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The National Security Agency (NSA) has designated the University of New Haven as a National Center of Academic Excellence (CAE) in Cyber Operations. This certification recognizes the University's bachelor's degree programs in cybersecurity & networks and computer science. The University is the second school in New England to earn this designation.



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ON THE COVER University of New Haven Innovation Fellows on site at the Bergami Center for Science, Technology, and Innovation. A special thank-you to Consigli Construction Co. for their assistance while producing this issue's cover story. Photography by Don Hamerman.

A Commitment to Innovate

At my inauguration in 2005, I looked to what was then the future, envisioning the kind of institution that the University of New Haven could become. Today — thanks to the dedication of countless individuals — I see a University where we have accomplished so much, a University that is more vibrant than it has ever been.

Still, it feels like we are just getting started.

As we prepare to mark the University's historic first one hundred years in 2020, there have been many opportunities to reflect on the past and to consider what our second century may hold. One thing is clear: I am just as excited about what lies ahead as I was nearly 15 years ago.

I continue to spend a lot of time looking forward, contemplating what higher education could look like five, 10, or perhaps 50 years from now. Without a doubt, the higher education landscape



STEVEN H. KAPLAN

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is rapidly changing. Here at the University of New Haven, the harbingers of change are our students.

In this issue's cover story, you will meet four University of New Haven Innovation Fellows who are part of a select global program that is based at Stanford University. Their passion informs us as we endeavor to build the university of the future, one where we focus on cultivating competencies instead of accumulating academic credits, do away with desks and chairs in favor of collaborative classes, and replace lectures and majors with learning across a multitude of disciplines.

Ultimately, our commitment to innovate — a hallmark of the University since our founding — positions us to be at the forefront of preparing students for a future that beckons with boundless potential.

I see a University where the possibilities are endless — and equally exhilarating — as you will undoubtedly see in the pages that follow.

With best wishes,

Steven H. Kaplan, Ph.D.
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Mystery Photo Contest

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Sky High

HINT

As many as 500 meals can be served in this building on any given day — more than 180,000 per year. So, if you're feeling famished, this is the place to be.

Do you recognize this building?

Give us your best guess at magazine@newhaven.edu and be entered to win a Charger Alumni Prize Pack.

Congratulations to:

John F. Dowling EMBA '09,
the winner of our mystery
photo contest in Issue 02!

"My guess is Maxcy Hall.

I enjoyed the beautiful architecture there as an EMBA student. I loved the computer lab in the Bergami Learning Center for Finance and Technology in particular, despite the 'visiting gawkers' always staring through the glass walls while we were in class!"



On Campus

Trending Now...

And we intend to keep it that way. The University of New Haven's success is the sum of its irreplaceable parts — the students, faculty, and members of our extended campus community who make this institution the distinguished university that it is today.

The University of New Haven has been featured for the third consecutive year in The Princeton Review's 2019



guidebook, "The Best 384 Colleges." It is the fifth year in a row The Princeton Review has included the University in its annual ratings of the nation's top colleges and universities. Only about 15 percent of the nation's 2,500 four-year colleges are profiled.

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The University was ranked high in the "environment" category, which examines such factors as student and faculty diversity, proportion of international students, and student inclusion.

For the ninth year in a row, the University of New Haven has been ranked a top-tier university by U.S. News & World Report in its annual "Best Colleges" rankings. The University's latest ranking reflects a higher average SAT score for the incoming class with graduation and retention rates continuing to rise. The institution was also ranked in the publication's "Best Value" list of regional colleges in the North. Also, as part of the comprehensive rankings, the University's Tagliatela College of Engineering is again rated in the top third in its category (institutions that do not offer a doctorate in engineering). The College of Business, for the second year in a row, was ranked among the top 60 percent of more than 500 top-rated business schools across the country.



In the 2019 college rankings compiled by the *Wall Street Journal* and Times Higher Education, the University of New Haven earned its highest position yet in this annual listing of more than 1,000 colleges and universities across the country. The University was ranked high in the "environment" category, which examines such factors as student and faculty diversity, proportion of international students, and student inclusion.

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The University of New Haven is included in the *Military Times'* 2019 Best for Vets college rankings, which provides the most comprehensive school-by-school assessment of veteran and military student services. The University is part of the Yellow Ribbon Program, which helps fund tuition and fee expenses for veterans, and its commitment to providing a supportive environment for veteran students has also been recognized by U.S. News & World Report and *G.I. Jobs* magazine. The University has nearly 300 students who are using veteran benefits, including veterans, dependents of veterans, and active service members.



ON CAMPUS

Welcome Home



This past fall, the University of New Haven welcomed the second largest class in its almost 100-year history. The Class of 2022 comprises more than 1,300 first-year students and nearly 200 transfer students from 31 different states as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Guam. It also includes students from 16 different countries and is 58 percent female.

A Matter of National Security

Kristy Santana '19, a national security major, is one of fewer than 250 undergraduate students across the country to receive the prestigious David L. Boren Scholarship, which enables students to study internationally in regions critical to United States interests. The scholarship, awarded by the Institute of International Education on behalf of the National Security Education Program, will enable Santana to return to Morocco this summer to continue her studies in Arabic while pursuing a career in the U.S. government.



A BRIGHT FUTURE

The most recent University of New Haven Employment Outcomes Survey, which provides data on the post-graduation achievements of alumni, found that more than 94 percent of University of New Haven undergraduates from the Class of 2017 are employed full or part time in a position related to their major, continuing their education, in active military service, or engaged in a postgraduate volunteer opportunity. These outcome rates exceed the national average. Data for the Class of 2018 will be published in the near future.

With Honors

The University of New Haven's Model United Nations (MUN) team won 10 awards — the highest in the program's history — at a recent conference in New York. The University's MUN represented the delegations from Mozambique, as well as Saint Kitts and Nevis. The University of New Haven awards included Outstanding Delegate, seven Best Position Paper awards, Distinguished Delegation (the second-highest honor), and Outstanding Delegation (the highest honor).



It's Electric

A comedic thriller, the student theater production *Mr. Burns, a Post-Electric Play* explored the human response to catastrophe and the role of storytelling in the forging of community, history, and survival. Anne Washburn's play asks us to consider what we would do as a society if the electrical grid collapsed. It was named by *New York Times* theater critics as one of the 25 greatest plays of the past 25 years.

Poster by Zach Fontanez '17

Beauty and Contempt

"Beauty & Contempt," the senior exhibition for art majors **Emily Powers '19** and **Katie Heinlein '19**, opened this spring at the Ely Center of Contemporary Art in New Haven. Powers' series "Beetle Mania" showcased the natural — and usually overlooked — beauty that beetles possess. Heinlein, who has completed an internship at the Ely Center, drew from her experience sewing and quilting to create quilts directly referencing two critical social change initiatives — specifically, the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the phone number for the Trevor Project, which serves LGBTQ+ youth.

Emily Powers '19, paint and plexiglass

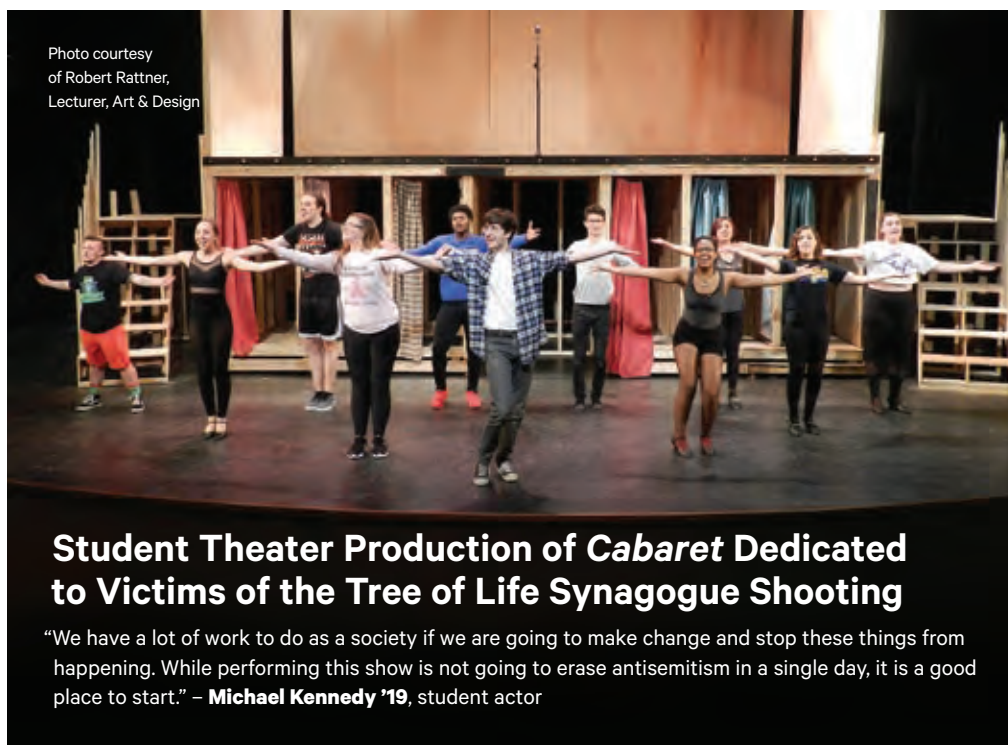


Photo courtesy
of Robert Rattner,
Lecturer, Art & Design

Student Theater Production of *Cabaret* Dedicated to Victims of the Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting

"We have a lot of work to do as a society if we are going to make change and stop these things from happening. While performing this show is not going to erase antisemitism in a single day, it is a good place to start." — **Michael Kennedy '19**, student actor



VulneRabilities

A team of researchers at the University of New Haven discovered that Bigscreen, a popular virtual reality application, and Unity, the game development platform Bigscreen is built on, are vulnerable to hackers. Without users' knowledge, researchers were able to listen to users' private conversations and view their screens in real time. **Ibrahim (Abe) Baggili, Ph.D.**, Elder Family Endowed Chair of Computer Science and Cybersecurity; **Peter Casey M.S. '19**, computer science; and Martin Vondráček, visiting graduate student from Brno University of Technology, recently uncovered the technology vulnerabilities while testing the security of VR systems through a National Science Foundation-funded project.



Business Major Wins Pitch Competition

Ketsia Kimpioka '19 has developed a water bottle that — as an environmentally friendly alternative to plastic — features an algae-based inner lining and a seed paper-based exterior. Discussing the need to address the plastic problem, Kimpioka successfully pitched her solution to pollution, *All Ways Green*, at the University of New Haven's Alvine New Venture Pitch Competition, ultimately winning first place. *All Ways Green* also took first at another signature University event promoting entrepreneurship on campus and in the community: Charger Startup Weekend.

