

## National Girls and Women in Sports Day

January 24, 2009 9:15am—1:30pm  
Southern CT State University  
Moore Field House, 25 Wintergreen Avenue  
New Haven, CT 06515

Join the all sports jamboree clinic when girls in grades 1—8 participate in this annual sports event. Learn techniques from the masters in all sports. The event is followed by Free Admission to the SCSU Women's Basketball Game at 1:30pm



Complimentary T-shirt and lunch provided for student participants

Please Note: Pre-registration, including a permission/release form is required to attend. Forms: [www.southernctowls.com](http://www.southernctowls.com)



## DRUID—The Three Irish Tenors

March 14, 2009

Lyman Center of Performing Arts

Last year's Three Irish

Tenors' Christmas from Dublin was such a hit, the Lyman Center is bringing them back. Join us as we celebrate a Great Day for the Irish (even if you're not!) with Cairan Nagle, Kenneth O'Regan and P.J. Hurley. We'll be enjoying some lovely Irish refreshments after the show with our alumni.

Call the Lyman Center Box Office for tickets: 203-392-6154 – but don't delay. These tickets will be gone quick as a leprechaun's pot o' gold! Discount tickets will be available for active members of the Alumni Association. Just have your membership card handy when ordering tickets.

## Save these Dates

### More Dates to Save

#### March 13, 2009—Alumni Awards Ceremony

6:30pm, Michael J. Adanti Student Center Grand Ballroom.

April 4, 2009—Cherry Blossom Time at the American Art & Portrait Gallery, Washington, DC. Guided Tour of gallery followed by reception at Clyde's. For more information, call 203-392-6500.

May 16, 2009—A Celebration of Health and Human Services and A Celebration of Business—School Reunions. Join us for this day-long, fun-filled, family-oriented event.

### Send Us Your Stories!

Please send us your stories so that we can pass them along to our alumni to enjoy. Did you meet your spouse here? Have you done something wonderful in your career? Did you receive a special award? Were you in a movie? We love to know about our alumni. Send your stories to:

Michelle Johnston — [johnstonm2@southernct.edu](mailto:johnstonm2@southernct.edu)

### Online Community

Stay connected by logging onto our alumni online community :

<http://www.southernct.edu/alumni/onlinealumnicommunity>

Go to the bottom of this email blast to click on any of the links contained in the newsletter.

## The Color Purple

June 10, 2009

Bushnell Theatre  
Hartford, CT

Oprah Winfrey presents *The Color Purple*, a soul-stirring musical based on the classic Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Alice Walker and the Oscar-nominated film by Steven Spielberg. We will gather at 6:00pm for an Alumni Association-sponsored reception in the Seaverns Room and then on to the show. Group ticket prices are as follows and can be mixed and matched:



Orchestra and Front Mezzanine	\$63.50
Rear Mezzanine	\$36.50
Front Balcony	\$31.00
Rear Balcony	\$23.00

Please call Charlie Davison to reserve your tickets 203-392-6500

## Alumni Association Membership

Please give the gift of an education to a deserving student. Did you know that 80% of our SCSU students work more than 30 hours per week to help finance their educations? Your donations can help our students reach their educational goals.

Did you know that with any gift over \$35 made by an alumnus/a to SCSU Foundation (for the university's highest priorities or a gift designated for a particular use), you automatically become a member of the Alumni Association for one calendar year?

Begin enjoying great benefits today by becoming an active member of the SCSU Alumni Association! Join online today at:

<http://www.southernct.edu/alumni/giving-to-southern/>

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## Season's Greetings!

