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COMMENCEMENT



For the third time, the University of Connecticut is holding a December Commencement ceremony to assure that our many graduates who complete their degree in the fall semester receive the full recognition they have so richly earned. As students, faculty, parents, spouses, family members and friends gather in this pavilion, we should take the opportunity to reflect both on the meaning of higher education and on the University of Connecticut's ongoing pursuit of excellence in teaching, research, and service to the wider community.

The Class of 2005 has shared the experience of being at an institution in transformation: a physical renaissance that, for all its challenges, is making UConn the envy of public universities across the nation; a programmatic enhancement that is making our curriculum even more rigorous and well-defined than it was in prior years; and a growth in national reputation that now leads nearly seven applicants to compete for every one place in our entering freshman class. This year's graduates not only benefited from that record of progress; by virtue of their commitment, academic strength, and ambition, they contributed to it. They and their families have every right to be proud.

Higher education once was the exclusive province of those born into privileged circumstances. Happily, that is no longer the case. Every American child who is willing to work to the best of his or her ability has the right to as much education as he or she can absorb, and for most, that means a college degree. This entitlement entails concomitant obligations: to return to society a full measure of talent and diligence, to participate actively in the civic life of our nation and state, to work actively to assure that generations yet to come have opportunities at least equal to, and hopefully greater than, the ones afforded to young people in our own time.

I am confident that the Class of 2005 understands and accepts these responsibilities. For each of today's graduates, the University of Connecticut degree symbolizes the capacity to meet high standards and to translate hopes into concrete achievements. These are traits that will stand our graduates, and the world they enter, in good stead in the years to come.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Philip Austin".

*Philip E. Austin
President
University of Connecticut*

COMMENCEMENT
ORDER OF EXERCISES

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Gampel Pavilion, Storrs

Sunday, December 18, 2005 – 2:00 pm

INTRODUCTION

STEVEN McDERMOTT, *Instructional Media & Technology*

PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL

Perfect Fifth Brass Quintet

SINGING OF THE *National Anthem*

DELICINEA LUTES

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS

SHAUNA CLEN, *Representative of the Graduating Class*

GREETINGS

RICHARD T. CARBRAY, JR., *President of the Alumni Association*

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE

PHILIP E. AUSTIN, *President*

ROBERT D. BALLARD

President, Institute for Archaeological Oceanography
University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Oceanography
Doctor of Science

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

ROBERT D. BALLARD

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES: THE DEANS

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS WITH ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

PETER J. NICHOLLS, *Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs*

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

PHILIP E. AUSTIN, *President*

CLOSING REMARKS

PHILIP E. AUSTIN, *President*

RECESSIONAL

COMMENCEMENT NOTES

COMMENCEMENT DAY at The University of Connecticut is a time of ceremony and pageantry, portions of which represent traditions dating back to medieval times. These notes on the history of the University and the commencement ceremony are offered in the hope that they will be of interest to spectators.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT WAS FOUNDED as the Storrs Agricultural School in 1881 when the General Assembly accepted a gift of money and land from Charles and Augustus Storrs, natives of Mansfield. In 1893 when it became a land-grant college and officially opened to women, the name was changed to Storrs Agricultural College. As the mission of the institution changed, its name was changed in 1899 to Connecticut Agricultural College. In 1933 it became the Connecticut State College. It grew slowly becoming a small but vigorous college with limited undergraduate offerings in agriculture, home economics and mechanical arts. With the development of a university program it became The University of Connecticut in 1939. The first regional campuses were established in 1946 to deal with the influx of veteran students. Today, the University is made up of sixteen different schools and colleges. Through the various agencies of five Divisions and seven Institutes, including forty-nine Special Facilities, Programs, and Centers, the University is privileged to serve many State citizens. The Graduate program began in 1935, and in 1949 the University awarded its first doctoral degrees.

Enormous expansion has taken place over the years together with increased enrollment. Today, the University has an enrollment of over 27,570 students. At Storrs there are over 15,750 undergraduates and more than 6,050 graduate students, representing some 113 nations.