TOP TALENT

Named to *Connecticut Magazine's* 40 Under 40 Class of 2019

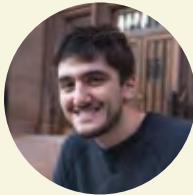
Summer McGee, Ph.D.

Dean of the University of New Haven's School of Health Sciences. McGee is cited as one of the top 50 healthcare management professors in the country and is also one of the youngest deans of a school of health sciences nationwide.



Nathan Pitruzzello '18

a graduate of the University's economics program and co-founder and CEO of SoluTech and Scroll Network. Pitruzzello, who began by coding and developing apps in his dorm room, has focused his successive business ventures on improving data security.



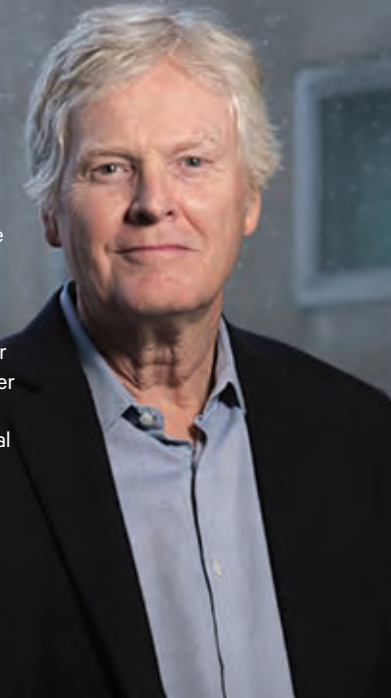
Jill Bryant Mayer

CEO of Bead Industries, a fifth-generation manufacturing company long recognized for its history of innovation. Mayer is the company's first female CEO after more than a century of continuous operation. She also serves as a member of the University's Entrepreneurship and Innovation Advisory Board.



Nobel Laureate Speaks at West Haven Campus

Michael W. Young, Ph.D., the 2017 Nobel Prize winner in physiology or medicine, spoke recently at the University of New Haven and discussed his work related to the discoveries of genes that regulate sleep and circadian rhythms. The Richard and Jeanne Fisher Professor, head of the Laboratory of Genetics, and vice president for academic affairs at The Rockefeller University, Dr. Young has studied the genetic regulation of biological clocks that underlie activities of living organisms. He has received many awards for his work and is an elected member of several professional organizations, such as the U.S. National Academy of Sciences.



2019 ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION HALL OF FAME

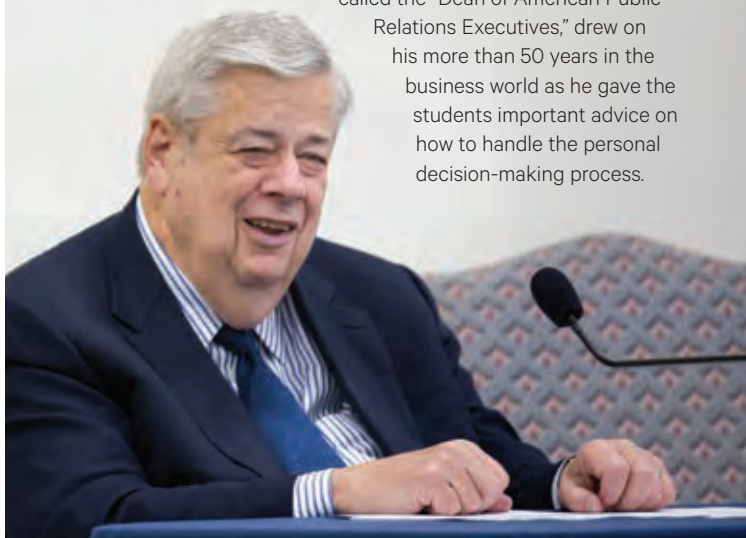
I hope my story shows students that they can, in fact, act on their vision and grow it to what they want it to be. The world is becoming a smaller place every day, and it doesn't matter where you come from or who you may be. If you have a vision, build it.

Nathan Pitruzzello '18

Co-founder and CEO of SoluTech and Scroll Network

Never Look Back

Robert L. Dilenschneider, president of The Dilenschneider Group, a global corporate strategic counseling firm, and a respected communications adviser, spoke at the University of New Haven as part of the Bartels Lecture Series, the University's longest-running guest speaker series. Dilenschneider, a best-selling author who has been called the "Dean of American Public Relations Executives," drew on his more than 50 years in the business world as he gave the students important advice on how to handle the personal decision-making process.



The Very Best in Community Policing

University of New Haven Police Sergeant Luis Dos Santos was recently presented with an award in recognition of his leadership and commitment to connecting with students by Connecticut's U.S. Attorney John H. Durham.



Sorbello Research Lab Dedicated

Sam Sorbello, a former Chargers football player and University benefactor, joined members of his family and the University community for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially dedicate the Colleen Sorbello Research Laboratory in Dodds Hall in memory of Colleen, who died of breast cancer in fall 2017. The 800-square-foot space on the third floor of Dodds Hall houses 16 working stations, cutting-edge equipment,

and a space for lectures and discussions. The collaborative space will enable students and faculty members to engage in important research in areas such as breast cancer, cervical cancer, and neurodegenerative diseases. In addition to the laboratory, Sorbello is supporting the Colleen Sorbello Memorial Breast Cancer Research Award, which assists a student pursuing breast cancer research.

A CULTURE OF INNOVATION

Innovation isn't just a buzzword at the University of New Haven. It is a core concept that we have embraced since our founding and that we continue to cultivate every day through the pioneering work of our students and our talented faculty.

To Top It All Off

This winter, the University of New Haven held a topping-off ceremony to mark the hoisting of the final beam for the Bergami Center for Science, Technology, and Innovation. This facility, which is scheduled to open in early 2020, is named in honor of longstanding University benefactors Sam S. Bergami, Jr. EMBA '85, HON '02, also a member of the University's Board of Governors, and his wife, Lois Bergami. The 44,000-square-foot, three-story facility will house engineering and science labs, collaborative classrooms, and video production studios, among many other innovative co-working spaces.



President Steven H. Kaplan, on having surpassed the University's \$100 million campaign goal ahead of schedule to support the new Bergami Center for Science, Technology, and Innovation, as well as student scholarships.

Turn to page 18 to read more about this historic University milestone. »



THE CHARGER
CHALLENGE

SHAPING THE NEXT 100 YEARS

The Charger Challenge: The Campaign for the University of New Haven embodies the University's mission since its founding — innovation, creativity, and social impact, and the promise to educate an enterprising generation of students eager to explore new ways of thinking, doing, and problem-solving.

Visit newhaven.edu/chargerchallenge to learn more about The Charger Challenge.

Research Roundup

True Stripes

The University of New Haven zebrafish lab, installed in August 2018, serves as a core research facility for the biology department. At any given time, 60 tanks are packed to the gills with as many as 1,000 zebrafish. This tropical fish, belonging to the minnow family, is a popular “model organism” for studying biological phenomena, increasing our understanding of human health and disease.

The insights gained from this work will not only give us a better grasp on how cells decide when to divide, move, and differentiate, but they will also shed light on how genetic mutations can cause these same processes to go awry. The zebrafish genome has been fully sequenced to a very high quality. This has enabled scientists to create mutations in thousands of genes to study their function.

Read on for more information about current faculty-mentored research projects being overseen by Dr. Carter Takacs, assistant professor in the Department of Biology and Environmental Science.

The lab supports both undergraduate and graduate faculty-mentored research projects.



Brain Formation

Recent work has shown that microRNAs — a class of small, well-conserved molecules that have been demonstrated to regulate numerous biological pathways and cellular functions — play a critical role in ensuring that the brain forms properly. Previous work by Takacs and colleagues has revealed that the loss of one particular microRNA — miR-430 — leads to abnormal neural tube development in zebrafish. Student researchers will be studying the role that this microRNA plays in neural development for the zebrafish with the hope that this will create a more informed perspective on this same phenomenon in humans. To do this, they will couple genetic techniques with fluorescence microscopy to assess brain formation *in vivo*.

Did you

Zebrafish have a counterpart for 84% of human genes.



Students and faculty study a variety of genetically distinct zebrafish lines.

Carter Takacs explores the growth process of zebrafish from embryo state through adulthood.

When placed in mating tanks, zebrafish generate hundreds of embryos daily.



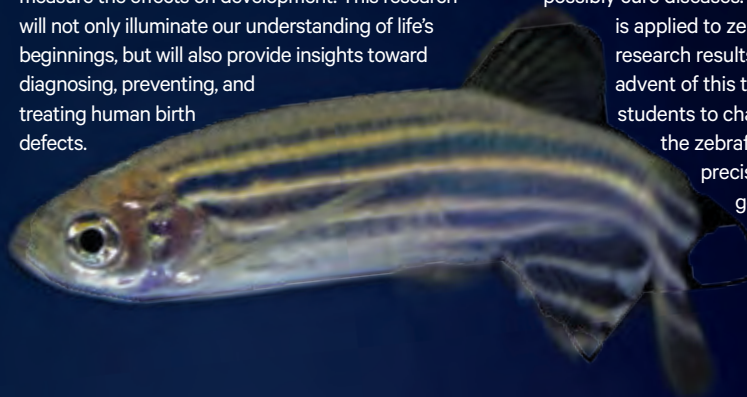
The Genetic Basis of Autism

Large-scale human population studies have identified specific gene variants that are associated with autism. The Takacs Lab, in collaboration with the Hoffman Lab at Yale University, is studying the function of one of these genes — ADNP — in brain development and behavior in zebrafish. These efforts will help researchers better understand what roles this gene may play in humans. To do this, students are modifying the ADNP gene in zebrafish and measuring the consequences on brain development and structure. By better understanding how brain function is altered in autism, this work has the potential to open up new therapeutic strategies for treatment.

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Understanding Life's Beginnings

We all begin our journey in life as single fertilized cells that divide into millions of progeny cells. Our transformation into complex bodies involves dynamic and coordinated changes in which genes are turned on and off as development proceeds. The Takacs Lab is interested in understanding how this precise regulation occurs. Since zebrafish embryos develop outside their mother, these events can be visualized with ease. Further, new technological advances allow Takacs' students to make specific changes to the genome and measure the effects on development. This research will not only illuminate our understanding of life's beginnings, but will also provide insights toward diagnosing, preventing, and treating human birth defects.



