

# ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

ending June 30, 2024





Dr. Zulma R. Toro



Ululy Martinez, Esq. '96

#### **Dear Friends and Supporters of Central Connecticut State University**,

As we reflect on this remarkable year, Central Connecticut State University's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are filled with immense pride and gratitude. This milestone is not just a celebration of our past, but a vibrant testament to our thriving present and our bright future.

This year has also been one of significant achievement for the CCSU Foundation, Inc. Thanks to your unwavering support and the favorable market conditions, our endowment has seen substantial growth. This financial strength enables us to expand our mission and enhance the educational experiences we offer, ensuring that Central remains at the forefront of higher education.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you, our donors, whose generous contributions and commitment to our cause have been pivotal. It is your foresight and belief in the value of education that empower our students and faculty to excel.

With great pride, we present to you the CCSU Foundation's Annual Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. This report not only highlights the successes of the past year but also sets the framework for new opportunities that lie ahead. We invite you to review the accomplishments that your support has made possible, and we look forward to continuing our partnership in the coming years.

Thank you for being part of our extended Central family. Together, we are setting the stage for another 175 years of success, innovation, and transformation.

Warm regards,

Dr. Zulma R. Toro President Central Connecticut State University

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"As a kid coming out of high school heading into college, I thought sports were going to be my future. I quickly realized that getting an education was where I needed to focus my energy. If it wasn't for the teachers making the content fun, easy to learn and making



themselves available to help me I wouldn't have had the success I've had today. I hope by giving back it will continue to provide for learning like I had and allow those who commit themselves to learning to be rewarded."

-Robert E. Casella '09



This year, as Central proudly celebrates its 175th Anniversary, we are honored to introduce the Legacy of Excellence Society. This distinguished society recognizes our most generous donors—those visionary individuals and organizations who have contributed \$1 million or more to support our mission. The Legacy of Excellence Society embodies the spirit of philanthropy and dedication that has helped shape Central's rich history and promising future. These remarkable benefactors' transformative gifts ensure that we can continue to provide exceptional educational opportunities, foster innovation, and achieve academic excellence for generations to come.

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Nathan expresses his heartfelt gratitude to the Class of 1998 for their generosity and willingness to lend a helping hand. He is humbled by the opportunity provided by this scholarship, recognizing the significant impact it will have on his academic endeavors. The financial support will help him remain debt-free, which, in turn, will contribute to his personal and mental well-being by alleviating the financial burden. Nathan is deeply thankful for this assistance and the positive effect it will have on his education and overall well-being.

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# **Mayson Murphy**

Mayson expresses heartfelt appreciation for receiving the scholarship, recognizing how the financial support brings her closer to her goal of becoming a professional teacher who helps students thrive in their communities. Over the past



three years, Mayson has worked tremendously hard to achieve high grades and take on leadership roles within the music department. She has learned the importance of being a serious and professional musician and educator, believing that her strong education and classroom observation hours will contribute to her success as a teacher.

Balancing 11 to 12 classes each semester has been incredibly challenging, but it has taught Mayson the value of time management and community involvement. She has formed strong connections with both students and faculty members in the music department at Central, whom she hopes to collaborate with in the professional fields of music and teaching. Mayson looks forward to making the most of her remaining time at Central, preparing herself thoroughly for the real world. She is grateful for the scholarship, which enables her to take full advantage of her educational opportunities.

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On a personal level, the scholarship has given Isyss the opportunity to combine her love for adventure with her academic aspirations. She is immensely grateful for the chance to participate in study abroad programs at a reduced cost, thanks to scholarships like this one. The opportunity to immerse herself in a new culture, experience Brazil firsthand, and practice a new language is incredibly meaningful to her.

Additionally, the scholarship has enabled her to afford this study abroad trip, significantly enriching her personal life. Isyss is proud to set an example for her family, showing her younger siblings the importance of exploring new endeavors, building connections, and taking chances. She believes that these experiences can lead to unforeseen benefits. Isyss thanks the donors once again for their continued support and belief in her abilities.

