

# Alumni Insights: A Note from Chip Clothier '79 P'10, Alumni Board President

## Fellow Alumni,

This marks the beginning of a series of articles from your Alumni Board President. Periodically, you'll find messages from me highlighting information of particular interest to Connecticut College alumni.

### Welcome President Andrea E. Chapdelaine, Ph.D.

As a member of the Presidential Search Committee, I am thrilled to welcome President Chapdelaine to the College. Dr. Chapdelaine impressed us with her nine years of experience leading a college, successfully addressing challenges such as physical plant improvements, rising costs, fundraising efforts, and faculty and staff wages. She deeply values the role of alumni in supporting the College, not just through fundraising but also through engagement. I met with Dr. Chapdelaine during her second week on the job, and she is genuinely excited to be here and get to work.

#### Reunion 2024

We enjoyed a beautiful Reunion Weekend celebrating classes ending in 4s and 9s, with over 1,000 alumni and guests returning to reconnect with classmates and explore the College's new attractions. The highlight was the CC Blues and Brews Bash at The Kohn Waterfront, featuring the Class of 1989 band, The Plex Pistols, delicious cocktails, a cornhole tournament, and water taxi rides on the Thames. The Celebrations X Reunion, which coincided with the 50th Anniversary of Unity House, offered numerous events celebrating diversity at Connecticut College and culminated with a beautiful gospel brunch.

#### How Can I Get Involved?

Your Alumni Board is always looking for alumni to help us foster community. You can host a "Camels Connect" event in your hometown, nominate fellow alumni for **Alumni Awards** given out at Reunion, support the Career Office by offering guidance or internships to students, or assist your Class Gift Officer with fundraising.

### How Do I Stay Up to Date?

Stay informed about alumni activities at the College by regularly checking the **Alumni Calendar of Events** and following us on social media:

- Facebook
- Instagram
- <u>TikTok</u>

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