Genetic Blueprint of a Zebrafish

The work in the Takacs Lab involves genetic editing techniques that would have been inconceivable at a smaller, primarily undergraduate university less than 10 years ago. CRISPR, a powerful gene-editing technology, lets scientists "cut and paste" pieces of DNA from genes, making it possible to repair defective genes and possibly cure diseases. What's more, when CRISPR is applied to zebrafish, one can often see research results in as little as a few days. The advent of this technology has enabled Takacs' students to change the genetic blueprint of the zebrafish and modify the genome in precise ways in order to study the genetic basis of development, as well as diseases such as cancer.

Students change the genetic blueprint of the zebrafish and modify the genome to study the genetic basis of development.

Faculty Spotlight

RECOGNITION

Professor Wins Prestigious Fulbright Scholar Award

Over the course of his Fulbright Specialist Program this spring at East China Normal University in Shanghai, **Cheng “Charlie” Wang, Ph.D.**, professor and chair of the University of New Haven’s College of Business’ Marketing Department, gave research seminars, guided faculty on curriculum development and research projects, collaborated on global branding research with the dean of the Asia-Euro Business School, taught graduate and undergraduate classes, and traveled to 10 other Chinese universities to lecture and meet Chinese students who are interested in pursuing their MBA at the University of New Haven’s College of Business.



AWARD

Leadership in Health Care

The School of Health Sciences (SHS) has received the 2018 Leadership in Health Care Award from the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce in recognition of SHS’s commitment to preparing healthcare professionals for the 21st century. The award is given by the Healthcare Council of the GNHCC to institutions or individuals who have made an impact on the workforce of the region, who show leadership and innovation in their activities, and who have demonstrated commitment to improving healthcare.

RECOGNITION

Excellence in Teaching



Matthew Schmidt, Ph.D., an expert on U.S. military issues, Russia, and U.S. foreign policy in North Korea, is the fourth recipient of the University of New Haven’s prestigious William L. Bucknall Excellence in Teaching Award. In his

classes, Dr. Schmidt, a University of New Haven associate professor of political science and national security, uses a wide range of teaching tools, including simulation exercises that he developed during his time teaching military officers. His approach has led to new programs and courses at the University, including a new bachelor’s degree program in international development and diplomacy.

APPOINTMENT

A New Appointment



Ronald S. Harichandran, Ph.D., PE, F.ASCE, who joined the University in 2011 as dean of the Tagliatela College of Engineering, has been appointed the University of New Haven’s first vice provost for research. In this

newly established University position — and in addition to his current responsibilities as dean — Dr. Harichandran will oversee the Office of Sponsored Research, including intellectual property, patents, technology transfer, and research compliance matters. He will also advise the provost on internal research allocations and work to strengthen relationships with external funding sources.

NEW HIRE

Policing Expert Joins Faculty



Lorenzo M. Boyd, Ph.D., a nationally recognized expert on police-community relations, has joined the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences as associate professor of criminal justice

and director of the Center for Advanced Policing at the University. Most recently, Dr. Boyd was also named Assistant Provost for Diversity & Inclusion. His service as a former deputy sheriff in Boston informed his nearly 20-year career in higher education.



NEW PROGRAM

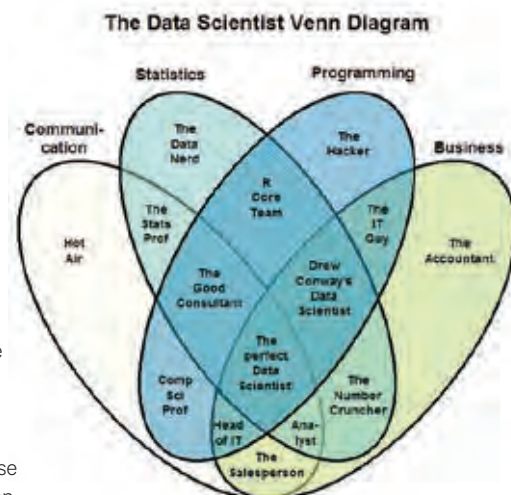
Good Chemistry

The University of New Haven has established a new master's degree in chemistry. Incorporating guiding principles used by the National Science Foundation, the program integrates theoretical and experimental chemistry and a cross-disciplinary approach. The University will be one of very few chemistry programs around the country that have a curriculum designed using this approach. Others include top research universities such as Yale, MIT, and UC Berkeley. Graduate students will develop solutions to attack critically important problems such as molecular drug discovery, green catalyst design, polymer materials design, and chemical analysis for a sustainable environment.

MAKING MOVES

We're Moving

The Tagliatela College of Engineering's Master of Science in Data Science program is being moved from San Francisco to West Haven. The content of the program is built around emerging machine learning and artificial intelligence methods that hold the most promise for the future, in addition to being highly valued today. According to Glassdoor, data scientists — who can work in areas including healthcare, law enforcement, energy, and commerce — earn about \$110,000 annually, and those in the position have reported high levels of job satisfaction.



ACCREDITATION

Program Receives Accreditation

The University of New Haven's graduate program in healthcare administration has become the only program in Connecticut accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME). Program leaders have been pursuing this accreditation since 2014 and earned it on the first attempt. The University joins an elite group of CAHME-accredited institutions in the U.S. — including Boston University,

Cornell University, Columbia University, and Johns Hopkins University, among others — that are committed to academic excellence, competency-based education, and continuous quality improvement in healthcare administration education. The University of New Haven is the only CAHME-accredited institution in the area encompassing New York City, Boston, and Syracuse, and is one of just four such institutions in New England.



*We need to
continue to
encourage
talented students
to pursue
STEM fields
and galvanize
support for
science and
discovery.*

CHONG QIU, PH.D.



Success Is in the Air



Chong Qiu, assistant professor of chemistry, earns National Science Foundation's Early Career Award, joining recipients from Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, and NYU.

University of New Haven chemistry professor **Chong Qiu, Ph.D.**, has been awarded a five-year, almost \$700,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) Early Career Award for his groundbreaking research on aerosols — tiny particles suspended in the air — in the atmosphere. Qiu is the first University of New Haven faculty member to receive this National Science Foundation award.

Qiu will use the funding to advance his research that has the potential to shape understanding of the impact of air quality on climate change, weather forecasting, and human health.

KEY TERMS

aerosols tiny particles suspended in the air

amines nitrogen-containing organic compounds that are derived from ammonia

micrometeorites micrometeoroid that has survived entry through Earth's atmosphere

organic compound any chemical compound that contains carbon

"National Science Foundation Early Career Awards are coveted by the very best faculty at the very best universities," said Ron Harichandran, Ph.D., dean of the University's Tagliatela College of Engineering, noting that Qiu's fellow recipients of NSF's Early Career Award this year are

professors at Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, and NYU. "This prestigious award is a great honor for Dr. Qiu and the University of New Haven."

Qiu's research is investigating chemicals, such as amines — nitrogen-containing organic compounds that are derived from ammonia — that he said were previously thought not to have a significant impact on the atmosphere.

"We recently discovered that reactions of amines play an important role in the formation and transformation of atmospheric aerosols," Qiu said. "We need to understand how the presence of amines in the particle phase affects aerosol properties," he added.

For the past two years, Qiu has worked with undergraduate and graduate students on this research. Members of his research team also have visited area high schools and middle schools to teach students how to collect micrometeorites from rainwater using tools designed from plumbing parts.

"We need to continue to encourage talented students to pursue STEM fields and galvanize support for science and discovery," Qiu said.

QIU'S RESEARCH PROGRAM WILL FEATURE:

- Graduate students, undergraduate students, and undergraduate interns.
- Guest lectures about atmospheric chemistry.
- Developing and building the project's instrumentation. Collaborating with Joseph Levert, University of New Haven associate professor of mechanical engineering, Qiu created a five-year plan in which each year a team of engineering majors, as part of their senior project, will continue the development of the project's instrumentation.
- A summer academy for high school students in the region.
- Development of a K-12 STEM pipeline, getting students of all levels participating in some aspect of the research.

Events

Winter 2018 Commencement

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

"I encourage you to be socially conscious, to embrace innovation, to welcome debate, and to seek new opportunities, especially those that require you to leave your comfort zone. I urge you, most importantly, to approach your future endeavors with an unwavering commitment to being a compassionate and empathetic individual." —**President Kaplan**

"Listen to your inner self. Understand your privilege. So many of us think we don't have anything to offer, but you do. Having a degree from the University of New Haven gives you privilege."

Teresa Younger, Commencement Speaker

"At the end of the road is a degree that will open doors for the rest of your career. Sitting here today, you've made it to the end of that road.

You will soon have that degree in your hands, and you can begin the next phase of what I'm sure will be a truly successful and prosperous life."

Parker Johnson '19, President of the Undergraduate Student Government Association

"We are a powerful generation because we don't settle. We re-create. We know what we want our future to look like, and we fight until changes are in place. The education and skills you've developed here have built you to be an asset in the path you choose."

Mackenzie Upshaw M.S. '19, Executive Vice President of the Graduate Student Council

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Teresa Younger
President and CEO
of the Ms. Foundation
for Women,
Doctor of Humane
Letters

Eileen Eder
Award-winning artist,
arts instructor, and
philanthropist,
Doctor of Humane
Letters

James Zander '73
Founder and owner
of James Zander &
Associates
Founder of Zander
Realty, LP,
Doctor of Business
Administration





AT-A-GLANCE

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Undergraduate Degree Candidates	Graduate Degree Candidates	Honor Societies	Latin Honors	Undergraduate Programs	Graduate Programs



120 by 2020

The Power of Momentum

By University of New Haven staff



THE CHARGER
CHALLENGE

This spring, the University of New Haven's inaugural comprehensive campaign, launched as a precursor

to the institution's historic Centennial in 2020, exceeded its original goal of \$100 million. This milestone was reached almost a year in advance of the official start of the University's 100th year.

The Charger Challenge: The Campaign for the University of New Haven was publicly launched in 2016. Since its inception, more than 16,000 donors have contributed to the campaign, and the University has received 80 gifts of \$100,000 or more and 20 gifts of at least \$1 million. In addition to raising more than \$100 million, the University has attracted more than \$24 million in federal and state grants and contracts during the campaign.

"This is momentous for the University," said President Steven H. Kaplan. "As we prepare to begin a yearlong celebration of our first 100 years, we are proud to announce an unprecedented level of support for our future. Our founders would take great pride in seeing the dedication that today's donors have to our mission. We are indebted to all of our alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends who are ensuring our next century of success and achievement."

President Kaplan said that the goal for The Charger Challenge was increased to \$120 million by 2020 and will focus on attracting additional resources for athletics and the new School of Health Sciences.

