



CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

Conversations

with the OFFICE OF GIFT PLANNING

FALL 2022

dear friends

I am thrilled to share this special edition of *Conversations*, introducing the *Legacy Initiative of the Defy Boundaries Campaign - Igniting Possibilities that Last*. The Office of Gift Planning aims to educate our community on the importance of legacy gifts to the future of Connecticut College, while raising an additional \$10 million in new, documented commitments the next two years. I know we can meet our goal with the support of loyal and generous donors like you. Thank you for supporting Conn in whatever way is best for you and your family. Contact us to start a Conversation!

With gratitude,

Laura Becker
Director of Gift Planning



JUDI BAMBERG MARIGGIO '69 MAKING CONNECTIONS

Woven through Judi Mariggio's fascinating life is a consistent thread—her remarkable ability to connect with people and connect others. Whether online or in person, Judi has a gift for engaging with friends. As an active member of the Class of 1969, Judi has inspired classmates to reconnect with each other and the College and to contribute time and resources to support Conn today.

Judi credits Jan Hersey (Dean Emeritus of Admissions) and Vera Snow (admission staff member) for her decision to attend Conn. "They were the two people I knew, and that was all it took to get me hooked." Coming from a large suburban public high school, Judi intentionally chose a small college for the opportunities offered in a close-knit community. As a Classics major and an Education minor, Judi planned to go into higher ed administration, inspired by Jan Hersey. After Conn, she attended the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education. Over her varied career, Judi not only worked in higher ed administration but a variety of business ventures.

But it was on a trip to Florida in 1980, that she met the person who would change her life's trajectory—her husband, Giovanni. "On the fourth of July, I met this Italian man on the beach who was 22 years older than I was. I moved here on Halloween, and we were married the following August. We were together until he died in 2021 at the

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age of 95 so we had a long
life together.” Thus began
Judi’s love affair with
Italy. As Judi says, “After
a couple of visits, I felt
completely at home.” In
2022, that dream becam
e a reality. “Last fall, I
sold my condo and many
belongings, and came over
here with my photo albums
and my yearbooks, and
some small mementos.

I’ve gone from living in
southeast Florida, to living in Canale, a town
in northwest Italy with fewer than 6,000
people where I can walk to everything that
I need.” From Italy, Judi continues to be an
invaluable ambassador for the College and
a beloved member of her class, serving as
class correspondent.

A generous supporter herself, Judi has been a
motivating force for classmates, encouraging
others to give at a level that works for them
which has resulted in record participation. In
honor of their 50th Reunion, the Class redid
the Plant Residence Hall common room. Judi
recalls, “Having been a residence hall director,
I remember gatherings in the living rooms and
faculty coming for tea. And I know that these
opportunities have continued and I wanted to
support them. Relationships with faculty are
enhanced when they become involved with



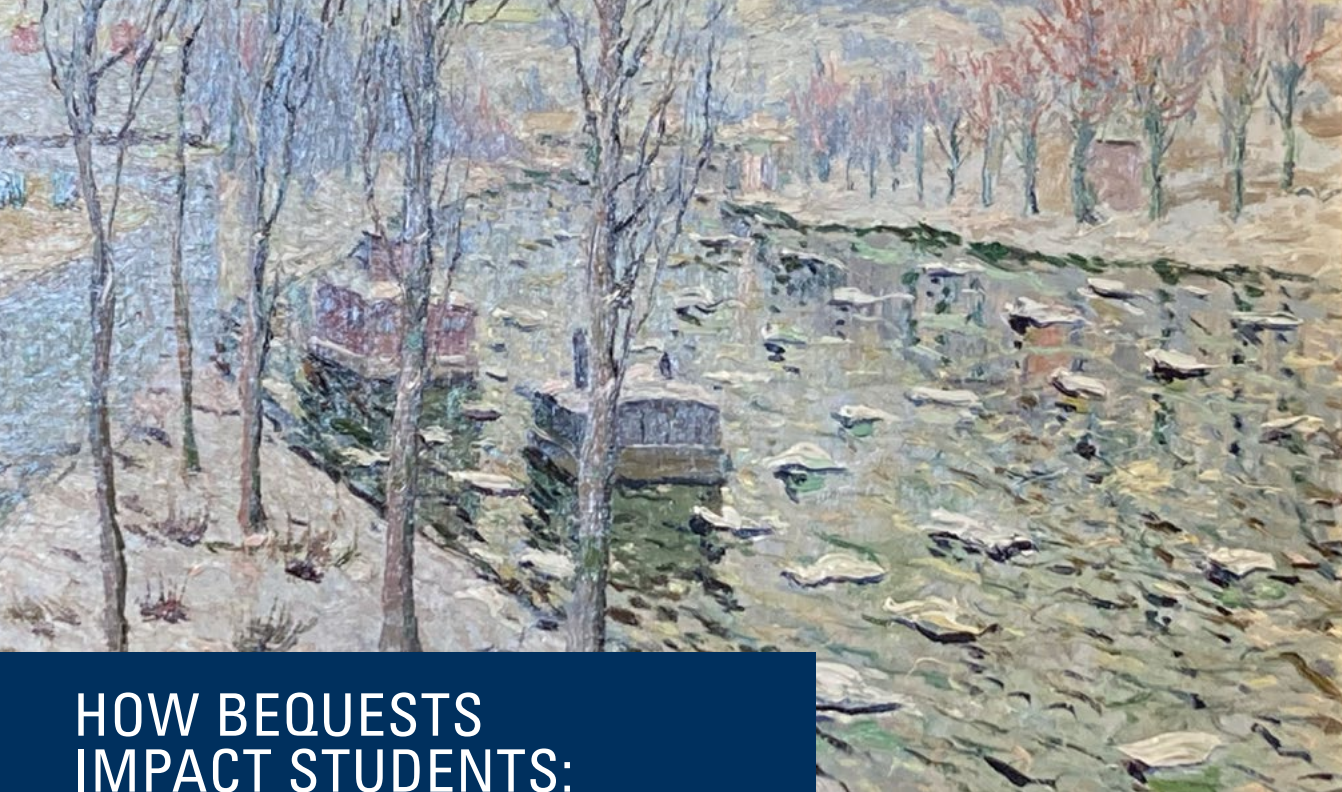
Judi with her nephew Enrico in the mountains above Recoaro in the Veneto