This December, the University will award over 870 Bachelor's Degrees and six Associate's Degree in the two-year Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture.

THE PROCESSIONAL BANNERS

College and School of Agriculture	Brown and Maize
School of Allied Health.....	Green, White and Gold
School of Business	Drab Green
College of Continuing Studies.....	Brown and Blue
Neag School of Education	Light Blue
School of Engineering	Orange
School of Family Studies	Maroon
School of Fine Arts	Brown and Pink
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.....	White and Yellow
School of Nursing	Apricot
School of Pharmacy.....	Green

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION is led by the Bearer of the Mace followed by the faculty. The University Marshal, identified by his Baton, follows the President, together with the speaker, the Board of Trustees, vice-presidents, deans, and other University officials. The Mace is presented at the center of the stage while those processing enter and take their places. Once the Mace is placed on the stand it signals the beginning of the ceremony.

THE ACADEMIC GOWNS, HOODS AND REGALIA represent more than elegance or colorful attire. Academic caps and gowns represent a tradition which reaches far back into the early days of the oldest universities of the Middle Ages. The early European universities were founded by the church; the students, being clerics, were obliged to wear prescribed gowns and caps at all times. Caps and gowns were once common forms of clothing and were retained by the clergy when the laity adopted more modern dress. Though some universities here and abroad have other colors, the usual color for gowns in America is black. Hoods are lined with the official color of the college or university which conferred the degree. The velvet edging of the hood varies in length for bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees. The color represents the appropriate degree. Mortar boards (caps) are usually black. The tassel for the Bachelor of Arts, Science, and Engineering may be of color distinctive of the degree, and the tassel for the Doctor of Philosophy may be made of gold thread. The gown and hood of the University Marshal were made specifically for University ceremonies in the official colors of national flag blue and white. The Processional Marshals wear blue velvet "beefeater" berets.

THE MACE, carried by Professor Sally Reis, is used at all academic ceremonies. In medieval times maces were weapons of warfare, but today a mace is "a staff borne by, or carried before, a magistrate or other dignitary as an ensign of his authority." It is the emblem and symbol of the President's authority to administer the University. This mace was first used at the Inauguration of President Homer D. Babbidge, Jr., on October 20, 1962. It was designed by Nathan Knobler, former head of the Department of Art. The University's early seal, executed in beautiful wood carving, appears on both faces. A penny dated 1881 is affixed to it to commemorate the date of the University's founding.

THE BATON, carried by the Chair of the Commencement Committee, Professor Michael Darre, was specifically designed for ceremonial activities at The University of Connecticut and was first used at the Commencement in 1968. The Office of Marshal can be traced back to the medieval period, and the Baton is a symbol of the Marshal's authority. This Baton has silver mountings and is surmounted by a representation of the University's former seal in enamel, which itself incorporates the coat of arms of the State of Connecticut. The University Marshal, carrying the Baton, follows the Mace Bearer as she leads the academic procession into and out of the place of ceremony.

THE SILVER COLLAR/MEDALLION, worn by Philip E. Austin, President, was first used in 1964, at the time of the University's Silver Anniversary. Each link on the collar represents one of the University's Schools or Colleges and consists of a cloissoné circle engraved with an appropriate design for the particular school and enameled with its traditional school or college colors. Hanging from the chain is a large silver medallion containing the University's early seal.

THE AWARDING OF DEGREES at The University of Connecticut is accomplished by a twofold process. First, the candidates for degrees of each respective school or college are presented by the University Marshal. The candidates proceed to the front, receive their diplomas, are congratulated by their administrative officers and return to their seats. The School or College Marshal then officially presents the candidates to the Dean who acknowledges the candidates and *declares* the appropriate degree. Second, when all candidates have been duly presented, the President of the University formally *confers* the appropriate degree. This is accomplished verbally at the time that he speaks the words:

"By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Trustees of The University of Connecticut, and in accordance with the procedures and regulations of the University, I confer upon you the Associate's Degree or appropriate Bachelor's Degree for which you have been presented at this One Hundred and Twenty Fifth Commencement of The University."