The Charger Challenge seeks to provide new support for educational opportunities that foster innovation, creativity, and social impact, while also enriching learning and co-curricular opportunities for students. In addition, the Challenge has sought


to substantially increase the amount of endowed scholarships and financial aid available to attract and retain highly talented students. Since the launch of the campaign, 94 new endowed scholarships have been created.

The centerpiece of The Charger Challenge is the new Bergami Center for Science, Technology, and Innovation, a state-of-the-art, 44,000-square-foot academic facility. Currently under construction at the heart of the University's campus, it is scheduled to open in early 2020. The University's first new academic building in more than 40 years, the Bergami Center will include, among other cutting-edge features, engineering and science labs, state-of-the-art collaborative classrooms, and video production studios.

A central feature of the building will be its makerspace, where students will have the opportunity to explore their own interests and inventions, use innovative tools and materials, and pursue interdisciplinary collaborative opportunities.

More than one third of the building will be "open space" that will foster creative idea exchange and teamwork. Instead of traditional faculty offices, it will feature co-working spaces and areas that encourage and support the exchange of ideas between students and faculty.





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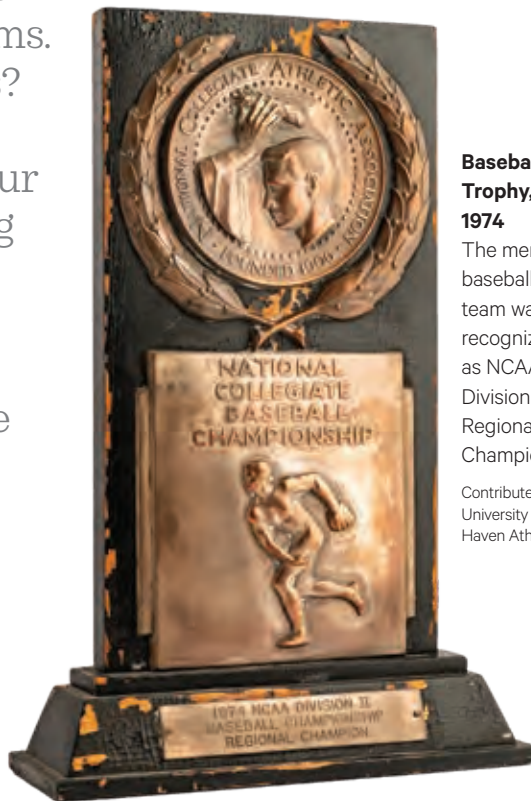
Antique Show

We did some rummaging around in the “attic,” and look what we found: some of the University’s family heirlooms. Are they priceless antiques? To us, they are. They’re a tangible connection with our past, with each piece telling a fascinating story of who or what came before us. They’re stories without an ending, though, because we keep adding new chapters.

Volunteer Lanyard, 1995

Rebecca Johnson, currently vice president for student affairs, volunteered at the Special Olympics World Games on the University’s main campus.

Contributed by Rebecca Johnson



Baseball Trophy, 1974

The men’s baseball team was recognized as NCAA Division II Regional Champions.

Contributed by University of New Haven Athletics



Student Handbook, 1979

An old campus map reveals just how much the University has grown over the past several decades.

Contributed by Rebecca Johnson

Football Helmet, 1960

This equipment was worn by a proud alumnus during his time as a Charger.

Contributed by University of New Haven Athletics



Bartender Award, 1978

This badge was given to a favorite server at the Rathskeller, the original campus bar.

Contributed by Richard F. Hanley '78



Newspaper, 1928

New Haven College’s first newspaper was published at holiday time.

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Engraved Mug, 1964

This mug lists the names of the first graduating class from the mechanical engineering program.

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Music Festival Poster, 1976

This advertised a first of its kind festival on North Campus featuring Michael Bolton, then known as Michael Bolotin.

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Championship Photo, 1966

New Haven College's men's basketball team was recognized as District 32 Champions.

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Concrete Canoe Race, 1975

This photograph shows engineering students battling to design unsinkable canoes from an unlikely building material.

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50th Reunion, Class of 1930

A photograph of the graduating class was later framed for Homecoming 1980.

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Sorority Sisters, 1970

Members of Chi Kappa Rho dressed in their finest for Homecoming.

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Award, 1974

A former Charger proudly wore this football varsity letter.

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Cowbell, 2002

This was used to showcase school pride in a more recent decade.

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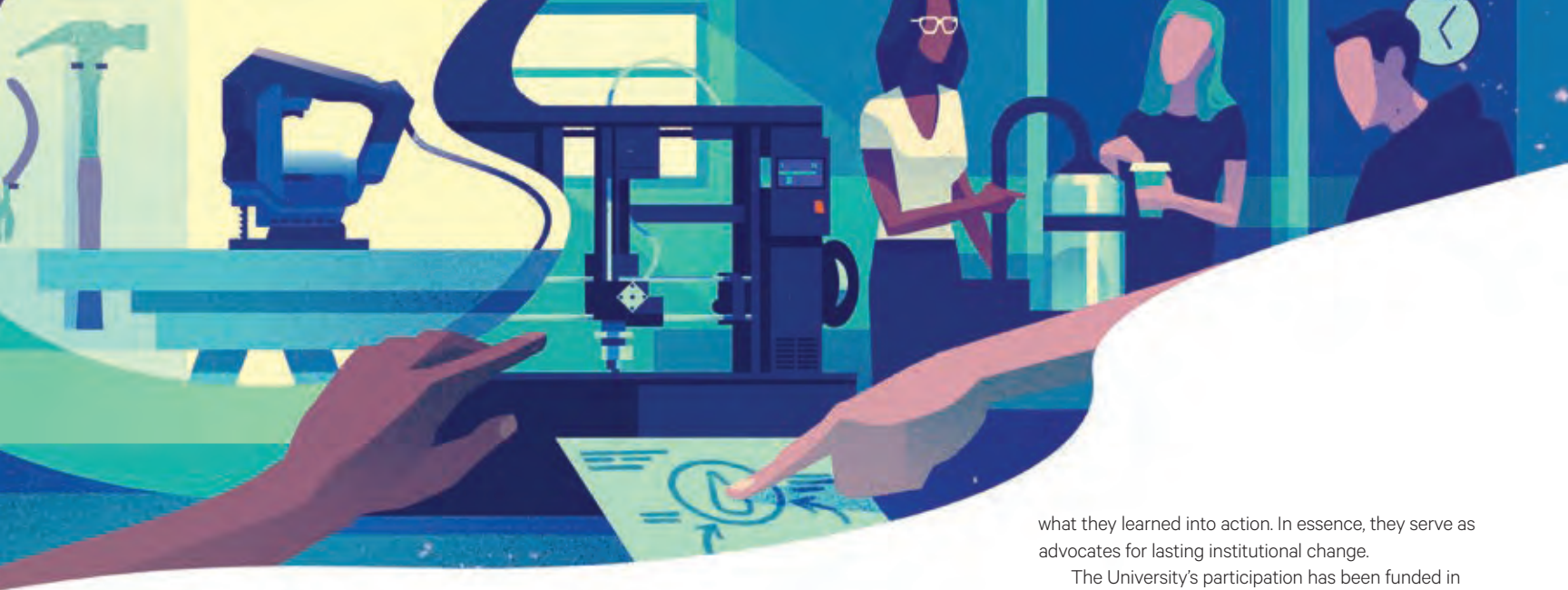


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From left: Jonathan Spiegel '17,
Amanda Arango '19, Daniel Delgado '17
Not pictured: Jillian Jacques '19

Nothing has
to be the way
it is now.

AGENTS



If you're not a fan of the status quo, then you've come to the right place. Our rules are simple: if someone tells you something is inconceivable, test the boundaries; if you are frustrated, push forward — you are on to something big; and, if at the end of the day, the space around you is a complete mess, great job! A true tinkerer needs room to strew parts.

Jonathan Spiegel '17, Daniel Delgado '17, Jillian Jacques '19, and Amanda Arango '19 exemplify these tenants and share a different take on what it means to create something new. It isn't enough to be a "maker" — you need to have the breadth of expertise to inform your approach, the humility to ask questions and lean on others, and a thoughtful consideration for the resources necessary for tackling whatever problem it is you're trying to solve; this is exactly why these four change agents were a perfect

fit for a relatively new and extremely unique role at the University of New Haven — Innovation Fellow.

The parent program — aptly named the University Innovation Fellows (UIF) Program — is borne out of the Hasso Plattner Institute of Design at Stanford University and was created as part of the National Center for Engineering Pathways to Innovation, a five-year National Science Foundation grant, to provide students with the tools and strategies to make change on their campuses. The UIF motto? "We believe students can change the world."

Each year, those University of New Haven students accepted into the UIF Program embark on a wild ride. Mentored by Maria-Isabel Carnasciali, Ph.D., associate professor of mechanical engineering and chair of the Department of Engineering and Applied Science Education, fellows travel to the global UIF Silicon Valley Meetup in Palo Alto, collaborate in labs on the Google campus, and receive year-round mentorship from Stanford professors and industry leaders. When they return to the University, they put

what they learned into action. In essence, they serve as advocates for lasting institutional change.

The University's participation has been funded in part by the Kern Entrepreneurial Engineering Network (KEEN). Despite the specificity of its name, KEEN encourages an entrepreneurial mindset in students across all disciplines — one which requires maintaining a curiosity about our changing world, gaining new insights and making connections, and identifying unexpected opportunities to create value. The cover of this issue of the University of New Haven Alumni Magazine pictures the construction site of what will one day be the fully envisioned Bergami Center for Science, Technology, and Innovation — a building that will serve as a vibrant hub for all University students to come together and do just that: test ideas, create new products, pursue new interests, and deepen their emerging passions.

Spiegel, Delgado, Jacques, and Arango are just four of twelve — and counting — "agents of change" to have served as University of New Haven Innovation Fellows, representing four different cohorts, respectively. We hope that you enjoy tagging along on their incredible journeys and look forward to sharing still more innovative tales in the issues to come. —>



CHANGE

Jonathan Spiegel '17 is a self-identified troublemaker. What he means by this, he explains, is that he challenges things if he doesn't understand why they are the way they are.

JONATHAN SPIEGEL '17

At the University of New Haven, Spiegel was able to embrace this disruptor mentality and dive deeper into his passion for innovation and entrepreneurship. As a sophomore, he had an unprecedented opportunity. At the encouragement of his professors, he applied to and was accepted to participate in Stanford University's Hasso Plattner Institute of Design's global initiative — the University Innovation Fellow (UIF) Program — and serve as the University of New Haven's first Fellow.

