the Foundation’s *Policy on Expenditures from Endowed Funds* for additional information on endowment spending allocations and endowment fund administration.

   Recommended gift minimums for **non-endowed** naming opportunities are expected to provide an annual amount of support equal to the annual spending allocation amount an endowed fund provides for the same naming opportunity. Named non-endowed funds are expected to be maintained for a period of three to five years.

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<td>In order to name a school or college, a donor must provide a truly transformative gift in the form of an endowed fund to support that school or college.</td>
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<td>Deanship</td>
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Permitted “Priority Restrictions” include (i) merit and/or financial need, (ii) school, college, department, program and/or qualified academic major, or in the context of graduate students an equivalent program of study or area of curricular interest, and (iii) Connecticut state residency requirements.

“Other Restrictions” include all other legally permitted scholarship selection criteria (e.g., specific grade point average, specific CT town residency, specific non-CT state residency, employment, volunteer or extracurricular activities, non-varsity sports).

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<td>Athletic Directorship</td>
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³ Graduate Fellowship (Priority Restrictions), Undergraduate Scholarships (Priority Restrictions), and Academic Enhancement Funds may be endowed at a minimum level of $25,000 (or established as non-endowed at a minimum level of $2,000) for funds established by, in honor of, or in memory of University faculty or staff.
Common facility naming options are itemized above, with suggested minimum gift amounts noted. When approving gift minimums to name the listed Facilities (or others not listed) and/or granting exceptions, consideration should be given to, without limitation, the comparative funding requirements of peer institutions; the public visibility of the naming opportunity; the cost, size, prominence, location, usage and aesthetic quality of facilities; and other relevant factors. For additional guidance see Exhibit A.

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<td>Lecture Hall</td>
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In considering whether the naming of a Facility is appropriate recognition for a contribution the following formula is provided as guidance. Individual circumstances may vary.

Minimum Suggested Gift = Facility Size (sq. ft.) x Percentage of the Cost Per Square Foot x Utility Factor x Location Factor

Square Feet — The physical size of the space (e.g., square footage of the entire building, square footage of the room).

Percentage of the Cost Per Square Foot — The cost of construction of the physical space. (e.g., for a “new” building less than 10 years old cost is the actual construction cost multiplied by 50%, for an “older” building more than 10 years use replacement cost multiplied by 25%).

Utility Factor— Answers the question: how widely useful (or flexible) is a space? Spaces such as entire buildings, auditoriums, and lecture halls should have a utility factor of 1.0. Moderately useful/flexible spaces such as conference rooms and small classrooms should have a utility factor of .75. Less useful/flexible spaces such as faculty offices or staff conference rooms should have a utility factor of .5.

Location Factor—Answers the question: how prominent/visible is a space? Spaces such as high-traffic buildings, classrooms on a ground floor should have a location factor of 1.0. Spaces such as less prominent buildings, classrooms on upper floors should have a location factor of .75. Low-traffic rooms on upper floors should have a location factor of .5.

Two examples of the formula using the West Classroom Building on the Storrs Campus - $42M Project completed in 2011 (67,000 square foot building):

Lecture Hall #101 (located on ground floor)

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\text{Size} \times \text{Cost Per Square Foot} \times 50\% \times \text{Utility Factor} \times \text{Location Factor} = \text{Min. Suggested Gift}
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2,833\text{sq'} \times \$627/\text{sq'} \times .50 \times 1.0 \times 1.0 = \$888,145
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Classroom #201 (located on 2nd floor)

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\text{Size} \times \text{Cost Per Square Foot} \times 50\% \times \text{Utility Factor} \times \text{Location Factor} = \text{Min. Suggested Gift}
\]

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1,339\text{sq'} \times \$627/\text{sq'} \times .50 \times .75 \times .75 = \$236,124
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MEMORANDUM

To: Institutional Advancement Committee
From: Tysen Kendig, Vice President for Communications
Date: September 12, 2023
Subject: UConn in the media

Objections to Sexual, LGBTQ Content Propels Spike in Book Challenges
June 1, 2023 – The Washington Post
There is little research into the effects of LGBTQ literature on children, partly because books about LGBTQ people have only recently become widely available, said Amy Egbert, a University of Connecticut assistant professor who studies youth mental health. But “we do have a lot of data about other topics that doesn't lead us to think that reading a book would make a child suddenly become gay,” she said.

