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Old Connecticut

(Alma Mater)

Once more, as we gather today,
To sing our Alma Mater's praise,
And join in the fellowship strong,
Which inspires our college days.
We're backing our teams in the strife
Cheering them to victory!
And pledge anew to old Connecticut,
Our steadfast spirit of loyalty.

(Chorus)

Connecticut, Connecticut,
Thy sons and daughters true
Unite to honor thy name,
Our fairest White and Blue.

(Alice Sawin Davis, Class of 1925)



Convocation

August 23, 2013

On behalf of our students, faculty and staff, it is my privilege to welcome the Class of 2017 to the University of Connecticut.

Today is an exciting day for all of us. The arrival of each freshmen class signals a new beginning filled with unlimited promise, the highest hopes and the greatest aspirations. You are now a part of UConn's long, proud tradition of academic excellence and service to our state and nation. You are joining over 30,000 current students, and, in a few years, you can join the ranks of our more than 200,000 alumni living throughout the nation and the world.

Today, you are embarking not only on an exceptional education, but on an experience that you will cherish and draw from for the rest of your life. We are thrilled that you have chosen to spend these enormously important years here with us at UConn.

You have made an outstanding choice: we are among the finest public universities in the nation and as education becomes more global, our international reach and reputation grows as well. Like you, we continue to set our sights ever higher, striving for even greater achievements and successes each and every day.

We offer you outstanding faculty, terrific opportunities and resources, modern facilities and a vibrant life on campus. Be sure you make the most of each of them and remember that education is not confined to classrooms alone, but extends to participating in the world around you and connecting with the people in it.

Our mission is not simply to produce graduates; it is also to produce good citizens – smart, curious, engaged, capable, sophisticated individuals who go on to fulfilling careers and rewarding lives, acting on the knowledge that they are part of something greater than themselves.

This is your first day on that road. Yet, just as graduating can be bittersweet, arriving can be intimidating. I know that over the coming days and weeks, you will find your way and become acclimated to the University and the rhythms of daily life here on campus. There is so much for you to discover that will challenge, thrill and invigorate you. And it's all ahead.

With best wishes,



Susan Herbst
President
University of Connecticut

Convocation

Class of 2017

Academic Procession

Greetings

Mun Y. Choi – Provost & Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs

Call to Students

Edward Courchaine – President, Undergraduate Student Government

Exhortation

Susan Herbst – President

Old Connecticut

The University of Connecticut Marching Band

(Audience members who are able, please stand.)

Recessional

(Audience members are asked to remain in their seats until the Recessional is complete.)

**Procession from Gampel Pavilion to the
Husky WOW Picnic
on Fairfield Way**