At the time, there were only 300 Fellows in the program (there are now just under 2,000 Fellows from 258 global institutions in this prestigious community). Spiegel credits his time at the University and the encouragement and resources afforded by his faculty mentors with his ability to take full advantage of this opportunity.

As a University Innovation Fellow, Spiegel spearheaded the first-ever 3 Day Startup, a statewide program which allowed students from local colleges and universities to come together to develop ideas and turn them into real startup companies. "In order to make that event a reality," Spiegel says, "I had to pitch it to countless deans and members of the administration in order to show the value that it would bring to the University."

Getting the event off the ground took almost a year. "There were several weeks that I would work on it during the day, and I wouldn't be done with my homework until 3 a.m.," Spiegel says. He raised upwards of \$12,000 in donations from alumni; arranged for buses, t-shirts, and food; recruited angel investors to judge innovation competitions; and

organized a trip to the Grove, a collaboration space in New Haven. They had a great turnout, with passionate students who created professional-level presentations to promote their ideas. "It wasn't high stress, but it was high energy — and exciting," he says. "Everyone was blown away."

The event was so successful that it has since evolved into what is now considered to be one of the University's signature entrepreneurial events, Charger Startup Weekend. Spiegel helped with the transition. "I couldn't do it forever, and I always wanted it to be sustainable," he says. In addition, Spiegel also helped promote the University at the first-ever White House Demo Day in Washington, D.C.; pitched the merits of innovation and entrepreneurship to the Board of

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Governors and to local and state legislators; and, most recently, took part in helping to plan the University's cornerstone campaign building project, the Bergami Center for Science, Technology, and Innovation.

Since graduation, Spiegel has worked as an applications engineer at RBC Heim Bearings, which develops highly engineered bearings and other kinds of joint solutions for the rapidly growing aerospace, defense, and mining industries. He got a chance to meet the CEO, Dr. Michael Harnett, while he was still a student, after receiving a scholarship in his name, and made sure to introduce himself and share his resume.

Spiegel's role as an Innovation Fellow and his time at the University were, although later in his life, formative years. "I learned you should not be afraid to stand up and give your input," Spiegel says. "You can make a difference." And though he's now interested in learning how things operate within a corporate setting, he hopes to own his own business one day, stating: "Getting a taste of what it's like to start up your own company — the hours you put in, the energy — inspired me."



DANIEL DELGADO '17

Daniel Delgado '17 is working at his dream job. As an associate engineer at Metro-North Railroad, Delgado manages multiple projects in an extraordinarily complex transportation system that includes the busiest commuter rail line in the United States: the New Haven Line.

The New Haven Line runs from New Haven, Connecticut, southwest to Grand Central Terminal, and transports 125,000 people a day. It's the kind of job he dreamed about when he was growing up in New Rochelle, New York, when he first became fascinated by, as he puts it, "all things that move and things that don't move" — in other words, machines and structures.

It was the Kern Entrepreneurial Engineering Network (KEEN) program, Delgado says, that gave him the skills he needed to get that job. During his

sophomore year, Delgado was selected to be the University's first peer mentor and student coordinator, a KEEN-funded position.

Over the next two years, he worked with University engineering faculty and developed a strategic plan to ensure that the department began to approach curriculum and program development with an innovative mindset — setting priorities, focusing energy and resources, strengthening processes, and making certain that faculty and administration alike were working toward this common goal. One important piece of this was his work to create a small, entrepreneurial community within the University's larger Engineering Learning Living Community (LLC). The LLC allows first-year engineering and applied science students to live together in a residence hall, take similar courses, meet with faculty mentors throughout the year, and participate in special group activities both in the residence hall and off campus. Delgado's initiative, E2LLC, offers a variety of enriching activities, including monthly discussion dinners, industry competitions, engineering challenges, 24-hour "Imagination Quests," and tours of companies that one day may very well be potential employers for the LLC members. Delgado also mentored and tutored first-year engineering students.

Before working with KEEN, Delgado planned to focus his career pursuits on his industry major, civil engineering. "Working on the strategic plan and E2LLC really changed my perspective," he says. "It created this bridge between engineering and business that I feel is lacking in technical education." In engineering school, you're primarily focused on numbers, he says, but not on financial numbers.

Civil engineers work with numbers related to structures and foundations, and mechanical engineers with numbers related to designing machines. "In the real world, you also have to consider resources and feasibility and build a sustainable business model." In addition to his role as a KEEN mentor and coordinator, Delgado succeeded Spiegel and became the University's second Innovation Fellow, continuing to build on these initiatives and to inspire new ones — activities which only further strengthened his desire to pursue a career that necessitated an integration of entrepreneurship and business.

This speaks to yet another reason why his current job is so perfect for him. "In my role at Metro-North, you have to have the engineering background to understand the problems of the project and the nature of the construction, but you're responsible for maintaining both the budget and the schedule," he says. "I've learned it never hurts to suggest a new way to conduct business. That, to me, is the essence of innovation: trying to do something that hasn't been done before."

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JILLIAN JACQUES '19

This summer, Jillian Jacques '19 will be leading a team of software developers at recruiterboom, a startup recruitment agency in Londonderry, New Hampshire, that focuses on “we culture”: empowering all of its employees to explore how their interests and talents can be applied to the business.



The agency describes itself as an “innovation incubation center,” and Jacques doubts she would have pursued a position there if she hadn’t been a 2017 University Innovation Fellow. Just a few years ago, as a computer science major, she found the word *innovation* somewhat intimidating — she’d always thought it meant creating something entirely new: a product, method, or idea. But going through the UIF Program taught her that innovation is also about collaboration: sharing ideas and working with others to see how their experiences and yours can solve a problem or clarify next steps.

Like Delgado, Jacques found great value in working with KEEN. She credits the program, which showed her how to combine her engineering background with business strategies and tools, with helping her learn a critical career skill: how to pitch herself. “All of the innovation programs — KEEN, UIF, and everything else I’ve

experienced on campus — really pushed me to grow as a person,” she says. “I don’t think I’d be as confident as I am now if it hadn’t been for those opportunities and for the professors who pushed me to step outside the proverbial — yet ever-present — comfort zone and into a place where it was safe to experience failure.”

Experiencing failure is “absolutely necessary,” she says. “I hate the idea of it, but I’ve come to understand and appreciate why it’s important. Failure can teach you what direction to go in and what parts of your idea did and didn’t work. It teaches you how to take criticism. If you can fail gracefully, you’ll have a huge leg up in every aspect of life.”

It’s also an almost inevitable part of taking risks, which Jacques has been willing to do since the start of her undergraduate education. She grew up in the town of York, in south central Pennsylvania, yet chose to spend her

first semester at the University taking courses in Prato, Italy, on the University’s Tuscany Campus. Jacques started looking at colleges in her early teens, and one of the many reasons she was drawn to the University of New Haven was its willingness to incorporate study abroad in an engineering program. That first semester opened her eyes to a wider world and taught her that, with a little luck, “you’ll always run into people who can help you.” Perhaps most important, it set the tone for the rest of her college experience: always expanding her horizons and setting her sights further than what is expected.

Jacques is graduating in December and hopes to go into software development project management. Rather than “always say yes” — the advice often given to striving innovators, entrepreneurs, and creators of every type — she’d advise future students to “take advantage of opportunities, but say yes only as often as you feel comfortable. Set boundaries, but not to hold yourself back. Set boundaries to keep yourself healthy.”

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AMANDA ARANGO '19

Like many little kids, Amanda Arango '19 had a lemonade stand, although in her case it was more like a pop-up store, one that she strategically relocated around her neighborhood to maximize the benefits of rush-hour foot traffic.

And unlike most kids, she took this entrepreneurial impulse to the next level, launching her first business — a cake-decorating venture called Scrumptious Treats — while she was still in elementary school. Although most of her marketing took place at her nieces' and nephews' birthday parties, she created a business card and printed flyers, and by sixth grade was earning upwards of \$25 a cake. By high school, she was dreaming of owning a coffee shop, despite the challenges of selling hot beverages in her hometown of Miami.

When Arango started at the University of New Haven as a marketing major, she was firmly attached to the idea of one day starting her own business. Walking around campus her first semester, she saw posters for Startup Weekend, which had taken on even greater momentum since Spiegel helped launch the initiative

several years prior. "In just three days, I got to see what my life could be like as an entrepreneur," she says. "I loved every bit of it."

Her team won that year's competition — they built a platform, Interview4U, to provide students with online personal coaching and mentorship as well as mock interview prep and additional add-on features — and Arango immediately sought more ways to be involved with entrepreneurship on campus. Brian Marks, the executive director of the University's Entrepreneurship and

Innovation Program, and Professor Maria-Isabel Carnasciali, chair of the Department of Engineering and

Applied Science Education, agreed to sponsor her application to the UIF Program. Attending the intensive meet-up on the Stanford campus left her in awe. She met students from around the world and became close with a group from the Netherlands. "They were all doing these big things on their campuses," she says. "It was amazing to me, and I wanted to bring those ideas back to school. UIF gave me this global perspective and also showed me I could make a difference in my current capacity, right here in West Haven, as a student."

When she returned to the University, she devoted her energy to supporting co-curricular entrepreneurship programs, and to encouraging two projects in particular: the creation of a thinking space/ startup incubator where students could brainstorm and work on problem identification, ideation, customer discovery, and prototypes; and establishing a framework for TED-Ed — a version of TED Talks for students and teachers — on campus. Both projects are still in the planning stages, but she's excited to see how the next wave of entrepreneurial-minded students will carry them forward. "We are all change-makers," she says.

This fall, Arango is starting a master's program in entrepreneurship at the University of Florida. She still plans to start her own business one day. "But the school and the UIF Program showed me I want to do more," she says. "I want to benefit society. I want to have a positive impact on the world. And I feel a lot more confident that I can do that — that I can create change." ■

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BY UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN STAFF

This is a special time to be a Charger. We are on the precipice of our second century of success because of you, our readers — the alumni, friends, parents, faculty, and staff who believe in the University of New Haven's mission and support this institution in so many significant ways.

In advance of our historic Centennial in 2020, we took the University on the road, hosting a series of signature events to commemorate this milestone anniversary. These festive gatherings of University alumni and friends were opportunities to look back on our past and to celebrate our future.

Nearly 200 guests attended our inaugural celebration in Boston on April 25 at the Museum of Science. This event was hosted by Herb Chambers HON '16, president and CEO of the Herb Chambers Companies. Our next stop was the St. Regis New York where, on May 18, just under 250 guests came together for a celebration hosted by Board of Governors Vice Chair Charlie Pompea '71, EMBA '90, HON '06, and his wife, Tamera Pompea. At the center of each of these celebrations were student-led expositions where students and faculty members in each of the University's colleges and schools presented research and innovative projects underway at the University, showcasing the truly imaginative and entrepreneurial spirit of our student body.