Bruno Pereira and Dom Phillips Were Killed in the Amazon. A Year Later, Their Indigenous Allies Risk Death to Carry on the Work
June 2, 2023 – The Guardian (UK)
“He’d just gotten married and his wife was expecting their first son, so he was really excited about the chance to join the expedition ... and the family he was looking forward to raising,” Scott Wallace said, recalling Pelado’s exhilaration at the prospect of catching sight of the uncontacted flecheiros. “It would be a story that he could tell to his children and grandchildren and he [thought he] would be greatly respected,” said Wallace, who today teaches journalism at the University of Connecticut.

Palestine 1948 and Its Lessons for Displacement Today
June 4, 2023 – Lawfare
Column by UConn Director of Human Rights Research Michael Rubin.

First Religious Charter School Approved in Oklahoma Despite State Ban
June 5, 2023 – Chalkbeat
“Politicians in Oklahoma and some of these other states want this. They see the Supreme Court moving in that direction,” said Preston Green, an education and law professor at the University of Connecticut who has long written about the possibility of religious charter schools. “It has major implications nationwide.”

Wildfires in Canada Are Impacting US Air Quality. Here's How to Protect Yourself
June 7, 2023 – USA Today
“There's little doubt that the extremely high levels of particulate pollution we have seen from these fires is killing many people in real time as we watch,” said Doug Brugge, professor and department chair of public health sciences at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine.

Social Media and Duct Tape Are Helping People Make DIY Air Purifiers that Help People Filter Out Wildfire Smoke
June 9, 2023 – The Associated Press
At the University of Connecticut Thursday, Misti Levy Zamora, an assistant professor in public health sciences, and her colleagues were handing out Corsi-Rosenthal purifiers for free to anyone stopping by. Zamora said she has done several tests at the university, public schools and her own home on the purifier. “I can confidently say this thing is working really well today,” she said. “I was able to filter out all the particles in the air basically back down to what I saw last week within a matter of minutes.”
Why One Eminent Thinker Believes Philosophy Belongs in the Pub – and Kitchen
June 9, 2023 – CBC (Canada)
Gordon is Afro-Jewish, Caribbean-born, and New York-raised. He teaches now at the University of Connecticut. Steeped in the deep history of Black thought, as well as that of the ancient Greeks, he thinks as much about contemporary political issues as he does about existentialism and phenomenology.

‘Feel Your Best Self’ Puppets Help Kids Understand, Express Feelings
June 20, 2023 – Scripps News Service
"Think about the lost social skills, opportunities to practice using big emotions and understanding and naming emotions," said Sandy Chafouleas, professor of educational psychology at UConn's Neag School of Education. "So, all those things were going to come in the door — in a door that's already stressed. Schools were already stressed." With that, they came up with an idea: partnering with UConn's Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry to create 'Feel Your Best Self' — a series of free, online YouTube videos hosted by a trio of puppets.

You Don't Have to Track Calories Every Day to Lose Weight, New Research Suggests
June 21, 2023 – Business Insider
Researchers from the University of Connecticut and weight loss company WeightWatchers analyzed data from 153 users of the WeightWatchers app to compare food tracking consistency with weight loss results.

When Did Humans Start Settling Down?
June 22, 2023 – Smithsonian Magazine
Several diggers under the direction of Natalie Munro, an archaeologist from the University of Connecticut, were busy in the adjacent cemetery, brushing off an adult cranium and treading carefully around the skeleton of a 3-year-old. One team member set up a geolocation tripod that precisely locates every artifact on a grid. A PhD student looked for gazelle bones. The pace picked up as the sun rose, the same atmosphere of industry you might have sensed if you had come when the villagers were here 12 millennia ago.

Supreme Court Won’t Weigh in On Whether Charter Schools Are Public or Private
June 26, 2023 – Chalkbeat
"The issue will percolate and the Supreme Court will eventually hear a case," predicted Preston Green, a professor of educational leadership and law at the University of Connecticut.

Charter School Lost Case Over Skirts Rule for Girls, But Debate Over Charter Autonomy Isn't Over
June 29, 2023 – The Associated Press
"The Supreme Court kicked the can down the road," said Preston Green, a professor of education and law at the University of Connecticut. “Stay tuned. More to come.”

Psychedelics Reduce Anxiety and Depression in Cancer Patients
June 29, 2023 – Inside Higher Education: Academic Minute
Audio segment with Professor of Pharmacy Practice C. Michael White.

Irish America Via a Convex Mirror
June 30, 2023 – The Irish Echo
University of Connecticut Professor Mary M. Burke has written a book that the field of Irish Studies in the United States will find hard to ignore or dismiss. “Race, Politics and Irish-America: A Gothic History,” she told us, “uses the words and lives of Black and white writers, politicians, and performers of Irish connection to examine centuries of Irish presence in the Americas.”