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Pursuing a business degree under such challenging circumstances has been extremely stressful for Samantha. The scholarship not only eases her financial burdens but also recognizes the hardships she has endured and continues to face as she approaches her final year before graduation. Samantha appreciates the donors for their generosity, which has provided her with much-needed support and encouragement during this critical time in her life.

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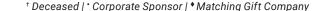
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Randolph expresses his deep gratitude for receiving the Paul Hochstim Scholar Exchange Fund scholarship, which has greatly alleviated the financial burden of his final semester at Central. This support allows him to focus entirely on his academics rather than worrying about



tuition payments. His fascination with German culture and language began before his participation in the Baden Württemberg/CT exchange program, during which he lived in Tübingen, Germany, for six months. He graduated in May 2024 with a minor in German language and culture, a decision he is incredibly happy with. The scholarship has been instrumental in further developing his German language skills and broadening his cultural understanding. It also brings him closer to his post-graduation goal of attending a master's program in Germany. Randolph is immensely thankful for this support, which has significantly impacted his educational journey and future prospects.

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Juliana expresses deep gratitude for being chosen as one of the A. Todd Sagraves Scholarship recipients, emphasizing how this scholarship has significantly aided her ability to continue her higher education at Central. It has alleviated the financial burden of affording college for her sophomore year, allowing her to focus on her academic and career goals. Her parents have always encouraged her to



pursue higher education, despite their financial constraints, and receiving this scholarship makes her proud of her accomplishments and efforts to fulfill her career aspirations.

Currently majoring in Accounting, Juliana hopes to open her own consulting firm a few years after graduation. Inspired by her coursework, she plans to double major in Data Analytics and join the Accelerated Program of the School of Business to earn both her bachelor's and master's degrees by 2026. She has already taken steps to gain work experience by volunteering as a tax preparation assistant under the IRS program VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance). Juliana credits the scholarship with enabling her to take these significant steps towards realizing her career vision.

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As Central celebrates 175 years of academic excellence, the campus has been filled with exciting and memorable events. Highlights include the 175th Toast, where students, faculty, alumni, and community members honored our storied legacy, and the ribbon cuttings for new and renovated facilities that showcase our growth. The 175th Anniversary Exhibit in the Elihu Burritt Library beautifully displays artifacts and stories reflecting our rich history. With more anniversary events planned through the end of 2024, our community continues to come together in celebration of Central's enduring spirit and achievements.









Clockwise from right, students celebrate at the 175th Anniversary Barbecue. T-shirts were given out to mark the occasion.

A toast was held on June 26, 2024.

Commemorative medals were gifted by the CCSU Alumni Association, to May 2024 graduates.

A save the date card for the 175th Anniversary Gala.

Central sponsored The Los Chivos Connecticut Yardgoats game.

Opposite page clockwise from left, Class of 2028 creates 175 on Vance lawn.

175th Anniversary Library Exhibit. Ribbon cutting of the Central Community Health Education Clinic.









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"For me, CCSU is a family legacy. My parents met on campus, and my mother, Pauline (Nicholas) Williams,



Trinitee Williams '22 (second from right).

was crowned Homecoming Queen in 1996. In 1997, she was honored with the President's Citation, the same award I was privileged to receive from Dr. Toro 25 years later, in 2022.

My connection to CCSU is also shared by my brother, Christian Williams, who is currently a senior and serves as a Resident Assistant, just as my mother and I did.

This university has given so much to me and my family. It is because of this that I felt compelled to make my first donation, as a way of giving back to the institution that has meant so much to us."

-Trinitee Williams '22

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# **TIA GIANSIRACUSA '21**

"After working in development and fundraising for the past two years, I felt a strong desire to give back to my alma mater. My years attending college at Central were crucial to my growth as a

student, friend, and individual, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to contribute in any way I can. Ultimately, supporting my college is my way of expressing gratitude and investing in its future, helping to ensure it flourishes for years ahead."