you where you live, not just sitting in their office.
I think it’s important to have good mentors and
people whom you respect, who will listen to
you as much as you listen to them.”

Judi has also given back in other significant
ways. “When I had a better feel for my future,
I decided on a charitable gift annuity because
I wanted to do more for the College, but I also
wanted to have some benefit. I needed the
security of knowing that it was providing me
with something in addition to the tax advantage
of doing it that way.” When she sold her condo
in Florida, she decided to name Conn in her
will, directed to residential life.

Judi is also one of the core supporters to
establish a new Connecticut College for
Women Alumnae Scholarship that will be
matched by the Hale Scholarship Initiative.

“I am proud of Connecticut College today and its global outlook, of the inclusiveness and the intellectual challenges it provides, and where it is headed. But, I really wanted to acknowledge its beginning as a women’s college. I think that is such an important part of the story of this special place and that the institution needs to remain proud of that part of its history. Not only for what it stood for institutionally, but for the amazing women who came out of it.” – Judi Bamberg Mariggio ’69



HOW BEQUESTS IMPACT STUDENTS: THE IMPORTANCE OF GIFTS OF ART

*"Canal Scene in Winter"
by Edward Lawson*

Connecticut College is the trustee of a significant number of works of art which are housed in three collections: Chu-Griffis Collection of East Asian Art, the Fanny Wetmore Print Collection, and the Campus Art Collection. Gratefully, many works of art are acquired through the generosity of gifts through bequest provisions.

This year, we received a wonderful gift from the estate of Michael Walters, spouse of the late Nancy Walters '62. The painting, "Canal Scene in Winter," c.1894, by Ernest Lawson (1873-1939), was part of an exhibition at the National Gallery of Canada titled "Canada and Impressionism: New Horizons," where it was displayed until this summer. Ernest Lawson was a Canadian-American artist who worked throughout the world. He became particularly known for his winter scenes. The painting gifted to the College is a beautiful representation of his work, and fits well into the College's collection of Connecticut Impressionist paintings.

Christopher B. Steiner, the Lucy C. McDannel '22 Professor of Art History & Anthropology, Acting Chair of Art History & Architectural Studies, and Director of Museum Studies Certificate Program, speaks to the importance of using tangible works of art as part of his teaching. "Being able to view and to learn how to properly handle original works of art are critical to a student's educational experience in both Art History and Museum Studies. Gifts of original art to the College enable the faculty to bring to life for our students the images and artworks we explore and study in our classes."

Naming the College as the future owner of a work of art can be a wonderful gift to Conn and our students. We like to have the conversation in advance of receipt to ensure we can be proper stewards of these treasures.