Biodegradable Ultrasound Implant Could Improve Brain Tumor Treatments
July 7, 2023 – Physics World
Researchers led by Thanh Nguyen from the University of Connecticut's department of mechanical engineering fabricated the devices from crystals of glycine, an amino acid found in the human body. Glycine is not only non-toxic and biodegradable, it is also highly piezoelectric, enabling the creation of a powerful ultrasound transducer that could help treat brain tumors.
Some Hummingbirds Are Flower Robbers. Here’s How to Spot Them
July 7, 2023 – Science
“Hummingbirds aren't nice guys,” says study author Robert Colwell, an evolutionary biologist at the University of Connecticut. “They're trying to get the most for the least.”

Genocide is Once Again Plaguing Darfur
July 10, 2023 – The Progressive Magazine
Opinion column by Professor of Human Rights Mike Brand.

School’s Out. Should You Worry About the ‘Summer Slide’?
July 10, 2023 – Scientific American
“For keeping up math skills, participating in a formal summer program that incorporates some math, whether via hands-on, STEM-related activities or more traditional formats such as tutoring, is certainly one promising approach,” says study researcher Kathleen Lynch, an educational psychologist at the University of Connecticut.

Biodegradable Brain Implant Delivers Life-Saving Cancer Meds
July 10, 2023 – WebMD
“You inject the drug into the body and turn on the ultrasound at the same time. You’re going to hit precisely at the tumor area every single time you use it,” said lead study author Thanh Nguyen, PhD, an associate professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Connecticut.

Teaching Social Justice in the Science Classroom
July 11, 2023 – The Science Teacher
Opinion column by Emily Lisy, Ph.D. candidate in the Neag School of Education.

What to Know About Prime and Other Caffeinated Energy Drinks
July 12, 2023 – The Washington Post
“These products are dangerous if you haven’t developed a tolerance for caffeine and a child decides to chug two three or them in a sitting,” said Jennifer Harris, a senior research adviser at the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity at the University of Connecticut.

What’s In Your Food? Find the Artificial Sweeteners in These Sugar-Free Grocery Items
July 14, 2023 – The Washington Post
“Looking at an ingredient list doesn’t give people the information they need to make good decisions, because most people, regardless of education, do not know the names of artificial sweeteners,” said Fran Fleming-Milici, director of marketing initiatives at the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Health at the University of Connecticut. In a recent Rudd survey of parents, more than 60 percent could not identify drinks that contained diet sweeteners, even when shown the information panel with nutrition and ingredient information.

Can This Traveling Holocaust Museum Fix Holocaust Education?
July 27, 2023 – The Jewish Daily Forward
“Holocaust education is in this really interesting period of transition. Because survivors have really driven what happens,” said Alan Marcus, a professor at the University of Connecticut who studies Holocaust education, during a phone call about the exhibit. “Hundreds of survivors have spoken to thousands and thousands of students across school and you have this personal connection. That leaves this huge gap.”

UCconn B-School’s WIF Course Aims to Close Gender Gap
July 27, 2023 – Traders Magazine
Women continue to be underrepresented in the finance industry, especially at the senior manager level, according to Yiming Qian, Professor and the Toscano Family Chair in Finance at University of Connecticut.

The Lost Art of Fouling the Ball Off (on Purpose)
His hand-eye coordination beggared belief, and it was matched with his barrel control. In three seasons at the University of Connecticut, he batted .336. In his junior year, he took 248 trips to the plate and struck out only three times.
**Water Intake Isn’t the Only Thing You Need to Worry About in This Heat**  
July 28, 2023 – Business Insider  
Too little electrolytes is rare but serious and sometimes life-threatening condition called hyponatremia, said Sean Langan, an associate research director at the University of Connecticut’s Korey Stringer Institute.

**Your Body Can Build Up Tolerance to Heat. Here’s How**  
July 29, 2023 – The Washington Post  
Before starting, bear in mind that your body's ability to adapt can be affected by a variety of factors including age, underlying medical conditions and whether you're taking certain medications. Improving your fitness and staying well hydrated can also help you better tolerate heat, said Rebecca Stearns, chief operating officer of the Korey Stringer Institute at the University of Connecticut.

**Many Global Corporations Will Soon Have to Police Their Supply Chains to Comply with EU Law**  
August 3, 2023 – The Conversation  
News analysis by Associate Professor of Business Law Rachel Chambers.

**Why a Small New England Town Celebrates Its Heritage by Honoring Frogs**  
August 3, 2023 – PBS Newshour  
Televised segment that featured interview with Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Susan Herrick.

