

State of the College

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Higher Education

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



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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



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Momentum

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



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Momentum

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



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Alumni Connections

Continue strong alumni programming

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



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Building our Reputation

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



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The Providence Journal

November 30, 2008

Choose the right study-abroad program

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NEW LONDON
WITH TODAY'S ECONOMY and the low value of the dollar in many nations, many college students are the ones who are in another country, it is not the case. Turgeat expert study ab

the classroom and throughout campus, and foster a global perspective among students. International programming should operate in concert with a college's foreign-language programs. Are there a

which foreign languages are expected to be spoken and in which languages are encouraged to participate? Look for a hub, a central location that serves as an engine of global awareness for the campus community and engages students

The New York Times



The Choice
Demystifying College Admissions and Aid

May 8, 2009

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 that offer.

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 exacted on colleges and colleges

matriculate — a nearly identical percentage to last year's, according to Jeffrey Bronzof, 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

October 9, 2008

The little protein that glowed

A jellyfish that gave off light inspired Nobel Prize winner Osamu Shimomura.
By Marc Zimmer

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 light. Now half a century later, Shimomura has been awarded the

Unfortunately, the Nobel was only shared among three people, and these two worthy scientists were denied a slice of the \$1.4 million prize.

Shimomura was fascinated by bioluminescence in jellyfish from Wash. (Juan Island) in the 1940s. He and his colleagues spent 40 years meticulously studying the protein that produces the glow. In a crystal, the protein, called GFP, converts light into green light.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

March 15, 2009

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 markets in years.

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 position opens up.

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

The Record

Bergen County, N.J.
May 8, 2009

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

By Leo I. Higdon Jr.

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 else?" question to summarize your qualifications and your aspiration for the job. Do informational interviews with alumni who work in the industry — their insights are invaluable.



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Vision

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



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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



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