



CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

Conversations

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dear friends

On October 22nd Connecticut College launched the Defy Boundaries Campaign. This comprehensive fundraising campaign will reinvigorate the funding priorities of the College - Teaching and Learning, Career Preparation, Athletics, Student Life, and Financial Strength - and planned gifts will play a huge role in its success. I invite you to think about how you can make a difference in the lives of Connecticut College students, and to follow through with strategic planning to identify the best way you can achieve your philanthropic goals and participate in the Defy Boundaries Campaign.

With gratitude,

Laura Becker
Director of Gift Planning



THE IMPACT OF BEQUESTS AN IMPORTANT GIFT TO ATHLETICS

Patricia Robinson '47 was an athlete. At Connecticut College, Patricia was a three-sport standout, serving as basketball and softball captain while also playing field hockey. Patricia also helped lead a successful student movement to resurrect the College's athletic program after it was discontinued during World War II. Upon graduation, Patricia taught physical education at Bates College and at the University of Connecticut, where she was a member of the Physical Education Department for more than two decades. Celebrating her many athletic accomplishments, Patricia was inducted into the Connecticut College Athletics Hall of Fame in 2006.

Last year, the College learned of Patricia's passing and that we were a significant beneficiary of her estate. Patricia's bequest has been directed to support one of the athletics priorities within our strategic Action Plan for Competitive Success: promoting coaching excellence. We did not know of this generosity during Patricia's lifetime, and unfortunately did not have the opportunity to thank her while she was living and share our gratitude for the significant impact Patricia's bequest will have on Conn athletics.

Sean Fox '23, a lacrosse player, shares the importance of coaching: "Being a head coach in the NESCAC is no easy task, but I think Coach Nagle has done a great job in his beginning years implementing the

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SUSAN MABREY GAUD '68 P'07

THE CONFIDENCE TO ACHIEVE

Susan Gaud's road to Connecticut College began with a fortuitous meeting. While serving as an usher at the National Doubles Tennis Tournament at Longwood Cricket Club in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, Susan met Frances Brett, an associate professor of physical education and an associate in the Office of the Dean at Connecticut College. Frances was responsible for organizing the ushers at the tournament. At Conn, Frances was also in charge of housing. "When Miss Brett learned I was entering Connecticut that fall," Susan said, "she placed me in a dorm with people who she thought would have like interests. I remain friends with that group to this day.

"One of the things I liked about Conn was the opportunity to explore many subjects. I knew I wanted to be a Chemistry major and pursued that course of study, but I really took advantage of the core curriculum requirements. For example, I had to take philosophy or religion, and then a history course to fulfill my requirements. The broad range of classes to which I was exposed remain relevant today. Strong relationships with the faculty were also very meaningful."



Susan Gaud '68

Susan recalls, "When I went to graduate school at Northwestern in chemistry, I had no problem knowing how to study and bring myself up to speed. Connecticut taught me well." Susan went on to a postdoctoral fellowship in chemistry at Yale. "I think I had the confidence that I could do it." Susan recalls some challenging experiences in a male-centric chemistry lab. "A benefit of going to a smaller school like Connecticut is the confidence that you develop and the ability to boldly face challenges; that has served me well."

Following her postdoctoral studies, Susan moved back to Chicago. She worked at Kraft Foods for almost 30 years in the research and development division. She got an MBA from the Northwestern University evening program. Susan held many different positions in her years at Kraft and retired as the director of external science and technology.

When Susan visited Conn with her high school-aged son, Henry Gaud '07, she recalls that he was impressed with the admission office tour. They stopped to see George Willauer, now professor emeritus of English, to say hello at his office in the old library. Susan says, "I never had a class with him, but he was a dorm-adopted faculty person and came to dinner often. I got to know him and we've remained friends. When I mentioned

that Henry was in the car, George said, 'I'll come down and say hello.' My son was so impressed. He remarked, 'I can't believe that he still knows you!'" Susan and son Henry both value the quality of the education, the opportunity to excel in athletics and the strong faculty relationships they developed at Conn.

Last year, after months of consideration and discussions with her financial adviser, Susan established a charitable gift annuity with Connecticut College as part of her strategy for smart financial planning. "Supporting education has always been a priority for me, and I think Connecticut is definitely the right place to benefit. I had a great experience at Connecticut, and so did my son." Susan has directed her CGA to the Chemistry Department. She will receive a fixed quarterly income for the remainder of her life. Today, Susan is president of her class and serves the College as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, roles she finds rewarding and inspiring.



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>> from front cover

principles of a good team culture revolving around competitive success, accountability and community. Coach Nagle has taught me many things about my attitude on and off the field and how to handle myself in the face of adversity. He has challenged me day in and day out to always carry a positive attitude, whether that be at practice or in the classroom, not only for the betterment of the program but for our Conn community."



Patricia Robinson '47

We are grateful to Patricia Robinson for her love and support of Connecticut College through her estate plans.



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Thanks to all of our Rosemary Park Society Members. You have made planned gifts to the College or remembered the College in your estate plans. You are building the future of Connecticut College by ensuring Conn remains a leader in liberal arts education for the next 100 years and beyond.

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BEQUEST INTENTIONS: 60 IS THE NEW 70!

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Connecticut College has lowered our bequest intention age limit. Now, if you were born on or before June 30, 1964, and have named Connecticut College as the beneficiary of your will, living trust or retirement plan, 100% of the amount coming to Conn can be counted for charitable gift crediting purposes, for our campaign, for your reunion or toward your lifetime giving.

Supporting Connecticut College through your estate plans is the most meaningful way to leave a legacy at the institution you love. Do any of these statements ring true for you?

- ☐ *Connecticut College is personally important to me.*
- ☐ *I believe in the mission of Connecticut College: to educate students and put the liberal arts into action as citizens of a global society.*
- ☐ *I value the Connecticut College community, where all members feel comfortable, respect each other's differences and seek common ground.*
- ☐ *I consider philanthropy to be an essential way of life.*

If so, a bequest gift of any amount will make a BIG impact and give Connecticut College students tools for success.

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in supporting Connecticut College. Tell us how we can assist you with your plans by completing the information below and mailing it back to us.

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- ☐ I have already created a bequest for Connecticut College through my will or as the beneficiary of my retirement account.

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how can we assist you?