State of the College

Leo I. Higdon, Jr. May 30, 2009



Higher Education

- Reduce/flatten budgets
- Cancel/delay capital projects
- Freeze hiring
- Cut pay/retirement contributions
- Reduce staff
- Increase enrollment





How is the College Faring?

Investments in student experience

• People, programs, financial aid & facilities

Fiscal conservatism serving us well

- Balanced budgets, conservative budget practices
- Historic growth in endowment, conservative endowment draw
- Low debt levels



Momentum

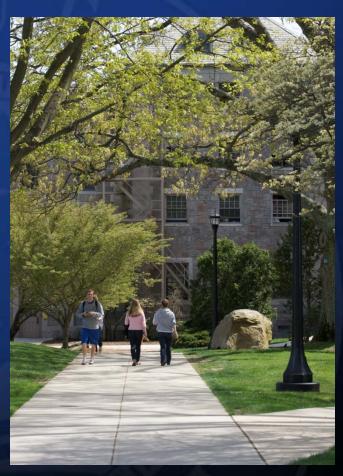
- Sen. Paul Simon Award
- President's Honor Roll
- CT Environmental Leadership Award
- Goldwater Scholar
- Fulbrights
- Rhodes finalist





Momentum

- Campus renewal
- Outstanding faculty
- Student experience/ residence education
- Increased diversity/ new programs
- Senior giving record





Alumni Connections

Continue strong alumni programming

- Faculty on the road
- Networking events across the country
- Online community
- Career advice
- Job postings





Building our Reputation

- Media outreach strong
- Emerging media
- Quality education
- Admission profile
- Alumni success





The Providence Journal

November 30, 2008

Choose the right study-abroad program

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The New York Times



Demystifying College Admissions and Aid

Early Signs That College Yields Did Not Change Dramatically

By Jacques Steinberg

The last big shoe to drop this admissions season will be the colleges' admission yields - which, for the benefit of our lay readership, is the percentage of applicants accepted by an institution who, in turn, accept

While typically tracked closely by the institutions themselves, those figures could have even more importance this year, as an indicator of how deep a toll the economic crisis has evacted on

matriculate - a nearly identical percentage to last year's, according to Jeffrey Brenzel, dean of undergraduate admissions. ...

Connecticut College said it had deposits from 498 students - just shy of the target of 500 it had set. Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., said it projected its final yield to be close to 28 percent, or 430 students, which would only be a percentage point off from that of last year's freshman class.

Los Angeles Times

The little protein that glowed

A jellylish that gave off light inspired Nobel Prize winner Osamu Shimomura.

As is the case with most great scientific discoveries, it all started with a bit of curiosity. In the 1960s, Osamu Shimomura wondered why crystal jellyfish gave off green pinpricks of fight. Now half a has been awarded for

Unfortunately, the Nobel can only he shared among three people, and these two worthy scientists were denied a stice of the \$1.4-million prize

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THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Now, Get To Work By Anna Prior



Here's the bad news: If you are graduating from college this spring, you are facing one of the toughest job

Employers expect to hire 22% fewer graduates than they did last spring, according to a survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

3 Consider internships. Sure, internships are temporary, sometimes unpaid, and also more difficult to come by these days. But they're opportunities to gain some experience and connections, and maybe get hired if a

An internship "gives grads an opportunity to get more related experience in their career field " which can be

The Record

Higdon: For graduates, how to boost chances of landing a job

College seniors are always a little edgy this time of year. In the next month or so, they will complete their highest-level academic courses, which in many cases includes presenting an honors thesis, a complex research project, a musical recital or an art show. They also may be wrapping up a college sports career, turning over the reins of their campus club and preparing for final exams.

You're rarely wrong in choosing a suit - even if it's a casual job. Potential employers want to know you mean business. But it's not just about the clothes. Make eye contact, ask intelligent questions and always take advantage of the "Is there anything clse?" question to summarize your qualifications and your aspiration for the job. Do informational interviews with alumni who work in the industry



Vision

Connecticut College will achieve increased recognition as one of the best liberal arts colleges in the country.



Help Us Be Extraordinary

Spread the word

Bring back unconnected alumni

Remain involved/get others involved

Invest in the College

Join us Oct. 23-25 for Fall Weekend



