



CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

Conversations

with the OFFICE OF GIFT PLANNING

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dear friends

Hello from New London,

There is a lot of exciting news from campus. In July, we welcomed Andrea Chapdelaine as the 12th Connecticut College president! And the long-awaited renovation of Crozier-Williams has begun, as well as the development of Cro Boulevard. These projects will transform the way that students, faculty and staff experience the campus and will build a stronger sense of community. Enhancements and new chapters may be happening here, but with a planned gift to Conn, like a charitable gift annuity, you can rely on the steady support of fixed payments for life with a gift that pays you back. I hope you find this issue of *Conversations* inspirational, and I invite you back to your beautiful arboretum campus to see the changes underway first-hand!



With gratitude,

Laura Becker
Director of Gift Planning

AN EXTRAORDINARY COMMITMENT TO THE LIBERAL ARTS

JONATHAN STAVIN'S COMMITMENT TO ENSURING THAT ALL STUDENTS ARE SUPPORTED as they take advantage of the opportunities offered through a Conn education is evident in his generous giving to the Connecticut College Fund and the LGBTQIA Resource Center. His recent bequest intention demonstrates his ongoing belief in the future of the College.



Jonathan Stavin '85

During his time at Conn, Jonathan was a member of the Dorm Council, served as a student advisor and a member of the SGA. He graduated with a degree in Government and went on to obtain a JD from Penn State Dickinson Law. As an alumnus, Jonathan has been a dedicated volunteer, acting as an alumni admission representative, class gift officer, Reunion Committee member and a planned giving agent. Jonathan currently serves on the Connecticut College Board of Trustees.

Would you share some of your memories from your time at Conn and how your experience shaped you personally and professionally?

Quite simply, Connecticut College was the first place in my life where I was able to explore broadly topics of interest to me and learn about

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myself as an individual. The quiet beauty of the campus and the intellectual rigor of the faculty combined to provide a unique environment and experience that I treasure. I hope to help preserve this unique environment for future generations of students.

Would you talk a little about your decision to join the Board of Trustees?

Having recently retired, I was looking for a way to increase my involvement with organizations that helped me create a fulfilling and dynamic life. Connecticut College had a tremendous impact on my worldview. I learned to think in a critical and analytical way. The liberal arts education I received helped me recognize opportunities and understand different points of view; both critical skills for personal and professional development.

The selection of Andrea Chapdelaine as the 12th president of Conn was also an important factor. Joining the BOT at the same time a new president takes the reins will allow me to assist President Chapdelaine as she helps define what it means to be a liberal arts college as we enter the second quarter of the 21st Century. Her extraordinary experience and vision for Connecticut College will help set up Conn for continued academic excellence and help to focus attention on the areas of Conn that should be strengthened and improved so the College can continue to attract outstanding students.

You have been a generous and consistent supporter of the LGBTQIA Center. Why has this been important to you?

I believe it is important for all students to have a safe space to meet and form relationships with other students and faculty who may be from disparate backgrounds, but all value diversity, equity, inclusion and intellectual curiosity.

When I was a student at Conn in the 1980's these types of spaces did not exist. In the past 20 years, LGBTQ people have made historic gains in fundamental rights. It is important that today's students have a place to meet, learn about and plan to protect those hard-earned rights; and socialize with others who respect and celebrate the diversity of the Connecticut College community.

What other factors have motivated your support of the College and why do you think it's important for alumni to give back?

Connecticut College will not continue to exist without the support of the parents, friends and alumni that have experienced the tremendous opportunities to learn and grow provided by a small liberal arts college like Conn.

Why did you decide to include Connecticut College in your estate plans?

I believe including Connecticut College in my estate plan sends a message to my family and friends about the importance of supporting people and places that were/are fundamental to the development of rich and fulfilling lives.

NAVIGATING FOR A SECURE FUTURE



WHETHER APPROACHING RETIREMENT OR ALREADY THERE, WHO ISN'T INTERESTED IN INCREASING THEIR RETIREMENT INCOME?

Establishing a charitable gift annuity, especially by leveraging appreciated assets, will provide steady income that you can count on for life. How about **laddering your CGAs** by creating one this year, and then one in 2025, one in 2026, and one in 2027? This laddering strategy increases the annuity rate as you become older. It also stretches out the years in which you can use your charitable deduction. Finally, it increases your total annuity amount that will supplement your income needs. See an example of a gift of \$25,000/year (right) ▶

REMEMBERING A DEDICATED ALUMNA

IN NOVEMBER OF 2020, WE LOST A LOYAL ALUMNA AND FORMER TRUSTEE, JOAN PLATT '67.

Joan grew up in nearby Massachusetts and enrolled at Connecticut College as an American History major. Joan was a four-year scholarship recipient who frequently expressed the gratitude she felt for the opportunities provided to her in being able to attend a premier liberal arts college.

Remembered as an intelligent and compassionate person, Joan consistently gave to the annual fund and amplified her gifts through her employer giving match program. Joan ultimately created a charitable unitrust that included Connecticut College as a beneficiary, and then became a planned giving agent.

As a planned giving agent, Joan educated fellow alumni on the importance of long-range planning, which makes a tremendous and lasting difference to the College. She spoke about gift annuities and how they are a good way to convert highly appreciated securities into an income stream. She also reviewed the use of maturing bonds or CD, cash from a low-interest account or real estate, to fund a deferred gift annuity that provides income at a specific time in the future.



Joan Platt '67

In 2002, Joan established the Redmund Platt Scholarship Fund, named after her father. Joan's charitable trust is now being distributed to the College, directed to further bolster the Redmund Platt Scholarship.

The current recipient of the Platt scholarship is Adismel Santana '25, an art major from New York City. Adismel says, "My family and I have benefited greatly from the financial aid packages I have been awarded. I doubt that I could have gone away for college or even attended if it weren't for this opportunity. It was the right choice for me to attend Connecticut College where I have a lot of support from friends and family and have also benefited greatly from scholarships."

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY RATES

Age	Immediate Payment Annuity Rate *	Payment Amount	Charitable Deduction
Age 70 (2024)	6.3%	\$1,575	\$8,907
Age 71 (2025)	6.4%	\$1,600	\$9,169
Age 72 (2026)	6.6%	\$1,650	\$9,215
Age 73 (2027)	6.7%	\$1,675	\$9,531

*Rates based on current rates as of November, 2024

Build a laddering income strategy with gift annuities and create financial stability and diversification to your financial plan.

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You love Connecticut College and the transformative opportunities it provided! Help future generations of students become global leaders by naming Conn as one of your successors.

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