The University of New Haven has come a long way in the past 100 years, and we are committed to continuing this incredible momentum into a future that beckons with possibility and the promise of imagination, innovation, and impact. ■

#UNEWHAVEN100



Dave Galla '99 takes guests through an interactive timeline of the University's history.



One guest experiences a shocking beginning to this signature event.



President Kaplan celebrates with Anil Shah '86 and his wife, Hina.



Herb Chambers HON '16 hosts guests at the inaugural reception in Boston.



Matthew Sheehy '19 lets an attendee test out his backpack propulsion device.



Alumni reconnect with their alma mater. #UNewHaven100



(L-R) William L. Bucknall Jr. '63, '65, Philip H. Bartels, and New York event host Charles E. Pompea '71, EMBA '90, celebrate at the St. Regis.

STUDENT SHOWCASES



WNHU Podcasts Live interviews with alumni guests for an upcoming series of Centennial podcasts on the University of New Haven's radio station.



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Dr. Ryan talking with Assistant Professor and Chef Jason Potanovich prior to lunch service in The Bocusse Restaurant.

BY JENNIFER KITSES
PHOTOGRAPHY BY DON HAMERMAN

Tim Ryan '94, EMBA '96, head of the Culinary Institute of America, believes in working hard and eating well.



In 1971, when he was 13 years old, Tim Ryan filled in for a friend who worked as a dishwasher at a local Pittsburgh restaurant. At the end of the shift, Ryan was paid \$10 in cash and given a steak dinner.

It was a good haul for a day's work. It was also a day that would change Ryan's life: he'd stumbled headlong into a vocation ... and a dream. "The kitchen was a magical place," he says, "the flames and knives and the ballet performed behind the line by the chefs and the wait staff." The chef asked Ryan to come back, and soon he was working as much as he could, eager to spend time in the kitchen. In many ways, he never left.

Ryan has spent the past 37 years at the Culinary Institute of America and has served as its president since 2001. During his tenure, the Institute launched its famed American Bounty Restaurant and expanded educationally and geographically, offering new academic programs and degrees, including the world's first bachelor's degrees in management of culinary arts and in baking and pastry arts and opening campuses in Napa County, San Antonio, and Singapore. Ryan himself has received abundant recognition: at the notably young age of 26, he was named a Certified Master Chef, and at 36 he became the youngest national president of the American Culinary

Federation. He led the ACF Culinary Team USA to victories at the Culinary Olympics and the first Culinary World Cup, and he is one of only five Americans to receive the Presidential Medal from the World Association of Chefs' Societies. Most recently, he was named by *Pittsburgh Magazine* as one of the "50 Greatest Pittsburghers of All Time" — a list that includes Jonas Salk, Andrew Carnegie, and Martha Graham.

Back in the early '70s, Ryan couldn't have dreamed that he'd one day reach these heights. His first step? Asking the chef of that Pittsburgh restaurant to teach him how to cook. The chef tried to talk him out of it, telling Ryan that he was a smart kid and should become a lawyer. "But I didn't know any lawyers," Ryan says. "We were a poor family. Here was a real person, who was dynamic and very successful, working in this cool environment." Ryan insisted his future was working with food.

Some people might scoff at that career choice. But, as Ryan points out, the food industry is the largest in the world. "Most people don't know that," he says. "That's why I always give them a statistic based on our research: 100 percent of the world eats food." Jokes aside, Ryan is an evangelist for the food world and restaurant industry, and the opportunities they offer to young people — opportunities that weren't so clear when he was starting out. »



THE YOUNG AMERICAN

Ryan has overseen a multitude of changes at the Culinary Institute of America. He first came to the school as a student, and, as did every other aspiring chef at the time, wanted to study French cuisine. After graduating in 1977, Ryan traveled to Lyon, France, to study in the kitchen of Paul Bocuse, a famous chef associated with *nouvelle cuisine*, a lighter and more modern approach to French food. Upon his return, hoping that he would become the American version of Bocuse, Ryan opened a French restaurant in his hometown.

A few years later, Ryan met Ferdinand Metz, then president of the Culinary Institute of America. Metz wanted a young American chef to develop a new concept: a restaurant that would treat American cuisine with the reverence usually reserved for the French. In 1982, at the age of 24, Ryan returned to the College as a faculty member, determined to set that idea in motion.

There was just one problem: the food. "My generation of graduates led an American food revolution when we said, 'The chickens here don't taste like chicken.' " Like many chefs who'd studied in France, Ryan came back with a new awareness of what American supermarkets

lacked. "If you walk down your supermarket aisle today, you'll see the changes we brought about," Ryan says. "When I was a kid, there were heads of iceberg lettuce, onions and carrots and celery. If there were mushrooms, they were white button mushrooms. Chili peppers, forget about it."

The other part of that revolution was using fresh, authentic ingredients to cook American cuisine — a crazy notion in the early '80s, when most people thought there was no such thing. The American Bounty Restaurant was one of the first to challenge that idea, with a menu that indicated the origin and inspiration of many of its dishes, which included Cajun shrimp-stuffed mirliton squash; ham roulades Maryland style, stuffed with crabmeat and corn; and cioppino, a fish stew from San Francisco. Today it focuses on the seasonal and regional specialties of its Hudson Valley home.

A GREATER IMPACT

By joining the Culinary Institute of America, Ryan had stepped off his path of becoming the American Paul Bocuse. But at the school, he'd discovered a new version of his original dream. "I was a student here and loved it,

"We do the preparation, we cook it, we serve it, and by the end of the day, we have a sense of accomplishment."

but it's completely different being a faculty member," he says. "You're impacting young people's lives in a much more powerful way." One day, Ryan told Metz that he hoped to eventually serve as president of the school — an audacious thing for someone in his 20s to say to the then-president, Ryan admits. Metz helped Ryan brainstorm 20 tasks he needed to complete if he hoped to achieve that goal, including earning a doctoral degree (Ryan had an associate's degree from the college at the time), becoming a Certified Master Chef, and moving into the school's administration. Metz also gave him a critical piece of advice: There are no guarantees.

This did not dissuade Ryan. He enrolled at the University of New Haven to further his education. Ryan was living in Hyde Park and working full time, and he drove two hours to West Haven several times a week to take classes at night. After earning his bachelor's, Ryan entered the University's Executive MBA program. "In my



“We had a great day. Look at what we did. We made all these people happy.”

cohort there were people who were experts in logistics and finance and marketing and so on,” he says. “It was a great experience, because you learned not just from the faculty and your own studies, but from your classmates.”

By this time, Ryan had joined the Culinary Institute of America’s administration, focusing on increasing appreciation of cuisines from around the world. Two decades ago, the college held its first annual Worlds of Flavor conference, which this year will introduce attendees to — among many other offerings — the tandoor ovens of South Asia, the amphora-aged wines of Georgia, and the markets of Istanbul, Persia, and the Indian state of Kerala. Two years later, Ryan achieved his dream of becoming the school’s president.

Ryan’s tenure has also included outreach projects focused on public health and environmental sustainability. In 2004, the school launched Healthy Kitchens, Healthy Lives — a partnership with the

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health which features an annual leadership conference for health professionals who want to learn more about nutrition. Another partnership with the Harvard School of Public Health is Menus of Change, an initiative fueled by both social responsibility and an awareness of opportunity. The research on what people should and shouldn’t eat is clear, Ryan says. “People choose French fries over carrot sticks because they taste better,” he explains. “Our challenge is: how do we make the healthy things as enticing and delicious as French fries? As we learn how to do that, we’ll sell more carrot sticks, and the industry will make money. It will be better for people and better for the environment.”

AT THE END OF THE DAY

Other than his family, Ryan’s greatest source of pride is his career. “This has been my life’s work,” he says. Chefs, he argues, are entrepreneurs, inventors, and artists. “What medium allows for greater creativity than food? It encompasses all the senses. It is the ultimate artistic expression and lends itself to endless innovation.” Yet he feels the restaurant industry is often misunderstood.

“People say we work so hard, and kitchens are hot, and there are low-paying positions,” he says. “I would argue that if you want to be successful in any profession, you’re going to have to work hard. I don’t know that any restaurant is that different from an accounting firm or a law firm or a tech firm. I’m willing to bet that folks at Google work pretty hard.”

Ryan’s trajectory has been described as rising from the dishwashing room to the boardroom. Yet he argues that his path is not that unusual and that he, like so many others, was drawn to the kitchen not just for the financial opportunities, but for two rewards that should not be overlooked: the chance to make something tangible and the opportunity to participate in an experience whose end goal is happiness. Restaurants are about taking care of people and helping them enjoy themselves and celebrate, he says. “We come in, we have a bunch of raw product,” Ryan says. “We do the preparation, we cook it, we serve it, and by the end of the day, we have a sense of accomplishment. We say, ‘We had a great day. Look at what we did. We made all these people happy.’” ■

Highlights

Bite the Dust

University of New Haven catcher **Jovanna Hillman '21** gets the tag down as Merrimack College tries to advance into scoring position. The Chargers softball team completed a two-game sweep of their NE10 rival at the New Haven Softball Field in March.



Charger Roundup



Chargers Earn NCAA Bid

The Chargers men's basketball team completed its third 20-win season under ninth-year head coach Ted Hotaling. The Chargers closed out the season with a 21-10 record, matching the most wins in a single season since finishing with a 26-5 record in 1987-88.

The Chargers made a pair of postseason runs, falling short in the Northeast-10 Conference

Championship game before earning the eighth NCAA Division II Championship appearance in program history. As the No. 4 seed in the East Region, the Chargers advanced to the semifinal round for the first time since the 2012-13 season, coming up one point shy against top seed Saint Anselm.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Chargers Make Run at Semis

The Chargers women's basketball team made a run to the semifinals of the Northeast-10 Conference Championship under first-year head coach Deborah Buff. Under her tutelage, the Chargers increased their win total from the previous season by six.

SPRING SEASON PLAYER HIGHLIGHTS

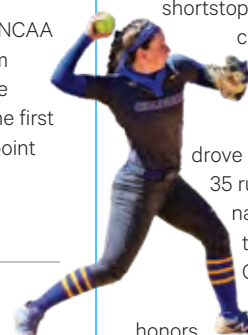
Baseball

Junior **Matt Chamberlain**, an All-Conference honoree, led the Blue and Gold throughout the season, including earning National Hitter of the Week honors from the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association after opening up the season with a .588 batting average with four home runs and 13 RBIs during the Northeast Challenge in Myrtle Beach. For the year, Chamberlain led the team with a .346 batting average that came on 44 hits, including a team-high 18 extra base hits, nine doubles, three triples, and six home runs.