THE RECESSIONAL of the officials and faculty is once again led by the Mace Bearer and University Marshal. The graduates, along with the audience, are requested to remain seated until the recessional is concluded.

*Out of respect and courtesy to all graduates, participants and guests
are requested to remain in their seats until the ceremony has concluded.*

COMMENCEMENT

**HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT
AND COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

ROBERT D. BALLARD, PH.D.
DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

It is perhaps ironic that a man born in Kansas should have emerged as the world's foremost explorer of the deep seas. To the great good fortune of those who share his curiosity about what lies beneath the ocean's surface, and to the millions who have become intrigued as a result of his discoveries, Robert Ballard moved with his family to San Diego, California at an early age, and grew up close to the shore. He earned undergraduate degrees in chemistry and geology at the University of California in Santa Barbara. His service in the Navy during the late 1960s and early 1970s led Dr. Ballard to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Research Institute in Massachusetts, where he pursued his interest in deep submergence. Upon leaving military service, he returned to Woods Hole as a Research Fellow and earned a doctorate in marine geology and geophysics from the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography, where he is now a member of the faculty. Dr. Ballard's deep-sea explorations have included more than 100 missions, which began even before he completed his graduate work and include one of the best-known expeditions of its kind, the 1985 discovery of the Titanic. His work has reached a vast popular audience through books, magazines, and National Geographic and other television programs. His discoveries have been equally appreciated by the scientific community, where he has played a leading role in topics ranging from the chemistry of the world's oceans to the internal composition of the Earth's crust. In 1989 Dr. Ballard created the JASON Project, an educational program designed to inspire in students a lifelong passion to pursue learning in science, math and technology through exploration and discovery, and which now utilizes telecommunications technology to allow hundreds of thousands of young people to accompany him from afar on his undersea explorations around the globe. Eight years ago he founded the Institute for Exploration in Mystic, Connecticut, where he serves as President. Concurrently, he serves as Director of the Institute for Archaeological Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography.

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University Scholar

The University Scholar designation is the highest scholastic honor at the University. The individualized undergraduate programs of these students, which in some cases include work toward a graduate degree, are supervised by faculty committees. Up to thirty students are selected as University Scholars in the junior year. Candidates for the University Scholar designation wear medals on *gold and blue* ribbons at the commencement exercises.

Honors Scholar

Honors Scholars are outstanding students who complete intensive two- or four-year programs, including Honors courses of unusual breadth and depth. Honors requirements include a senior thesis in the major field. Candidates for the Honors Scholar designation wear medals on *blue and white* ribbons at the commencement exercises.

With Distinction

"With Distinction" is the University's designation for degrees earned by students who give evidence of significant achievement in their major fields. Candidates for the graduation "with Distinction" wear medals on *blue* ribbons at the commencement exercises.

The names in this program do not constitute an official list. The students whose names are listed herein were considered candidates for the degree indicated when the program was printed, except where a prior date of graduation (August 24, 2005) is given. Questions or concerns regarding names not listed should be directed to the Office of the Registrar.

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Honors Scholars

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MONICA L. PETERS
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JEFFREY DANIEL SILVER
KATE NOEL SLOMKOWSKI
MOLLY KATHLEEN SMITH
CATHERINE R. STIPA
TABITHA N. SYLVESTER
HENRY VILLANUEVA, JR.
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JUSTIN ADAM WIGGINS
STEPHEN ANDREW WYCKOFF
STEVEN F. YEUNG

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JUSTIN MICHAEL BARRY
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JENNIFER LYNNE REGO
DANIELLE MARIE SANDELLA
TRINITY ROSE SANDERS
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SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Honors Scholar

ANNE ELIZABETH GOULD, *in Pre-Physical Therapy*

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NICOLA CALABRESE
MICHELLE NICOLE DENVER
JOHN EDWARD GARY, JR.