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# 2024 HOMECOMING WEEKEND

#### **Event Dates**

October 31st • 6pm
Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet in the Student Center. Alumni Hall

**November 1st • 7pm**Alumni Reception at Back Nine
Tavern, Stanley Golf Course

**November 2nd • 9am** Alumni Brunch at Back Nine Tavern, Stanley Golf Course



November 2nd • 12pm Homecoming Football Game vs. Wagner, Arute Stadium November 2nd • 6pm 175th Anniversary Gala at C.J. Huang Recreation Center



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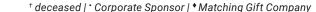
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# **Central Community Health Education Clinic**

The Central Community Health Education Clinic addresses the evolving needs of our students and the healthcare workforce while tackling local health disparities in the greater New Britain area. It offers students hands-on learning through integrated real-world practice and fosters interprofessional collaboration among health and human service programs across campus. The clinic provides free, accessible services such as preventative health screenings and educational resources to community members. Dedicated to reducing social and health inequalities, it trains students in culturally competent, interprofessional healthcare practices. Majors involved include Nursing, Social Work, Exercise Science, and more, preparing students to become future healthcare professionals and advocates.

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The Rising Philanthropists Society celebrates Central Connecticut State University graduates who have made their first philanthropic gift this year. This special group of alumni is making a meaningful impact by stepping forward to support their alma mater for the first time. Their contributions, no matter the size, reflect a commitment to enhancing the student experience and ensuring that future generations of Blue Devils have access to the same high-quality education they received. By joining the Rising Philanthropists Society, these alumni are not only investing in Central's future but also becoming part of a growing community dedicated to making a difference.

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# **New Endowed Funds Created this Year:**

The Kim Bailey Nursing Scholarship Fund

The Claris Design Build Scholarship Fund

The Dr. Bonita B. Franks '60, '62 Endowed Education Scholarship Fund

The Joyce & James Hanson Endowed **History Scholarship Fund** 

The Rene E. Karas-Johnson MSOM '96 and Frederick M. Johnson, '93, MS '00 Family Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Jim Marcelynas RN146 Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Professor Andrew Azukaego Moemeka Endowed **Scholarship Fund** 

The Paul Schneider, MA 2021, MS 2023 and Bryan Garcia Scholarship Fund

Xiaoping Shen Endowed Scholarship Fund

The John & Nancy Tully Endowed History Scholarship Fund

# **Facility Namings**

**John Eismont & Anna Sielawko Advising Suite** Room 101, Applied Innovation Hub

**Hanwha Aerospace USA Senior Design Lab** Room 313, Applied Innovation Hub



The Central Connecticut State **University Distinguished Philanthropist** Award honors an exceptional alumnus who exemplifies the university's ethos of giving back and making a positive impact on society. This award celebrates individuals who have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to philanthropy, both within the university community and beyond.

# 2023-2024 Distinguished **Philanthropist Award Recipient:**

# **DENNIS P. FLYNN BA '72, MS '76**

Dennis P. Flynn graduated from Central in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in education. While here, he began to build the foundation of serving his community as a Resident Assistant. After serving honorably in the Armed Forces in Vietnam, he returned to Central for his master's in counseling in 1976 and continued contributing to Central as Assistant Director of Residence Life.

Upon graduation, Dennis taught at Hartford Public High School for a short time, realizing there were many career paths he could follow. He chose commercial real estate and property management. After working for several international real estate developers in Connecticut and Texas, he founded The Heritage Asset Management Group in 1985 which specialized in the management and disposition of distressed real estate. The company grew very guickly and was named as one of the 500 fastest growing companies in America by Inc. magazine in 1991 & 1992. Dennis was named Who's Who of Rising Young Americans in 1992.

Throughout his career Dennis dedicated his time and talent to his various communities serving as Trustee of many nonprofit organizations, as a major gift fundraiser and volunteer for charitable, educational, and mentoring organizations. The most notable of these include 20+ years for the Boy Scouts of America, as the Knox Trail Counsel Charter Rep, as Trustee & President of the Southborough Village Society, as Co-Chair of the Main Street Council, and more recently as Trustee & Vice President of The Madison Historical Society.

Together with Michele, his wife of 42 years, Dennis established the Flynn Family Scholarship Fund at Central to support business students pursuing entrepreneurial studies hoping they would follow in his path. In retirement, Dennis continues to contribute to his communities by donating his time, talent, and resources.