**What Can Whales Teach Us About Clean Energy, Workplace Harmony, and Living the Good Life?**  
August 7, 2023 – Freakonomics  
Podcast that included interviews with Professor of Economics Michele Baggio and Professor of Maritime Literature Mary K. Bercaw-Edwards.

**Why Haven’t We Made It Safer to Breathe in Classrooms?**  
August 9, 2023 – The New York Times  
Multiple peer-reviewed studies show that the boxes can work just as well as, if not better than, many commercial HEPA filters, often at roughly a third of the cost. Undergraduate students at the University of Connecticut built C-R boxes for less than $65 per unit, Marina Creed and Kristina Wagstrom, researchers at the university, said.

**‘Betty DeVos Was a Disaster. I Think Erika Donalds Could Be Worse.’**  
August 10, 2023 – Mother Jones  
Preston Green, a University of Connecticut education professor who has studied the school choice movement, believes that Hillsdale may be laying the groundwork to deliver Christian education through publicly funded schools. He pointed to the example of a Catholic school in Oklahoma, which if it opens as planned in 2024 will become the nation’s first religiously affiliated charter school. Green says he expects the Supreme Court to take on the issue of religious charter schools in the near future. “Hillsdale has the infrastructure and the mechanism for delivering religious charters if and when the Supreme Court gives the go-ahead.”

**At 89, Still Making Art (and Bread) with a Message**  
August 15, 2023 – The New York Times  
John Bell, the board’s president and a professor who runs the University of Connecticut’s Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry, has been with the company since 1973, around the time it relocated to Vermont from New York’s Lower East Side neighborhood, first to Goddard College and then to the land in Glover.

**Three Die in NY Area from Infection Spread by Seawater and Oysters**  
August 17, 2023 – The New York Times  
“Maintaining cool temperatures is inhibiting bacteria growth,” said Tessa L. Getchis, who trains farmers in seafood cultivation practices with the Connecticut Sea Grant and UConn Extension Program. “Which is what you want. That’s why we refrigerate anything.”
Small Farmers in New England are Starting to Rebuild, but Climate Extremes are Here to Stay
August 19, 2023 – Salon
This year, Shuresh Ghimire, assistant extension educator and extension vegetable specialist at the University of Connecticut, drove around the state working with vegetable growers on climate strategy. "Every year is challenging for farmers, but the situation has worsened this year," he said. Ghimire has already seen crops drying to the heat waves that started in early spring, bringing droughts to different parts of the state. Then came the smoke from the Canadian wildfires. Later, in early July, the heavy rainfall and flooding.

Raw Milk is Now Legal in Georgia and Iowa. Is It Safe?
August 21, 2023 – The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
Over the past decade, a growing number of states have made raw milk more accessible, said Dennis D'Amico, an associate professor of animal science at the University of Connecticut. Some of those states, allow raw milk producers to sell their products directly to consumers; others allow grocery stores to sell such products, and some states allow raw milk to be sold only as pet food.

When Will the Next Ocean Heat Wave Strike? Scientists Develop Early Warning Systems
August 23, 2023 – Science
In 2018, a forecast of unusually low oxygen prompted the preemptive closure of a Washington fishery. “No one wants to pull up a crab trap full of dead crabs,” says Samantha Siedlecki, an oceanographer at the University of Connecticut who led development of the forecast model, which includes temperature predictions.

Wired Differently: How Neurodiversity Adds New Skillsets to the Workplace
August 25, 2023 – The Guardian (UK)
According to the University of Connecticut’s Center for Neurodiversity and Employment Innovation, unemployment rates among neurodivergent adults are still as high as 30-40%. It is thought that people with neurodivergence make up 15-20% of the population.

Activists Criticize Evaporation of Radioactive Waste Water at Pilgrim Plant
August 25, 2023 – The Boston Globe
Doug Brugge, professor and chair of public health sciences at the University of Connecticut, estimated that “sitting in commuter traffic and breathing in exhaust” would pose a significantly higher health risk than living near Pilgrim while the water vapor was emitted.

How Does Extreme Heat Affect the Body?
August 28, 2023 – The New Yorker: Political Scene
Podcast interview with Doug Casa, director of the Korey Stringer Institute.

Exhibits Custom-Tailored for US Pupils Make Holocaust a Local Issue
August 28, 2023 – The Times of Israel
Data gathered from student visits showed the project is “changing the trajectory of how students in White Plains think about their identity and the identity of others and how the actions of one person can make a difference,” said Alan Marcus, a professor at the University of Connecticut’s School of Education.

Warran and Graham Emulate History's Failed Regulators
August 30, 2023 – The Wall Street Journal
Opinion column by Professor of Economics Richard Langlois.