A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear friends,

It truly is an honor and a pleasure to welcome you to the 2015 Annual Report of the College of Business at University of New Haven, my first issue as dean. Since arriving in Connecticut in June, my wife, Liz, and I have been overwhelmed by the friendship and support that we have received from faculty, staff, students, alumni, advisory board members and friends of the University. We are proud to be part of both the greater New Haven community and the University of New Haven family.

The College of Business certainly has a lot to celebrate, highlighted by our accreditation from AACSB International, The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, which places us in a select group of schools worldwide recognized for providing the highest-quality programs for undergraduate and graduate degrees in business. There are more than 7,000 business schools around the globe, and less than 5 percent are accredited by AACSB. We are proud to be part of this elite group.

The College of Business continues to provide programs that are recognized for academic excellence, delivered by impactful faculty and characterized by a rigorous academic curriculum. We continue to maintain a focus on high-touch teaching, rigorous inquiry, community engagement and experiential learning. Our faculty continues to be engaged in impactful research that connects theory and practice. Our challenging curriculum continues to equip students with the skills they need to be contributing members of their workplaces and their communities.

What follows is a summary report of the activity of your College of Business in 2015. It is by no means comprehensive, though it is representative of the wide range of activities in which we are engaging, whether in the classroom or in the greater New Haven community. As you flip through these pages, I ask that you consider how your skills, your ideas, your experiences and your participation can help your university continue to build a world-class College of Business. To achieve our goals, we will need your help and your engagement.

Thank you for being a part of our family and for keeping up with our progress. I encourage you to take a moment to send me a note at bkench@newhaven.edu to share your thoughts or ideas. I look forward to hearing from you.

Brian T. Kench, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Business
The Pursuit of Excellence is Our Way of Doing Business

We are proud to be a university that’s continuously growing and making positive changes for our students and the community. Our achievements are a testament to our dedicated faculty and staff, and the cutting-edge programs they develop; our talented students, who continue to be engaged members of the community; and our alumni, who consistently become leaders in their chosen fields. Our awards and affiliations further validate our standing as one of the finest comprehensive universities in the Northeast.

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UNH Partners with Milford Hospital Providing Real-World Opportunities to Students

The College of Business and Milford Hospital created a partnership to provide real-life learning opportunities for students in the UNH master’s degree program in healthcare administration (HCAD). “The partnership furthers the University’s long tradition of providing real-world opportunities for students,” says Samuel S. Bergami Jr. EMBA ’85, former chair of the University of New Haven Board of Governors and the chair of the Milford Hospital board of directors.

The program involved 15 HCAD graduate students in the fall. They were guided by faculty and hospital officials, along with UNH alumnus David Fusco M.S. ’93, who is executive-in-residence for the master’s in healthcare administration program and former CEO of Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield of Connecticut.

The program aids the hospital by providing a fresh perspective to address real business challenges, and it benefits students by giving them unprecedented access to top healthcare executives in the state of Connecticut.

In June 2015, University of New Haven accepted an invitation to join The New American Colleges and Universities (NAC&U). Founded in 1995, NAC&U is a national consortium of selective, small-to-mid-size independent colleges and universities dedicated to the purposeful integration of liberal arts education, professional studies and civic engagement.

For the second consecutive year, University of New Haven has been recognized by The Princeton Review in the publication’s “Best in the Northeast” list for 2016, which includes 225 institutions in 11 Northeastern states and the District of Columbia.

For the sixth consecutive year, University of New Haven has been included in the top tier of regional universities in the North by U.S. News & World Report in its annual “America’s Best Colleges” rankings.

The Master of Science in Healthcare Administration program is an Academic Organizational Affiliate of the Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS).

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The Sport Management program was ranked number 17 in the world by Sport Business International. In terms of student choice, University of New Haven was ranked ninth in the world.
A strategic priority of the College of Business is to increase enrollment in our high-quality undergraduate and graduate business programs to 800 undergraduate and 500 graduate students by 2020. The nearby charts offer a snapshot of 2015 student credit hours by program, enrollment areas and the primary residence of our College of Business students.
High-Quality, Accredited Business Programs

ACCOUNTING, TAXATION AND LAW
Alireza Daneshfar, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Martin Goldberg, J.D., LL.M., Associate Professor
Xinyi Lu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Robert McDonald, MBA, CPA, Associate Professor
Mary Miller ’82, MBA ’06, CPA, Lecturer
James Mohs, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Robert Wnek, J.D., LL.M., Professor

