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

Fellow Alumni,

As we approach the holidays, I am reminded of the sense of community that defines this special time of year. In that spirit, your Alumni Board has been hard at work in partnership with the Office of Alumni Engagement to bring Connecticut College holiday events to communities across the country. This year, we're proud to offer eight exciting gatherings in seven cities, all designed to connect CC alumni. Be sure to check the **Events Calendar** for details about these holiday celebrations and other upcoming opportunities to connect.

The Alumni Board is also collaborating with the Development Office and Class Gift Officers to help achieve the Connecticut College Fund goal of \$6.5 million for this fiscal year. Gifts to the fund support every aspect of the Connecticut College experience and play a critical role in bridging

the gap in the College's annual budget. Tuition has never fully covered the cost of a Connecticut College education, and every student benefits from the generosity of alumni. This year, we're especially excited to show our support as we welcome Dr. Andrea Chapdelaine as the College's 12th president. Now is the perfect time **to give** and make a meaningful impact.

Looking ahead to 2025, I am in the early stages of piloting a virtual "*open house*" meeting for alumni in February. This will be an opportunity to hear from me and your Board officers about campus highlights and the exciting work the Alumni Board is doing on your behalf. The event will include a Q&A session to engage directly with all of you. Keep an eye out for an announcement early in the new year.

As the year winds down, it's the perfect moment to reflect on gratitude and appreciation. I want to thank the staff of the Advancement Office and my fellow Alumni Board members, whose tireless efforts ensure your engagement with one another and with the College. Most importantly, I want to thank all of you for your continued support through volunteerism, engagement, and generosity. Connecticut College thrives as a community, and your dedication as alums is vital to our shared success.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season filled with time spent with family and friends. Here's to a wonderful 2025!



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