LA VICKIE T. JEFFERSON
LEIGH JOHNSON-ABT
JOSEPH ALBERT KULIKOWSKI
IAN CHRISTIAN OLESEN

SARAH LYNN PETTY
JOCELYN RENEE SHERMAN
ERICA LEE TARDIF

Graduates, August 24, 2005

KRUPA K. BHATT
VANESSA LEIGH BONE
NICOLE JOSEPHINE BRUNO
MARY E. DRISCOLL
SIOBHAN MARIE DURKIN
CHRISTOPHER EDWARD FREEMAN
KRISTEN M. GARCIA

ANGELO SCOTT GASPARINI
KRISTEN LEE GEIGER
ANNE ELIZABETH GOULD
VALERIE E. HERBST
TOMASZ JAN JODLowski
ERIN FAITH MCWILLIAMS
MISIYA NORMAN

ANN V. PORTER
NADIA SHAKEEL
JEFFREY DAVID SOMMA
JENNA FARLEY STEFANIK
ABHA SUNEJA
SHEFALI PRAKASH THAKER

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
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CHRISTOPHER GLENN CHOMETA
CHUN-NING CHOU
SALLY MARIE CIMINO
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ROBYN ELISE COTTLE
KERRI ELIZABETH COWLES
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BERNADINE J. MINGOT
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ADAM NARTOWICZ

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KIRAN KAUR BAJWA
MICHAEL E. BARRY
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THOMAS J. CADIGAN

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DANNY DESRIVEAUX
TRAM-ANH DINH
WILLIAM BRUCE DOMINELLO
DANIEL ROBERT FAMA
DANIEL MICHAEL FINDORAK

JASON MATTHEW FORTIN
LAURA JEANNE GARSTKA
ADAM SCOTT GOFF
MARY BETH GREENE
TASHA LOUISE HAMBLIN
MELISSA LEIGH HENRY
KATIE ELIZABETH HIPP

ARTHUR JOHN JANCZEWSKI
NIGEL EZRA JOHNSON
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SARA ELIZABETH LIEBEL
ASHLEY MARIE LUDOVICY
JOHN RAYMOND MILLER
CHRISTINE PAULETTE MONDS
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RAFAL OLEKSAK
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SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Honors Scholars

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CRAIG AUSTIN JORDAN, *in Civil Engineering*

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ANTHONY J. GUARNIERI
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On the cover of this Commencement book is the official seal of the University of Connecticut. The University's seal depicts the ancient and mighty oak. For Connecticut and the University alike, the oak's symbolism is significant. Beautiful and sacred, the venerable oak is synonymous with wisdom, longevity and hospitality. To Aristotle, the oak represented human potential.

The oak holds a special place in Connecticut's history. In a time long before statehood, the Connecticut colony's self-governing status was guaranteed by a charter issued by King Charles II of England. When, in 1687, his successor King James II attempted to reinstate the monarchy's authority, his emissary's efforts were foiled as the Royal Charter was secretly spirited to a temporary hiding place—a majestic oak in Hartford, forever after known as the Charter Oak. The oak became a symbol of freedom worldwide.

The oak has unique meaning for the University as well. In 1884, the commencement exercises of the second graduating class of the Storrs Agricultural School were held in an oak grove on the Storrs campus. This grove, long a favorite gathering place for a variety of open-air meetings, served as the spiritual home to the growing community of scholars.

The University of Connecticut's graphic interpretation of the oak is a stylized synthesis of two acorns and three oak leaves, representing maturation, intellect and moral strength. The seal is the symbol of a large and diverse institution; it is used by all of the University's schools, colleges, regional campuses, professional schools and its Health Center. The UConn Husky dog is the beloved and official mascot of the University's athletic program. While the Husky symbolizes the vitality and excitement of campus life, the oak seal communicates the broader mission of the University as a center for the pursuit, the creation and the sharing of knowledge. The University of Connecticut, like the mighty oak, is rooted in a proud past and reaching toward a limitless future.