ECONOMICS
Esin Cakan, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Claude Chereau, Ph.D., Practitioner-in-Residence
Brian Kench, Ph.D., Professor
Brian Marks, Ph.D., Practitioner-in-Residence
Jason Putalinghung, Ph.D., Visiting Assistant Professor
John Phelan, Ph.D., Professor
Armando Rodriguez, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Charles “Chuck” Skipton, Associate Professor
Kamal Upadhyaya, Ph.D., Professor

FINANCE
Gregory Blosick, Ph.D., Senior Lecturer
Wentworth “Charlie” Boynton, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Fang “Frank” Chen, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Demissew Ejara, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Richard Highfield, Ph.D., Professor

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT
Chris Gentile, Academic Director of Food Service Operations
Miranda Lee, Lecturer
Joline Mills, Ph.D., Professor
Gabriella Petrick, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Andrew Randi, Practitioner-in-Residence

MANAGEMENT
Khadija Al Arkoubi, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Robert Albright, Ph.D., Professor
Kathleen Barnes, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Tony Carter, Ph.D., J.D., Professor
Dale Finn, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
David Fusco, M.S., ’93, Executive-in-Residence
Tom Giordano, M.S.E., Practitioner-in-Residence
Glenn McGee, Ph.D., Professor
Summer McGee, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Abbas Nadim, Ph.D., Professor
William Olmstead, MBA, MPA, Practitioner-in-Residence
Anshuman Prasad, Ph.D., Professor
Darell Singeterry, MBA, Visiting Professor

MARKETING AND QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS
George Haley, Ph.D., Professor
Jiajuan Liang, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Kyoung Nam Lim, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Pawel Mensz, Ph.D., Professor
Ahmet Ozkul, Ph.D., Associate Professor
Charles “Pete” Peterson, Practitioner-in-Residence
Subrato Roy, Ph.D., Professor
Cheng ‘Charlie’ Lu Wang, Ph.D., Professor

SPORT MANAGEMENT
Gil Fried, Ph.D., Professor
Kimberly Mahoney, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Ceyda Mumcu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

M.L. McLAUGHLIN CENTER FOR FAMILY BUSINESS
Paul Sessions, Director
Students are Hands-On Entrepreneurs in Exciting Pilot Program

During the fall semester, the College of Business and accomplished alumnus Ralph DellaCamera ’75 joined forces to provide a select group of seniors with the ultimate experiential learning activity.

DellaCamera engaged the students to act as organizational development consultants for iServe Residential Lending, one of his growing enterprises.

The students began their engagement by carefully studying the structure and status of the domestic residential mortgage industry. Following this period of analysis, the students met with DellaCamera, his corporate executive team and his business partners. The students gathered information from these leaders that helped create a formal vision statement, a value proposition and a set of corporate values.

The students then set to work on creating an “on-boarding” program designed to introduce new employees into the firm. The program included a training manual, recruitment brochures and other materials designed to facilitate and enable the ambitious growth goals of iServe.

The project culminated with a student visit to the iServe corporate headquarters in Stamford, where the students presented their products and recommendations to the iServe officers and executive team.

“I am very impressed with the UNH students and their work products,” says DellaCamera. “I hope to continue the partnership with the College of Business into the future and take our engagement to the next level.”

The reality and intensity of the project was eye-opening,” said senior Anthony Buonfiglio. “We had deadlines and deliverables, and we had to produce high-quality work products for a real business enterprise. Undoubtedly, the iServe project was the best learning experience I have had at UNH.”

“Love is a Full Plate” Serves Up Firsthand Event Planning Opportunity

A California chef, who owns two restaurants and is the author of two cookbooks about soul and comfort food recipes, was the guest speaker at the annual “Love is a Full Plate” dinner on February 6.

Tanya Holland, the executive chef and owner of Brown Sugar Kitchen and B-Side BBQ in Oakland, Calif., both of which feature her inventive takes on modern soul food, Southern and barbecue cuisine, spoke at the dinner, which benefited End Hunger Connecticut!

The dinner was the culminating project for seniors in the UNH hospitality and tourism management program. Students prepared, served and hosted the event. The four-course dinner and specialty sugar tasting was preceded by a book signing.