**CCSU Foundation, Inc. Total Assets as of** June 30, 2024: \$101,717,437

**Number of** scholarships awarded: 1,621

**Total scholarships** awarded: \$2,593,723

**Average** scholarship award: \$1,600

To view our **Lifetime Giving Honor Roll** of Donors, visit: ccsu.edu/donors







# EGACY SOCIET

The Legacy Society honors the remarkable commitment of Central Connecticut State University's benefactors who have thoughtfully included Central in their estate plans. This distinguished group of donors demonstrates profound foresight and dedication to the future of our university, ensuring that we continue to thrive and excel for generations to come. Members of the Legacy Society are celebrated for their visionary support and play a crucial role in shaping the educational landscape through their planned gifts.

Legacy Society members are honored in our Annual Report and invited to special events that recognize their commitment to Central's future. Their planned gifts create lasting opportunities for students, faculty, and the broader university community by supporting scholarships, academic programs, and vital student services. Some of these generous contributions have also led to the naming of facilities on campus, leaving a lasting legacy that shapes the university for generations to come.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the members of the Legacy Society for their generous support and belief in the enduring mission of Central. Their legacies are woven into the fabric of our institution, creating a powerful and lasting impact that transcends their lifetimes.

## **LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS**

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Lisa M. (Fellage) Bigelow '96, MBA '97
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Robert G. Devito '15
William J. Driscoll
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Susan P. (Pokrob) Erardi
Clara Espiefs '72

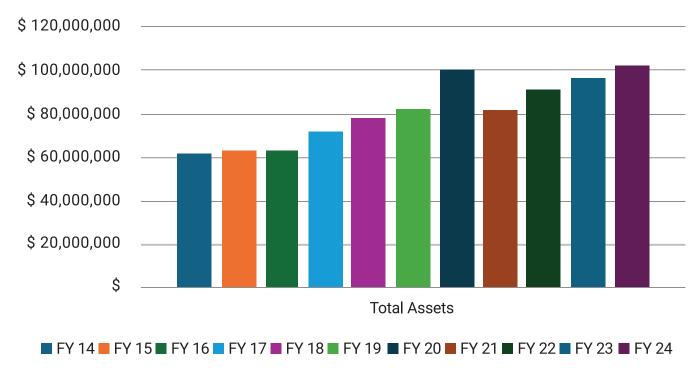
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Robert A. Kerzner '74 and Celia Dondes
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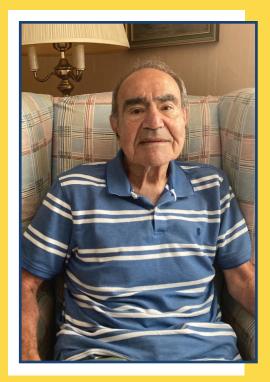
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# Total Assets of the CCSU Foundation, Inc.



CCSU Foundation, Inc. Total Assets as of 6/30/24: \$101,717,437.



Leaving a Legacy:

# GARABED "CHARLY" GARABEDIAN '62

A New Britain native, Charly is continuing his family's tradition of supporting Central. After his sister Helen passed away in 2001, the Dr. Helen Garabedian scholarship fund was established in her honor by his sister Roxy Garabedian. Helen was a 1953 graduate of what was then the Teacher's College of Connecticut. Charly says he chose Central because he was looking for a career in teaching. "The atmosphere at Central was welcoming and allowed me to work while I was taking classes. I worked at the New Britain Herald and YMCA. I met a lot of people at Central and my family connection kept me linked to CCSU throughout the years." After Roxy's death in 2021, Charly assumed responsibility for supporting this scholarship fundcommitting to contributing both during his lifetime and through a planned gift.

# **Building a Legacy of Excellence: Investing in Central Connecticut State University's Future**

There are many ways you can make a significant impact through a charitable gift to Central Connecticut State University through the CCSU Foundation, Inc. Whether you choose to give now or plan for a future gift, each option offers unique benefits to both you and the university. Below are some of the most common ways to contribute:

**OUTRIGHT CASH GIFT:** An immediate and straightforward way to support Central, a cash gift can be made online, by check, or via wire transfer. This type of gift is often the simplest and most flexible, providing immediate resources to meet our students' needs.

