



From the President

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Dear alumni, families and friends of Connecticut College,

The students are back on campus and we are looking forward to a busy and productive spring semester.

Senior leadership, in partnership with others on campus, has been monitoring recently issued executive orders from the White House. As good and actionable information becomes available, we have provided expert-informed guidance, communication and resources to faculty, staff and students. What I have shared in my previous messages continues to hold true: the College will stand by our core value of inclusion, embracing and celebrating differences in race, religion, gender identity and nationality, which make our educational experiences richer and our community stronger. We know that members of our campus community and a number of our external constituents have expressed confusion and concern due to these federal policies. A tremendous level of care and mutual support have been expressed as well. We will work diligently, with kindness and respect, to move through this time together, being mindful of all voices and not leaning into polarization.

February is an important period in the admission cycle. Our Admission team is busy reviewing applications from a talented and diverse group of prospective students across the nation and overseas. The next several years will be especially challenging due to several factors, including the demographic cliff (a term used to describe the fact that beginning in 2008 the birthrate declined significantly, meaning there are fewer 17- and 18-year-old students graduating from high school and going to college for the foreseeable future) and concerns about the costs and value of a college degree. Accordingly, we are employing a number of additional strategies to recruit a great Class of 2029.

I look forward to meeting many of you at one of the events planned for the spring semester and thank you for your continued interest in and commitment to this exceptional place.

Sincerely,



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