Softball

Freshman **Mya Case**, who split time at shortstop and catcher, made a statement, closing out her rookie season with a .344 batting average on 53 hits, including 14 doubles, a triple, and a home run. She also drove in a team-high 35 runs. Case was one of five players named to NE10 All-Conference teams. She also added Division II Conference Commissioner's Association All-East Region honors to her trophy case.



Women's Lacrosse

Senior midfielder **Mackenzie Reh** was named the NE10 Midfielder of the Year for the second straight season. With 93 goals and 117 points, both of which are single-season school records, Reh was also named to the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association All-East Region team for the second straight year.



Basketball Players Taking Charger Pride Overseas

Four men's basketball players will continue their dream of playing professionally, signing contracts to play internationally. The most recent addition to the list is **Danny Upchurch '18**, who signed his first professional contract last August and will join BC Titebi of the Georgia-Superleague. He joins **Josh Guddemi '16**, who signed this past summer to join Cuxhaven Baskets in Germany; **Eric Anderson '15**, who returns to Argentina to play with Obras Basket; and **Jeremy Williams '13**, who will join FOG Naestved in the Danish Basketligaen.



Taking the Discipline on the Court into the Ring

The list isn't long — only 15 people in the history of sports who have been dual-sport athletes also had professional careers that included boxing. One of these 15 is former University of New Haven men's basketball player **Cassius Chaney '11**. One of the top 10 basketball players to come out of Charger Gymnasium, soon after graduating Chaney was presented with the opportunity to play basketball professionally in South Africa or begin a whole new career as a boxer.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Former Charger Earns Prestigious Spot as Phillies Ball Girl

The crack of the bat, the roar of the crowd, the sound of vendors throughout the stands, the smack of the ball hitting a glove — the sounds of summer at the ballpark! Those sounds rank among the favorites for **Gabby DeLeo '17** as she hears them day in and day out as one of the Phillies Ball Girls, strolling foul territory at Citizens Bank Park, home of the Philadelphia Phillies. DeLeo is in her second season with the Phillies as an organizational intern for charity and community events.



Turning Your Dream into Everyday Reality

Every kid has a dream — "I want to be a police officer, a firefighter, a doctor ..." — but how many people actually have the chance to say they live that lifelong dream every day? For University of New Haven women's soccer alumna and Queen's College Head Coach **Nicole Pacapelli '14, MBA '16**, that dream comes true every time she steps on the pitch.



HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2019

The Department of Athletics has inducted its largest class to date. The 35th Hall of Fame class is composed of seven student-athletes and one coach, all representing a different sport. Inductees included **Brigid Brady-Sawyer** (women's lacrosse, 2006-09), **Nicole Downs** (softball, 2007-10), **Stu Grove** (men's basketball coach, 1980-95), **Gary Lindgren** (men's ice hockey, 1979-83), **Michael Moras** (baseball, 2005-08), **Michael Murphy** (football, 1984-87), **Trisha Shea-Farquharson** (women's volleyball, 1996-99), and **Herb Watkins** (men's basketball, 1984-88).

From the Alumni Association

Celebrating Success



To My Fellow Alumni and Friends,

As the University of New Haven's Centennial approaches, we are building a momentum of celebration. The University is growing in the physical sense, as important projects such as the new Bergami Center for Science, Technology, and Innovation continue to move forward, but also in intangible ways, as we expand our global presence and impact.

As president of the University of New Haven Alumni Association, I believe it is imperative that the Alumni Board represents our vibrant and growing network of more than 59,000 alumni, who live and work around the world. Alumni make up an invaluable part of the University community, and we want to hear from and connect with you.

The Centennial is a terrific opportunity for us to come together, and the University is hosting a series of events to commemorate this milestone anniversary, which will enable alumni to reconnect with their alma mater — and each other. It isn't just about supporting the University — it is about strengthening our network, building experiences, and celebrating our collective success together.

This is a special time to be a Charger — a time to reflect on our past success and to look forward to our future. I hope that you will join us for an upcoming Centennial celebration, and I am confident that you will find connecting with current students, faculty, and your fellow alumni to be enjoyable and rewarding.

Sincerely,

Dave Galla '99
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ALUMNI PROFILE

True Ties

By Christopher Hann

ReeceAnn Gleadle '14 was born in Hawaii and spent most of her childhood in Seattle, so she hardly seemed bound to become a poster-child champion for the University of New Haven.

As a high school senior she was determined to attend college on the East Coast. During a whirlwind trip she toured Yale, UConn, and MIT before arriving in West Haven with her uncle, Barry Bemis, who happened to be a Charger himself (Class of '84). ReeceAnn says she made her decision to enroll based on that single visit to campus, when she spoke with professors and students and came away excited at the prospect of the University's systems engineering program. As she says, "I discovered my university and my major all at the same time."

ReeceAnn's decision to serve on the Alumni Board of Directors can be traced directly to the ties she made to the University during her busy undergraduate years. A two-sport athlete, she played volleyball and was a high jumper on the track team. She worked as a resident assistant for two years and was a two-time president of the campus chapter of the Society of Women Engineers. It's no coincidence that her two most influential professors were the chapter's advisers: Maria-Isabel Carnasciali, an associate professor of mechanical engineering, and Jean Nocito-Gobel, a professor of civil and environmental engineering. "They were also really great role models," ReeceAnn says, "especially being a young woman wanting to enter the engineering field."

ReeceAnn's hard work paid off when she was hired by Accenture, a global consulting company, early in her senior year. Now a technology consultant based in Accenture's Seattle office, she helps shepherd clients' digital transformations. She recently supervised the redesign of T-Mobile's web page, where customers make online purchases.

On the Alumni Board, ReeceAnn chairs the marketing committee. "My goal," she says, "is making sure the current alumni and students and anyone who

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Michael Hoeweler

comes in contact with the University understand the value the University provides and understand what the Alumni Board is all about."

These days she's working to create an alumni network along the West Coast. It's not such a far-fetched idea, considering she recently learned there are more than 1,500 graduates living in California, Oregon, and Washington. "When I asked for those numbers and they came back, I was shocked," she says. "I'm hoping for the chance to form some networks and see what the University can continue to provide even though we're far from campus."

The West Coast initiative reflects ReeceAnn's ambition to help students and alumni connect with the University, so that each is strengthened by the relationship. "If we can help students find that connection, find what they're passionate about, that creates a stronger sense of belonging and a stronger sense of pride in wanting to stay involved with the University in the future," she says. "I'm trying to establish those connections and hoping those people still feel a strong connection to the University even after they receive their degree."



REECEANN GLEADLE '14

Back to Campus

Brian van der Heyden '78 served as the keynote alumni speaker for the University's 17th Veterans Day Observance, an annual ceremony sponsored by the University's military veterans group. Brian assisted **Joe Danao M.S. '04** in distributing Connecticut wartime service medals to 10 student recipients.

Jef Thiffault '99

Thiffault, the owner of Contigo Sports Management, spoke to a graduate sport management class about strategic business expansion and event management.

Es-pranza Humphrey '17

Humphrey, former president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), served as a panelist on the NAACP's "N-Word" Panel, held most recently on the University's main campus.

Paul Francese MBA '90

Francese, the CFO at Summer Infant, mentored students participating in the Alvine New Venture Pitch Competition and later served on the judging panel for their final presentations to potential investors.

Kaitlin Boensch '12, M.S. '14, Chad Campanell '99, Dan Chudy '16, Geof Deering '99, and Eric St. Amand '15

The group participated in the annual Fire Science Alumni Panel Discussion and Networking Event for current and prospective students and alumni.

Larry Bingaman EMBA '92

Bingaman, president and CEO of the Regional Water Authority, led a roundtable discussion about Conscious Capitalism, a business approach that promotes a higher purpose beyond the bottom line.

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to those alumni who have come back to campus to participate in a University career fair! If you or your company is interested in attending a fair at the University of New Haven, please contact us at careerdevelopmentcenter@newhaven.edu.

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Talking to Merryl Tengesdal: Serene Under Pressure

AS TOLD TO JOHN T. WARD

Following a 23-year career — first in the Navy, then the Air Force — **Merryl Tengesdal '94** retired from military life almost two years ago, having become the first African-American female to pilot the U-2 spy plane.

She now works as a personal trainer near Sacramento, California, where she lives with her husband, Kjell, and their 6-year-old son, Flynn.

Here, Tengesdal reflects on some of her sky-high experiences and lessons learned.

I always wanted to be an astronaut. I watched way too much *Star Trek* as a kid. Believe it or not, there I was at 7 years old, finger painting while also considering the basic framework for how I was going to end up piloting a space shuttle. As I got older, the path became a little clearer. I knew that I would have to do well in math and science, go to college, and, hopefully, get flight training and experience in the Navy. I can't pinpoint where I got this drive. It's just how I've always been. It's just who I am.

I've always liked engineering. When I was 15 or 16, I heard about a STEP program at SUNY Binghamton — very similar to coursework that we today refer to as STEM. I saw this as a stepping-stone to studying aerospace. One of my professors at SUNY was in the

electrical engineering industry. So, at 16, I had already been exposed to things like sound acoustic wave sensor technology. I knew then that I wanted to go into aeronautical engineering.

When I was thinking about applying to college, someone in my apartment building who had attended the University of New Haven mentioned that it had programs in both electrical engineering and aviation, which made the University very desirable. I applied and was thrilled to be accepted.

As a freshman, I met Professor Richard Morrison, a physics professor. I spent several semesters as his work-study student, and, along the way, he became my mentor. I remember that in my junior year — having noticed my work ethic and knowing of my interest in becoming a pilot — he looked at me and said, "There is a program in electrical engineering at the University of Maine funded by the National Science Foundation. You're going to apply, and you're going to get in." And I thought, "No way, man! I ain't doing this!" I'm talking slang, but at the time, it just all seemed so impossible. But that's what happened, and that's how I spent the summer of my junior year. Professor Morrison treated me like one of his daughters, but he also gave me a kick in the pants.

After graduating, I spent 10 years in the Navy. To start, I flew helicopters in the Middle East, South America, and the Caribbean. I then served as a fixed wing flight instructor. In 2004, I joined the Air Force and became only the fifth woman in the program's history to

pilot the U-2. I'm still the only African-American female in what we call the Brotherhood — a community of about 1,040 men and women who've flown that aircraft. We don't count flights, we count hours flown, and I have more than 1,000 hours in the U-2, including 330 combat hours.