Igniting Possibilities that Last: The Legacy Initiative at Connecticut College

For the final two years of the Defy Boundaries comprehensive campaign, **we have a goal to raise \$10 million in new bequest commitments to the College.** Bequest gifts are critical to the College's future, providing a strong foundation that can be counted on 20, 50, and 100 years from now. As students, friends, parents, and faculty, we invite you to play an integral role in the future of Connecticut College.

Why should Connecticut College care about bequest gifts?

Bequest gifts are sometimes directed to our endowment - our financial future. Sometimes individuals select the area that is most important to them at the College. Unrestricted, these gifts are directed to the most pressing needs we have from year to year. Wherever the gift is directed, it is making a positive impact on student's lives TODAY.

Why should YOU leave a legacy at Connecticut College?

Because you have a sense of gratitude for the opportunities Conn provided to you, and you want future Conn students to achieve the same success you have achieved, benefit from the same excellent faculty connections you made, expand their world, and become leaders of tomorrow. **A will is more than just a document from your estate. It speaks to your beliefs and your values.**

When is the best time to finalize your estate plans?

NOW! Whether you are just beginning or thinking of revisions, are age 25 or age 85, there is no better time to solidify your plans and ensure your peace of mind. Igniting Possibilities that Last is a great opportunity to establish your legacy at Conn by including us in your plans. **Honor your alma mater.** Be part of the most ambitious campaign in the College's history.

Who is eligible?

Anyone who loves Connecticut College can name the College in their estate plans. If you are age 60 or older by June 30, 2024, the end of the campaign, 100% of the value of your gift can be counted in our \$10 million fundraising goal.

How is this achieved?

Add Connecticut College as a beneficiary of your will or living trust. Or even easier, name Connecticut College as a beneficiary of your retirement plan, life insurance policy, or other account. **Any asset can be used as a statement of your beliefs.**

When should I consider naming Conn in my estate?

At any age, but there is no better time than today. Our youngest Rosemary Park Society member from the Class of 2012, and many even younger are moving to add Conn to their estate. Ask yourself these basic questions: Do I have a will? Am I happy with how it is set up?

Already have Conn in your estate plans? **Tell us!**

Considering your legacy and want to add Conn in your plans? We can work with you!

**JOIN US AND IGNITE
POSSIBILITIES**

that last



THE CHARITABLE IRA ROLLOVER: A TAX-WISE WAY TO GIVE!

The amount of retirement assets in the U.S. totaled \$35.5 trillion at the end of 2020. If you have an IRA, when you turn 72, the IRS requires you to take a minimum distribution (RMD). RMD's are taxed as ordinary income and can significantly impact your adjusted gross income.

The good news is you can make a gift to Connecticut College of up to \$100,000 from your IRA starting at age 70 ½ which will count toward your RMD. It's easy to do and is a tax-wise way to give.

You can direct your gift to any area at Connecticut College. Some critical funding opportunities include:

Teaching and Learning – strengthen interdisciplinary centers and advance creative research and performance.

Athletics – your support of Camel Athletics will enhance programs, improve facilities, and maintain resources and staffing at levels competitive with our Division III peers.

Student Life – supporting student life will help enhance food and housing offerings, provide access to purchase class materials, and expand career preparation and networking for the future success of each student.

Plan now to fulfill your annual philanthropic intent and maximize your giving. The 2022 deadline is December 31st. Contact your IRA administrator or our office, giftplanning@conncoll.edu, to learn more.



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THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR GIFT ANNUITIES!

Would you like to supplement your annual income in response to market fluctuations and rising costs?

A charitable gift annuity can help build your future with steady, fixed income for your life and the payout rates have recently increased!

Income payments can be for you or a loved one, and the remainder will help build the future for Connecticut College.

Charitable gift annuities are easy to set up with a minimum gift amount of \$10,000 and provide partially tax-free income and other tax benefits. Charitable gift annuities provide the flexibility to start payments at a time that makes sense for you.

If you're interested in learning more about the benefits charitable gift annuities can provide for you and Connecticut College, contact the Office of Gift Planning at giftplanning@conncoll.edu or call (860) 439-2416.

let's talk

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CONNECTICUT COLLEGE CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY RATES*

* Rates based on one-life. Two-life rates are also available.

| Age | Immediate Payment | Deferred 3 Years | Deferred 5 Years |
|-----|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 65 | 4.8% | 5.7% | 6.3% |
| 70 | 5.3% | 6.3% | 7.1% |
| 75 | 6% | 7.2% | 8.3% |
| 80 | 7% | 8.5% | 9% |
| 85 | 8.1% | 9% | 9% |



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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.

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

I would like to learn more about the benefits of

- ☐ Receiving income with my gift through a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust.
- ☐ Giving stock or real estate.

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how can we assist you?