Boston Federal Reserve Visit Offers Enriching Experience

On March 27, members of the UNH Accounting Society, accompanied by professors Wentworth Boynton, James Mohs and Michael Rolleri, spent the day in Boston. The trip included a lecture at the Boston Federal Reserve, where students met with a senior economist who explained the practical aspects of monetary policy and the roles and functions of the Federal Reserve System.
In November, the College of Business Economics Collective announced the results of its first contemporary issues polling initiative. This initiative focused on the economics of the legalization of marijuana. Survey participants overwhelmingly favored the legalization of marijuana for both medical and recreational purposes. In addition, participants expressed a strong belief that legalization would have a positive impact on the economy within the state of Connecticut.

The principle investigators, economics majors Tyler Cordes ’18 and Kevin Lauber ’16, worked closely with Marcelo Nacht, principal and founder of Praxis Research Partners, to formulate the 25-question survey pertaining to the legalization of marijuana in Connecticut.

“I wanted to address moral, economic and practical implications in the most objective and pragmatic way possible. I think we achieved that through the survey,” said Lauber.

A.E. Rodriguez, program advisor and chair of the economics department, said, “I was pleased with this first student-run initiative. It is a perfect illustration of combining classroom academics with hands-on data analytics experience under the auspices of experienced practitioners.”

The Economics Collective is a student-operated social network and cooperative space for students, alumni and members of the community to connect and engage.

Additional information can be found at http://uneconomicollective.ning.com.
Summer in Italy Offers Immersion in Hospitality and Tourism

Students in the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management spent the summer studying and living at the University’s campus in Tuscany, Italy. Students participated in a wine appreciation course and a “Cultural Food and Cuisine” class, which fully immersed them in the Italian culture.

As part of the wine appreciation course, students visited different vineyards, including Capezzana, Volpaia and Ruffino, where they learned about the fermentation and bottling processes, and enjoyed a tasting experience. The “Cultural Food and Cuisine” course allowed students to work in teams to prepare multicourse meals that expressed a story through food and experience.

Creating Innovative Business Solutions Put Student Skills to the Test

Two UNH students participated in Athgo’s Sixth Global Innovation Forum at the World Bank headquarters in Washington, D.C., from August 12-14. The forum brought together students, young entrepreneurs, experts, senior executives and leaders from more than 40 countries.

For the competition, students were charged with developing concepts for innovative business solutions that address social, economic and community problems. Anthony Buonfiglio ’16 and Lauren Ritchie ’16 were selected by their teams to present the business ideas they developed.

Buonfiglio’s team created a push-button-activated, concealed GPS system designed to prevent human trafficking and child abductions. His efforts paid off, as his team earned third place in the competition.

Dean Lombardi ’82 Explains Why Sport Management Founder is a Champion at Inaugural Allen Sack Lecture Series

For the past nine years, Dean Lombardi ’82 has been president and general manager of the Los Angeles Kings, the winner of two of the recent four Stanley Cup Championships.

On October 22, Lombardi delivered the inaugural address in the Allen Sack Lecture Series on sport and social issues. Lombardi lauded Allen Sack, the namesake of the lecture series and the founder of the University of New Haven sport management program, who retired after 40 years of service to the University, for his efforts to defend academic freedom and end the exploitation of college athletes.

“IT’s important to remember that Professor Sack stands as a role model not just because of his cause,” said Lombardi. “Embracing a cause is only one part of the equation. Anyone can say he is for a cause. But a cause without action is ephemeral and doomed to insignificance. It is safe to say that Professor Sack’s commitment to the action portion of his cause is legendary and an example for us all.”

Lombardi believes Sack represented the values of commitment, sacrifice, selflessness, perseverance and conviction through his advocacy. “These are the championship values not only of a team but, more importantly, of a human being,” said Lombardi.
**Competition Connects Students with Best Sales Organizations in Nation**

Four College of Business undergraduate students competed in the Northeast Collegiate Sales Competition on November 12-13 at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I.

The New England Intercollegiate Sales Competition (NISC) is designed for outstanding students pursuing sales careers to connect with employers from some of the best sales organizations in the nation. Universities participating included Florida State University, MIT and Purdue University.

**Placing Number One in Game of Global Business Strategy**

Abbas Nadim, professor of management, coordinates the Global Business Strategy game for College of Business undergraduate and graduate students. The game is an online exercise in which teams of students from around the globe run a digital camera company in a head-to-head competition against companies run by other class members.

