

**Testimonials: School & College Outreach Program  
University of Hartford Speakers Bureau**

"You are, indeed, on the right track in creating a means through which both the University's expertise may be shared and its image enhanced throughout the state. I am impressed with the range and depth of topics offered by your speakers to schools and students as well as by the fact that your faculty and staff are willing to give time to these activities. As comments from those in the schools attest, this kind of community outreach not only provides important subject amplification, but also emphasizes the common bonds we have at all levels of education and the needs for, and benefits of, articulation."

State of Connecticut, Department of Higher Education - Norma Foreman  
Glasgow, Commissioner

"We have had more success with the UofH in finding mentors for our students than with other colleges. We would be at a loss without the UofH. When I've given workshops on the subject, I've said that our mentorship program works because we have access to several large colleges, including the UofH... I want to express my appreciation for the cooperation we have received from the University. Several of our students are working on research projects or internships with members of the University faculty. In addition, Rick Walker has furnished us with a number of excellent speakers for our seminar series."

Bloomfield High School -- Cora Altschuler, coordinator, ISSP (TAG) Program

"I want to thank you for your help in providing speakers for our very successful Career Day. Five speakers from the University participated. They helped me to develop a program for our students that was diverse and interesting. The University provides a valuable public service with its Speakers Bureau. I know that many of our students now know more about your school. In fact, one of our students will be attending Samuel I. Ward Technical College as an indirect result of our contacts."

Bolton High School -- June Krisch, guidance counselor

"Dr. Leo Rockas' presentation on playwriting was wonderful. He zeroed in on a couple of key concepts; without being patronizing, spoke in terms which students could understand; and got students involved in writing activities. I think we all -- teachers and students, from honors to general -- left the auditorium feeling inspired. Without question, Dr. Rockas created a very positive image for the University."

Branford High School -- Roy Ogren, chairman, English Department

"Anne Pierce's visit was greatly appreciated by both students and faculty. Her experiences in her field have helped our students become better informed. Several students have commented that it has helped motivate them to begin planning their futures. We are most grateful for your help in our career awareness program."

Cheshire High School -- Susan DiCorpo, guidance counselor

"Certainly your college has an excellent representative and fine spokesperson in Richard Greeman. Interestingly, one of my students was absent from class two days after the presentation. Apparently, he was visiting your campus. We take this as a sign of increasing interest in the University on the part of our students."

Coginchaug Regional High School -- Pauline Dyson, team leader,  
history/social studies

"I would like to extend my sincerest thanks and appreciation to you (Paul Seeto, alumnus of UofH), for making your presentation at Quirk Middle School. The students have moved a step closer towards understanding what is necessary to become an engineer. It was a great idea on your part to bring some equipment and products with you."

Connecticut Pre-Engineering Program, Science Museum of Connecticut --  
Glen Cassis, Executive Director

"...we appreciated the talk Richard Cote gave on muscle injuries to a segment of our staff. I believe you are succeeding in your effort to establish closer ties with area secondary schools."

East Granby Middle and High School -- Keith Gerritt, assistant principal

"Please let me take this opportunity to thank you for arranging for Dr. Donald Sukosky to speak to my gifted classes regarding the affective and materialistic needs of the elderly. We found him to be an excellent speaker and extremely knowledgeable on the topic. His lecture very effectively addressed the topic for the Future Problem Solving Program."

East Hartford High School -- Charlene Bishko, TAG teacher

"I greatly appreciate the time and effort in helping to provide appropriate speakers for my students during the school day. What impresses me greatly about your service is the efficiency and expediency in securing individuals whose expertise matched my requests. Each individual who has participated in the program has brought an abundance of knowledge and experience to my students. I have to add, that due to the program and my becoming familiar with the institution and numerous faculty members, I have recommended the University, and particularly the College of Engineering, to several students and parents. As a result, one student is presently attending the University."

Farmington High School -- June Siegel, counselor to the gifted

"In addition to my attendance and positive review, I have secured very enthusiastic feedback from students and faculty. Your (Dr. Krisst on nuclear technology) presentation was presented at an appropriate level for student understanding and echoed a science, technology and society flavor. This approach is necessary if we are to be successful in educating students for tomorrow's world. You have provided a necessary service for us in helping to expand the knowledge and understanding of science for our students."

Glastonbury Public Schools -- Kenneth Russell Roy, Ph.D., K-12 director  
of science

"Thank you (Richard Dalphin) for coming and sharing your expertise on water supplies and water resources with my two ecology classes. We really appreciate the time and effort you put into these presentations. Also, we are pleased to have the Connecticut Ground Water Map. Many thanks. The students, although

quiet (in awe, I suspect, of a college professor), gained a great deal of insight, as evidenced by their performance on a check-up quiz."

Litchfield High School -- Ellen Doubleday, teacher

"During the past two years, speakers from the University have brought to our classrooms a worldly experience that can't be matched by any textbook. Because we have been able to make contact with these teachers so easily through your office, it has enabled us to essentially build these guest lectures into our curriculum. We find, now that we know the individual instructors, that we can prepare lessons around the intended topic.