MARKETABLE SECURITIES: Donating stocks, bonds, or mutual funds can be a tax-efficient way to give. When you donate appreciated securities directly to Central, you can avoid capital gains taxes while potentially receiving a charitable deduction for the full market value.

REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION (RMD) FROM RETIREMENT FUNDS: If you are 70½ or older, you can use your RMDs to make a charitable contribution directly from your IRA to Central. This type of gift can satisfy your required withdrawal amount without increasing your taxable income.

PLANNED GIVING: Including Central in your will or trust is a powerful way to leave a legacy. You can designate a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or the residual of your estate to the university, ensuring your impact lasts for generations.

DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS (DAF): A gift from a DAF allows you to recommend how your funds should be distributed. It's a convenient and flexible way to manage your philanthropy and can be an excellent option for donors looking to maximize their charitable impact.

REAL ESTATE: Donating real estate, such as a home, vacation property, or undeveloped land, can provide substantial support to Central while offering you potential tax benefits. The property can be given outright or as a retained life estate, allowing you to continue using it during your lifetime.

matching gifts: Many employers offer matching gift programs, which can double or even triple your contribution. By taking advantage of these programs, you can significantly increase the impact of your gift at no additional cost to you.

gifts in kind: Donations of tangible personal property, such as artwork, equipment, or collectibles, can also support the university. These gifts are often used to enhance academic programs, student experiences, or fundraising efforts.

charitable remainder trusts (crt): A CRT allows you to make a substantial gift to Central while providing income to yourself or others for a term of years or for life. At the end of the trust, the remaining assets go to the university.

Each of these options provides a meaningful way to support Central Connecticut State University, allowing you to make a difference in a way that aligns with your financial goals and philanthropic values.

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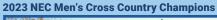
# Highlight: Championship Athletic Programs – 5 NEC Championship Teams last Year!



Total Athletic Endowment: \$4,614,902

Total Donations to Athletic Programs: \$477,941

Total Scholarships
Awarded from
Athletic Endowed Funds:
\$173,042





**2023 NEC Women's Soccer Champions** 



Your generosity makes a difference EVERY DAY!



2023-24 NEC Women's Swimming & Diving Champions



2023-24 NEC Women's Indoor Track & Field Champions



# 2023 Inductees to the Athletic Hall of Fame:

Paul Arciero '86 (Tennis)

Coach George Kawecki
(Cross Country/Track & Field Coach)

Paige (Martin) Krabill '95 (Women's Basketball)

**James Mallory (Football)** 

Jessica McCavanagh '07 (Women's Soccer)

Steve Stokoe '90 (Men's Soccer)









Anna Sielawko at the naming ceremony, October 26, 2023

The Polish Studies Program at Central Connecticut State University is celebrating a significant milestone this year, its 50th anniversary. Since 1974, the program has been a valued component of the university's commitment to explore and promote Polish culture, history, and language. Over the five decades, it has earned a reputation for fostering a deeper understanding of Poland's rich heritage and its ongoing contributions to global culture.

In addition to scholarship awards, the program offers a variety of courses and experiences, including study abroad in Poland, guest lectures by prominent scholars, and Polish films and concerts. The program partnered with the New England Air Museum to establish a permanent exhibit honoring the valiant pilots of the Kościuszko Squadron. The Polish archives and book collection invite students for classroom study and writers for publication research.

This golden jubilee year underscores the enduring impact and relevance of the Polish Studies Program. The 50th anniversary is being celebrated with a series of events designed to showcase Poland's vibrant culture, historical contributions, and notable personalities. These events serve not only as educational tools but also as bridges connecting the university community with the broader population of Poles in Connecticut and beyond. By continuing to offer a robust curriculum and dynamic cultural experiences, Central's Polish Studies Program enriches the academic environment. It invites students and communities to widen their perspectives about Poland and Eastern Europe.

