Foundation Names 2001 Henry Barnard Award Recipients

The Connecticut State University System Foundation held its 13th Annual Henry Barnard Awards Dinner on April 17 at the Marriott Hotel in Farmington. Twelve seniors, each nominated by his or her university, received Barnard Awards. To be eligible for an award, students must have at least a 3.7 grade-point average and have a record of substantial voluntary service to their university and community. This year's Barnard Award recipients were:

Amy Birch, who will receive a B.S. in chemistry with a concentration in biochemistry in May from WCSU. She has a 3.92 GPA. In 1996, Birch received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Western. While pursuing her latest degree, Birch held the positions of secretary, vice-president and president of the Chemistry Club and helped implement a free tutoring program. Birch is a Brookfield resident.

Everett Condit, a technology education major at CCSU who will receive a bachelor's degree in May. He has a 3.8 GPA. Condit spent three years planning and participating as an inspector for Central's Alternative Energy Vehicle Contest and was an active member of the School of Technology Solar Electric Research Team. A Sandy Hook resident, Condit also donates time to Habitat for Humanity.

Salvatore S. DeLucia, who will graduate from SCSU in May with a B.S. in corporate communication. He has a 3.93 GPA. A Wallingford resident, DeLucia was the first president of the SCSU chapter of the American Advertising Federation and served as new student orientation leader for three years. In addition, DeLucia is the president of Southern's senior class.

Alison DeSimone, who graduated from CCSU in December with a 3.91 GPA. She majored in anthropology with concentration in women's studies. A Westbrook resident, DeSimone traveled to Ghana to research domestic violence against women in African society, developed a domestic violence internship with the Prudence Crandall Center in New Britain and was awarded state certification as a domestic violence counselor.

Gary M. Durante, who will receive a bachelor's degree in nursing in May from CCSU. He has a 3.94 GPA. Durante received the Connecticut League for Nursing Award for Accountability, Commitment and Nursing Care. He also helped form and was a member of the Honor Society for Nursing. A Watertown resident, Durante is an active volunteer in his community.

Heather Fried, who will receive her B.S. in biology with a minor in chemistry in May from ECSU. With a GPA of 4.0, Fried participated in numerous research projects and assisted in teaching biology courses. Fried, a Storrs resident, is secretary for the National Biological Honor Society (Eta Omega Chapter) and vice-president of the Senior Class of 2001.

Wendy A. Hallabeck, who has a 3.86 GPA and will graduate from SCSU in May with bachelor's degrees in Spanish and liberal studies. A Danbury resident, Hallabeck played in Southern's concert and pep bands for four years, was active in the Crescent Players, taught children dancing for the New Haven Ballet and worked with "Books in Spanish" - creating, distributing and sharing books in Spanish throughout New Haven.

Patrick Hughes, who has a 3.96 GPA and will graduate from SCSU in May with a bachelor's degree in political science. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he has been on the Dean's List and received the Junior Scholastic Achievement Award. A Higganum resident, he is a member of the Italian Cultural Society and has served as the legislative intern for Representative Richard Belden, District 113.

Michael Murphy, who will graduate from ECSU in May with a B.A. in history, and minors in both economics and French. With a GPA of 3.94, he was named to the University Honors Program for four years and has received ECSU Honor Scholarships annually since 1997. Murphy was captain of ESCU's soccer team and received the E-Club Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award in 2000. Murphy is an Oakdale resident.

Amy Olsen, who will receive a bachelor's degree in marketing in May from CCSU. With a GPA of 3.86, Olsen is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and the Delta Mu Delta National Honor Society for Business Administration Students. A Manchester resident, Olsen has assisted in fund-raising activities for the Shriners Hospital for Children.

Vincent Taliercio, who will receive his B.A. in psychology in May from WCSU. Taliercio has a 3.89 GPA and is a member of the Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society (serving as chapter vice-president) and was honored as the "Outstanding Junior in Psychology." In his hometown of Norwalk, Taliercio has dedicated his free time during the past 11 years to volunteering for youth retreats and youth groups.

Kelly Tyrrell, who will graduate from SCSU in May with bachelor's degrees in elementary education and psychology. She has a 3.75 GPA and is a member of the Honors College. A Hamden resident, Tyrrell was a member of SCSU's women's volleyball team and participated in the recruitment of Honors College students.

Toedt Named CIO for CSU System

Following a nationwide search, the Connecticut State University System has named Malcolm L. Toedt as chief information officer. The appointment of Toedt, who had been serving as interim CIO, was announced on April 5.

With more than 25 years experience in computing and telecommunications for corporations and institutions of higher education, Toedt has responsibility for systemwide communications and computing services. This includes planning, system standards, and specialized technical assistance. He also assists with the coordination of information technology activities at the four universities and the CSU System Office.

Prior to CSU, he was at the University of Connecticut for 18 years and served 14 of those years as the executive director of UConn's computer center. In that capacity, he was responsible for all computing and communications activity at the university.

Toedt has a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Norwich University in Vermont and a master's degree in computer science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He also was a first lieutenant with the U.S. Army from 1969 to 1971.

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