In 2015, College of Business undergraduate business policy students competed with 1,535 teams from 259 universities in 25 countries. Our undergraduate team of Laura Callan ’16, Binh Luu ’16 and David Nooks ’16 placed first in the world with a perfect score. In the graduate student version of the competition, our EMBA team of Rebbecca Khozein ’16, Greg Gesswein ’16 and Barbara Mollo ’16 finished in the top 25 percent of 1,381 teams from around the world.

**Affording Students Business Community Engagement and Experience**

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Faculty Intellectual Contributions and Impact

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:


Books:


Book Chapters:


College of Business Advisory Board

Joseph R. Catapano ’89, Chair, COB Advisory Board
Joseph Catapano is vice president and controller at Pitney Bowes Inc. He has responsibility for global consolidations, worldwide internal and external financial reporting, coordination of the company’s compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and corporate financial policies and procedures. In addition, he is responsible for the company’s enterprise performance management activities. Prior to joining Pitney Bowes, he held finance positions with PepsiCo Inc. and was an audit manager with KPMG Peat Marwick in Stamford, Conn. He earned a bachelor’s degree in financial accounting from University of New Haven.

Cathy Bradley EMBA ’86
Cathy Bradley is owner and president of Cathy Bradley Enterprises, a consulting firm designed to help Fortune 500 companies transform their businesses to meet strategic business objectives. She also sits on the board of directors of Spoken Communications, a technology firm focused on cloud solutions for the customer contact space. Prior to founding Cathy Bradley Enterprises, she was managing partner at Accenture, senior vice president and chief service officer for Nextel Communications, president of Southern New England Telecommunication (SNET) Teleservices and vice president of SNET Customer Sales and Service.

Michael Davis MBA ’86
Michael Davis is vice president of taxes at Nestle. He brings a unique blend of leadership development, accounting, tax and systems expertise to Nestle, the world’s largest food company with a market capitalization of $250 billion. He serves as an officer for numerous Nestle companies including Nestle USA Inc., Nestle Purina PetCare Company, Gerber Products Company and Nespresso USA Inc. As an educator, he serves as the executive director of the EMBA program at the University of New Haven. He also provides career coaching to EMBA students. He serves as a board adviser for several companies and is a prominent speaker and contributor at conferences and seminars.

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Baharem Bin Hamzah ’85, MBA ’97
Baharem Bin Hamzah is group managing director and CEO of Romstar, a leading Malaysian-based provider of intelligent pipeline inspection services. The company, which he founded in 1997, works with many of the major suppliers of crude oil, including ExxonMobil and Shell, to detect structural issues before leaks occur in pipes. The company designs, builds and operates high-resolution magnetic flux leakage (MFL) technology. In 2006, Hamzah created Romstar Research and Development, which has created ROMSOFT—data interpretation software that produces pipeline integrity reports with high precision and accuracy.

Kenny Coleman ’88
Kenny Coleman serves as senior vice president of marketing for Georgia Power. He is responsible for pricing and planning, renewable development, sales and utility relations. Prior to his current role, he served as chief information officer of Southern Company and senior vice president of Southern Company Services, where he led more than 1,100 employees in information technology strategy development, operations and delivery across 120,000 square miles. He earned a bachelor’s degree in communications from University of New Haven.

Michael Murphy EMBA ’98
Michael Murphy is vice president and general manager of Alinabal Inc. in Milford, Conn. Prior to joining Alinabal, he was a major account manager with General Electric and director of acquisitions for Donnelly Development Corporation. He serves on the board of Alinabal Holdings, Goodwill Industries of Western and Northern Connecticut, the Connecticut Irish Scholarship Fund and Helmis Housing, and he is a member of the advisory council of Mercury Marine.

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Josephine Moran M.S. ’01
Josephine Moran joined Columbia Bank in October as executive vice president and director of retail banking. She is responsible for directing the overall management of the bank’s retail banking operations, including the branch network, retirement accounts, deposits, lending and wealth management services. With 16 years of experience in the financial services industry, as well as 25 years of leadership experience, she has substantial expertise in retail banking, investment services, consumer lending, small business, customer experience, project management and strategic planning. She was named one of the Top Women in Business in Staten Island this year.

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