It's a single-seat aircraft, you're in a pressure suit, and it's very challenging to fly at lower altitudes. But I enjoyed the quietness of it. It's serene. It's just you versus the machine. It doesn't judge you. It doesn't care who you are, doesn't care what you bring to the table. You're either good at it or you're not.

I never did become an astronaut — the U-2 is about as high as I got — but I'm pretty good with that. People ask if I'd ever want to get a seat on

a Virgin Galactic space flight. But I don't want to be a passenger. It doesn't do it for me. It doesn't excite me.

When I speak to groups of young people, I tell them, "You've got to be your biggest fan. You've got to do the work. Because if you give up on yourself, who else is going to invest in you?"

It's just you versus the machine. It doesn't judge you. It doesn't care who you are, doesn't care what you bring to the table. You're either good at it or you're not.

MERRYL TENGESDAL '94

Class Notes

In the following pages, we are excited to share news and updates from your fellow alumni. To have your class note featured in an upcoming issue, visit newhaven.edu/classnotes or email us at classnotes@newhaven.edu. For spring 2019, submissions which were made after June 1 will be included in the next issue. We look forward to hearing from you.

2010–2018

In September 2018, **Mark Gonzalski Jr. '18** was hired as a genomics technologist by Laboratory Corporation of America (LabCorp) in Burlington, North Carolina. In this position, Mark works with robotic instrumentation in performing DNA extractions and amplifications, and running assays for targeted genetic analysis services for 23andMe saliva specimens.

Catherine Ortegon '13, M.S. '17, a criminal justice major, is proud to have completed both her bachelor's and master's degrees at the University all while being a single mother of a now 5½-year-old. Upon completing her undergraduate degree, she accepted an offer to work for Connecticut Junior Republic, and performed clinical assessments with the juvenile population within the criminal justice system. Catherine now works for the federal government under the U.S. House of Representatives in Fairfield County, working on immigration cases and U.S. citizens missing abroad.

Stephen Shepherd '16 is currently an adjunct professor at Utica College and Onondaga Community College. He also hosts and produces a podcast with WAER called "Stage Right Radio," shining the spotlight on various theater productions in the Greater Syracuse area.

Tyler Benson '15 graduated from the University of New Haven with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in May 2015. While at the University of New Haven, he participated in several student organizations, but the two that had the largest

impact were the American Criminal Justice Association (ACJA) and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. In December 2018, he was hired by the Maryland State Police. Currently he is attending the Maryland State Police Academy. His class is scheduled to graduate on July 3, 2019.

Tyler D'Amore '15, M.S. '16 and his girlfriend, **Erika Williams '15, M.S. '16** recently bought their first home in West Haven, having fallen in love with each other as well as the local community while attending the University. Erika is now a math teacher at East Haven High School and a softball coach at Stratford High School, and will be starting as an adjunct professor in the Math Zone at the University of New Haven in the fall. Tyler is currently working at Quinnipiac University as a payroll specialist.

Elizabeth Schew '15 is engaged to be married to Gary Hopkins, Jr. on July 4, 2020, in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Kirsten March '14 received her TEFL certification in September 2018 and moved to Seoul, South Korea, to teach English in January 2019.

Derrick Nelson '14, who earned a B.S. in criminal justice from the University of New Haven, graduated from the Philadelphia Police Academy on August 31, 2018. He is now working as a Philadelphia police officer.

Paul Consolmagno '12 and **Molly Lorenz '14** are announcing their engagement. They are scheduled to be wed in October 2019. Thanks, University of New Haven, for putting them in the right place at the right time.

After graduating from the University of New Haven in 2013, **Christine Letsche '13** went on to the University of Massachusetts School of Law — Dartmouth. She graduated in May 2016 with her J.D. She currently serves as an assistant district attorney for the Bristol County District Attorney's Office and has been employed there since August 2016.

Dr. Kyle Lambert '12, a postdoctoral research associate in Baylor's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, has been selected for the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship. The fellowship "supports research training of highly promising postdoctoral candidates who have the potential to become productive, independent investigators in scientific health-related research fields."

Rachel (Rochon) Griebert '12 married **Christopher Griebert '12** on September 2, 2017. They currently reside in Arlington, Virginia, with their newborn daughter, Arya Jocelyn Griebert. She was born June 19, 2018, at six pounds, 15 ounces and 19.5 inches long.

Christopher Henderson '12 is entering his 3L year at Quinnipiac Law School. He started a new job as a labor relations associate for the Connecticut State Colleges & Universities. He married Kira Savino of Killingworth on September 23, 2017.

After 11 years at Sightlines, a Gordian company in Guilford, Connecticut, most recently as a marketing events specialist, **Molly Ferguson MBA '11** has taken a position at the Connecticut Education Association (teacher's union in Hartford) as their meetings and events planner.

Tyler Roman '11 is currently serving as the community and special events producer at NBCUniversal (WVIT-TV) in Hartford, Connecticut.

Carly Villarruel '11 is currently serving as a hospital care investigator for the City of New York.

2000–2009

Nadine M. Krause M.A. '09 has been named director of the Holberton School in New Haven.

In May 2018, **Chelsey Jones M.S. '08** was promoted within the New Hampshire Department

of Corrections to program coordinator, working under the State Targeted Response for the Opioid Epidemic Grant funded by SAMHSA. In this position, Chelsey provides targeted case management to the female inmate population and also provides Narcan education, training, and distribution to individuals releasing from NHDOC who are found to be at risk for overdose, as well as to their families.

Michael Kobylanski M.S. '08 has been named director of athletics at UConn Avery Point.

Having been a competitive swimmer most of his life, **Timothy Anderson '07** is now in his 12th year of professional coaching. He recently spent five years working under the head coach of the Women's U.S. Olympic Swim Team in Charlotte, North Carolina, at SwimMAC Carolina. After the 2016 Olympic year, he accepted a job in Quincy, Massachusetts, as the associate head coach of the South Shore Strypers Swim Team. He currently resides in South Weymouth, Massachusetts.

Desiree Holian-Borgnis '07, M.A. '09 has taken both of her degrees earned at the University of New Haven and used them in personal and professional endeavors. More importantly, the friends she made have remained in her life and have helped to shape her view of the world and how she participates in it.

Sarah (Boelig) Brown M.S. '06 married Andrew Brown on August 11, 2018, on Lake Winnepesaukee in Laconia, New Hampshire. Sarah worked for the New Hampshire State Police Forensic Laboratory as a fingerprint analyst until 2015. She and her husband are now both in nursing school at NHTI in Concord, New Hampshire. On September 28, 2018, they welcomed their son, Raymond James. Sarah also has a daughter, Myrabella, age 11. They reside in Laconia, New Hampshire.

Mark Sicuso '03 and his wife, Emily Mott, welcomed their daughter, Kelsey Ruth, on August 16, 2018.

1990–1999

Melissa Gallaway M.A. '96 has joined KardasLarson, an HR consulting firm based in Glastonbury, Connecticut, as a consultant. Prior to this, she was an independent HR consultant serving organizations in Connecticut and

Massachusetts. She is a member of WorldatWork and earned the designation of Certified Compensation Professional (CCP).

Derrick Driscoll M.S. '94 received his Master of Science from the University of New Haven in criminal justice — security management and has just been appointed acting deputy director of the U.S. Marshals Service by Attorney General William Barr. Derrick has been working for the U.S. Marshals Service for 23 years and is currently located in the Washington, D.C. area.

John Venables '94 was recently featured as “The Industrialist” in the Business section of *The Superyacht Technology Report*, issue 186, a leading British publication focused on the global superyacht industry. The table of contents for the seven-page article states: “The Naiad Dynamics CEO discusses his unexpected path to the top of the stabilization sector.”

Ed Anthony MBA '91, Sc.D. '96 has held many positions in corporate computing in a career that spanned almost 30 years. He is now a professor of information technology and management, providing program development support for the Trevecca Nazarene University's School of Business & Technology.

Tom Collett MBA '91 has been appointed director of sales of Flexi-Van's Midwest Region. Flexi-Van is a leading intermodal equipment provider to the transportation industry.

1980–1989

Paul Christensen '88 is semi-retired, but keeps busy. He works as a charter bus driver, spends his free time as a Revolutionary War soldier reenactor, and is active in the Sons of the American Revolution in Virginia. He is also a proud grandfather to his two granddaughters: Jordan, 7, and Leyah, 9. Life is good!

Lieutenant **Timothy Juergens '88** retired from the Town of East Hartford Police Department in Connecticut after a 30-year career. He was recently hired by the University of Connecticut Police Department. He is assigned to serve as an officer at the Downtown Hartford Campus.

Catherine Twohill '87 is part of a team at Boston's WGBH that recently launched Contributor Development Partnership (CDP) as a public benefit corporation. Cate is CDP's senior director of strategic solutions, and she is leading efforts to develop new partnerships, products, and services to help improve the public media enterprise.

Daniel Robles '85 founded the Integrated Engineering Blockchain Consortium to develop use cases for blockchain technology specific to the engineering professions.

Grayling Williams '83 was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as director of the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, a position he held from January 2010 to January 2012. He served as chief of the Baltimore Police Department's Internal Investigation Division from January 2012 to April 2013. He was appointed to the cabinet of Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf as state inspector general and served from January 2015 to July 2016.

James Onofrio '82 is currently working as a GED instructor at the New Haven Adult and Continuing Education Program.

1970–1979

As part of its 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemorative Series, this year the United States Marine Corps History and Museum Division is publishing *Over the Line: U.S. Marines in Operation Dewey Canyon*, the fourth book written by **Ronald Winter '75**. Currently, Ron is director of Eastern Operations for the Michael J. London & Associates public relations firm in Trumbull, Connecticut.

Philip Borgia '70 recently retired after a professional career spanning more than 35 years in human resources and labor/industrial relations. Phil served for 26 of those 35 years as the corporate director of human resources and labor relations at Berkshire Hathaway Corp./Marmon LLC, covering manufacturing operations in Connecticut and Massachusetts. He currently resides in Venice, Florida, with his wife, Ginny.

Student Photo Contest

Live the Life in Prato, Italy



“Studying abroad in Prato was my first time leaving the country. It was like nothing I had ever seen before. The streets are cobblestone, the roads are very narrow, and there is a slower pace of life. But that was the beauty of it — all the differences.”

– *University of New Haven student*

GOLD 13th-century architecture in the Piazza del Comune town square (Bradley Kozikowski '22)

SILVER The Church of Santa Maria delle Carceri and the Emperor's Castle (Nicolette Cimino '20)

BRONZE Via del Serraglio, a winding street with shops and cafes, leading to the Prato Cathedral (Darby Barth '20)



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