*Wishing our alumni and their families  
the warmest of holiday seasons.*

### Where in the World are SCSU Alumni?

**Richard Craig, '77** is currently serving in the U.S. Commercial Service at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, China (pictured on right). He recently assumed a new position as Marketing Director to promote the Service's innovative programs to American exporters targeting the China market in a wide variety of industries. Richard has been with the Commercial Service since 1994 and served in Korea, Thailand, and Taiwan before being posted to Beijing in 2005. Prior to joining the U.S. Department of Commerce, he served in the Peace Corps in Korea, taught briefly in the Boston area and was with Reed Exhibitions in the Washington D.C. area, Hong Kong, Korea and Norwalk, CT. Richard is married with three children. Richard invites former classmates to contact him at [RCraig1065@aol.com](mailto:RCraig1065@aol.com).



In other news from China, **Jennifer Norcross, '90** recently traveled to China as part of a delegation from the Town of Stonington where she taught a lesson to students at a sister high school in Qingdao. She also visited Changchun, Xi'an and Beijing. While Jennifer was there, she attended the annual Fulbright Conference in Beijing.

### Alumni in the News

"...a little oasis, a home away from home" is what **Bill McGarry, '75** has created at the Bridgeport Holiday Inn and Conference Center, where he has taken the helm.

With its recent renovations, the hotel has added 37-inch flat screen TVs to every room, WiFi, as well as Jacuzzi tubs, and granite countertops on its eighth and ninth floors. A brand new entrance, refurbished exterior and triple sizing of their state-of-the-art exercise facility are some of the exciting changes in this downtown hostelry that has played host to celebrities and dignitaries such as President Bill Clinton, Jack Kemp, Elizabeth Dole, Jesse Jackson, Billy Joel, Reba McEntire and Brian Williams. "Most of the celebrities just want a place to relax -- a little oasis, a home away from home," says McGarry, and that's exactly what he gives them.

Bill and his wife Karen have a son, Matthew, who now attends Southern.



### Call for Nominations

#### SCSU Board of Directors

Are you interested in making a difference for our alumni and students? If you are, and you are an active member of the Alumni Association, you are eligible to run for a seat on the Board of Directors. Copy and paste this link for more information and the nomination form (due February 18, 2009):

<http://www.southernct.edu/alumni/callfornominations-boardofdirectors/>

#### 2009 Alumni Awards

Do you know an alumnus/a who has done something outstanding in his or her life? The Alumni Association is soliciting nominations for the following awards (due January 5, 2009): Alumni Service, Alumni Citation, Alumni Appreciation, Athletic Hall of Fame. Copy and paste the link for the nomination forms:

<http://www.southernct.edu/alumni/nominationsalumniassociationawards/>

### Running for the Cure

**Elsbeth Cather, '08**, one of our most recent graduates, is training to participate in the Walt Disney World Half Marathon as a member of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Team In Training to raise funds to help stop leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin lymphoma and myeloma from taking more lives.



From her Facebook pages, she says, "I am completing this event in memory of my father, J. Bradley Cather who lost his battle with cancer in August of 2001. I'm also running in memory of Cristina Cortese, a 2007 graduate of Southern Connecticut State University who lost her battle with cancer last April. Although I did not know her personally, she touched the lives of many of my friends and the SCSU community as a whole."

I'm also completing this event in honor of all individuals who are battling blood cancers. These people are the real heroes on our team, and we need your support to cross the ultimate finish line - a cure! For more information, click: [http://www.southernct.edu/emailblast/12\\_22\\_08/letter.pdf](http://www.southernct.edu/emailblast/12_22_08/letter.pdf)

### GET CONNECTED!



Southern Connecticut State University now has a group on the professional networking site **Linked-In!** Joining will allow you to search for jobs, professional contacts and old friends and classmates. Join us at [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com). Once you've joined and have gone to the "Official Southern Connecticut State University" site, the Institutional Advancement office will process your request as soon as possible.

Have you seen the SCSU Alumni **Facebook** page? Join Facebook and search groups for Southern Connecticut State University Alumni. Find the latest news on upcoming events, post photos and stories, reconnect with your friends from school and let all of us know what you've been up to! See how much fun it is to get together on the internet. Join at: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