"While other universities and colleges may provide a guest speaker upon request, I have found no other to be able to provide such a comprehensive and well organized system. Indeed, with human nature being what it is, I think that without your annual offer of services, most teachers would not try to go through the tedious process of searching the state for appropriate speakers. With your help the University of Hartford is providing an invaluable service to our community."

Litchfield High School -- William Conklin, science department chairman

"The Speakers Bureau has been an excellent resource providing closer contact between a major area University and our students in our college-level courses. During the past two years our students have begun to take a good hard look at their talents. Students like Kim Morehouse and Andy Lathrop, currently attending the University in your Music and Art Departments, have helped us encourage our kids to look beyond high school for institutions that could help them further develop their talents."

Lyman Memorial High School, Lebanon -- Bill Goba, coordinator, high school enrichment program

"The series of three lectures focusing on Africa ended last week. Harald Sandstrom and Hilda Kokuhirwa certainly reflected most creditably upon the University. Harald thoroughly explained colonialism and neo-colonialism during his first lecture, and apartheid in South Africa during his second lecture. Hilda presented a detailed picture of a typical day in the life of a Tanzanian woman, focusing on her role in the food supply. During the question-and-answer periods, both responded with clarity. The only complaint which I had was that I did not allow Harald to speak long enough during the first lecture! He was a superstar, nobody wanted him to leave!"

Marianapolis Preparatory School -- Thomas Juko, assistant headmaster

"Mathematics Prof. John Williams' lecture 'The Passage to Chaos' was perceived as a great success by all in attendance. His talk was well attended and generated a great deal of excitement and interest."

Middlesex Community College -- John Palumbo, assistant professor

"Dr. Troyer's presentation on math anxiety was excellent. The teachers and students who attended have been expressing their appreciation all week. She spoke first to a group of 12 students and then to a faculty of 30."

Pomperaug Regional High School -- Priscilla Horesco

"Dr. Roger Desmond's presentation, 'Media and Cognition,' taught in 40 minutes what would have taken the teacher several days.

"I can't tell you how pleased I have been with the opportunity to utilize your Speakers Bureau. The Bureau has an extensive listing on almost every

topic, thereby reflecting the willingness and the enthusiasm of the University's staff to work with the community. More specifically, your speakers' efforts provide our students the opportunity to extend their horizons and also allows them to preview their college experience.

"The Speakers Bureau is superior to programs offered by other Connecticut colleges. It's easy to get speakers, and they are more cooperative than those from any other college. The offerings are more interdisciplinary, with a greater variety of topics than any I've ever seen.

"I wouldn't have anywhere near as many speakers without the UofH bureau, and would have to sacrifice the enrichment programs for our school. It is refreshing to find so many professionals at the UofH who possess such a sense of civic responsibility. (Referring to a talk on South Africa by Prof. Harald Sandstrom): It is rare to find one individual, let alone several individuals, who will give so generously of his free time and expertise because he truly believes in helping others understand a complex problem that concerns us all. Finally, it is rare to find professional educators who possess your openness, sincerity and compelling enthusiasm. You made a most positive impression on our students and staff."

Portland High School -- Jeanne Purcell, coordinator, Extended Learning Program

"Dr. Leo Rockas' enthusiasm for Henry IV was, as they say, infectious. Two students have spoken to me seriously about applying to the school."

Portland High School -- Alison Wheatley, teacher

"I would like to thank you for your work and cooperation in providing me with some speakers for our annual Fall Harvest teacher workshop day (1987). Pat Sutton ('What an Art Student Should Learn in High School'); Dr. Marie-Claire Rohinsky ('Is Daddy's France Dead?'); Dr. David Courtwright ('The Industrial Revolution in America') and Dr. Jill Dix Ghnassia ('Is Literature Necessary?') received excellent evaluations by the teachers."

Project SHARE, Killingworth -- Richard Blythe, director

"I wanted to thank you for putting me in touch with speakers from the University of Hartford. I have found them to be very professional and excellent in human relations. I appreciate your help, Rick, and feel confident in knowing that when I arrange to have a speakers for my TAG students from the UofH that they will be 'top notch'!"

Rochambeau Middle School, Project Explore -- Monita Leavitt

"I would like to thank you for your cooperation in relation to the five fine speakers who shared their expertise...Your Speakers Bureau is a wonderful contribution to today's youth."

Torrington High School -- Michele Sorensen, TAG coordinator

"Thank you (David Budries) for giving your time to talk to the Pro-Tech students...about sound technology. The equipment you demonstrated was 'awesome,' as some students put it. Your comments about the career possibilities...in the music profession were especially valuable. It is a great and much-appreciated service that you have given to our bright students. We are looking forward to seeing the facilities at the Hartt Recording Studio."

H.C. Wilcox Regional Vocational Technical School, Meriden -- Claire Piddock, pro-tech facilitator