For more information on Central's Polish Studies Program, visit ccsu.edu/PolishStudies

# POLISH STUDIES FUNDS WITHIN THE CCSU FOUNDATION, INC.

S.A. Blejwas Endowed Chair in Polish and Polish-American Studies

Stanislaus A. Blejwas Scholarship Fund

John Eismont and Anna Sielawko Engineering Scholarship Fund

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Koproski Family Scholarship Fund

Kościuszko Squadron Commemorative Exhibit Fund

Franciszek Lachowicz Polish Studies Fund

Louis and Anna-Mae Maglaty Polish Cultural Enrichment Fund

Stanisław and Anita Milewski Lecture Fund

Nowakowski Family Lecture Fund

Michael A. Peszke Memorial Lecture Fund

Polish American Golf Tournament Scholarship

Polish Studies Operating Fund

Alex and Regina Rudewicz Fund

Alex M. Rudewicz Archives Fund

# The First Donation to the CCSU Foundation, Inc.

When the CCSU Foundation was established in June 1971, it received its first gift, a modest yet significant donation that set a precedent for future philanthropy. This inaugural contribution underscored the community's commitment to supporting Central Connecticut State University and its mission. It not only provided crucial resources for early projects but also symbolized the trust and confidence donors placed in the Foundation. Over the years, this initial act of generosity has been celebrated as a cornerstone that helped to build a robust culture of giving at CCSU.

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# This Gal's No Hunt-and-Pecker

NEW BRITAIN (Special) — A former amateur world typewriting champion will speak and demonstrate before typewriter methods classes at Central Connecticut State College today.

She is Miss Stella Willins, manager of the school department of Royal Typewriter Co. Miss Willins once typed 264 words a minute, or 4.4 words a second. For the championship in 1926, she typed 135 net, 5-stroke words a minute for one hour with 99.990 per cent accuracy.

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# Chairholder of the Robert C. Vance Endowed Chair in Journalism and Mass Communication Appointed

# **AIMEE CRAWFORD**

The CCSU Foundation is proud to announce the appointment of Aimee Crawford as the new chairholder of the Robert C. Vance Endowed Chair in Journalism and Mass Communication. This prestigious position, housed within the Carol A. Ammon College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and supported by generous donations from the Robert C. Vance Charitable Foundation to the CCSU Foundation, underscores our commitment to academic excellence and leadership in the field of journalism and mass communication.

The appointment of Aimee Crawford was made upon the request of CCSU President Zulma R. Toro and received the approval of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, which oversees the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities. Crawford's tenure as chairholder commenced in Fall 2024.

Aimee Crawford brings a wealth of experience and a distinguished career as an editor and writer to this role. Her journey in journalism



began at The Sporting News, followed by significant contributions at Sports Illustrated, Major League Baseball, Advanced Media, and ESPN, where she served as a senior editor for ESPN The Magazine and ESPN.com. Among her notable achievements, Crawford was part of the ESPN team that won a 2019 Peabody Award for

"Spartan Silence: Crisis at Michigan State" and the 2019 Gold Telly Award for Best Online Talk Show for "Being Believed: A Conversation with Sister Survivors." She is also the co-author of the children's sports book "All Access: Your Behind-The-Scenes Pass to Sports Stars, Locker Rooms, and More."

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Crawford has made significant contributions to academia. For the past three years, she served as an Assistant Professor of Communications at Springfield College. This past summer, she covered the Paris Olympics for NBC Sports, further showcasing her versatility and dedication to the field of journalism.

Crawford's academic credentials are equally impressive. She holds a bachelor's degree with Honors in Journalism and French from Oklahoma State University, a Certificate in French Language and Literature from the University of Paris-Sorbonne, and a master's degree in Journalism and Magazine Publishing from Northwestern University.

Central and the CCSU Foundation are thrilled to welcome Aimee Crawford to this esteemed position and look forward to the continued growth and success of the Robert C. Vance Endowed Chair in Journalism and Mass Communication under her leadership. Her extensive experience and dedication to the field will undoubtedly inspire and enrich the educational experience for our students and the broader Central community.

This appointment highlights the shared commitment of Central and the CCSU Foundation to supporting and advancing excellence in education, a hallmark of Central's 175 years.

Number of new endowed funds established this year: 10

Percentage of Foundation Board Members who gave: 100%

Total Donations to the Annual Fund: \$250,801

Number of Donors: 2,725

Percentage of alumni giving: 1.67%



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