

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



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.

May 16, 2009— A Celebration of Health and Human Services and A Celebration of Business— School Reunions.

More details on these events to follow!

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

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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Where in the World are SCSU Alumni?

Laura A. Macaluso, a 1994 Honors College graduate earned her place as a Fulbright Scholar and lecturer at the Swaziland National Museum in the Kingdom of Swaziland for three months. She says, "I taught at SCSU for 7 years... David Levine and Camille Serchuk were and are instrumental to my career, both having contributed to my Fulbright application (and to my life over the past 16 years)."

In December Laura will be traveling north to Ethiopia to spend a week on the Gona Prehistoric Archaeology Project with SCSU Professor Michael Rogers, then it's off to Central America on a Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange in February. Also of note, Laura's husband, Jeffrey Nichols, '97 became Executive Director of the Mark Twain House & Museum in Hartford.

Where in the world is Swaziland? The Kingdom of Swaziland is a landlocked country in Southern Africa, bordered to the north, south, and west by South Africa, and to the east by Mozambique.



In another part of the world, **J. Leroy Ward**, '73, MS '75 is traveling a good deal of the time in Dubai as Executive Vice President responsible for ESI International's worldwide training programs and international partnerships. Leroy took this photo—a view across the Dubai Creek to the major business area of the city.

Where in the world is Dubai? It is located along the southern coast of the Persian Gulf on the Arabian Peninsula. Dubai is one of the seven emirates and the most populous city of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Alumni in the News

Gregg Dancho, '80 is celebrating his 25th year as director of the Beardley Zoo in Bridgeport, Connecticut. As a child, his interests leaned toward snakes and frogs. Now as director of the state's only zoo, his interests have expanded to animals of a more exotic kind and improving their habitats, such as expanding both the bear and tiger habitats and building a new wolf habitat. The total zoo experience for visitors has improved under Dancho's tutelage, as well. With his fundraising savvy and smart marketing plan, Dancho has added a café for visitors, renovated the picnic area, replaced the broken down carousel with a new one and offers the zoo and its buildings to the public for birthday parties, corporate events and weddings.



Congratulations are in order, as well. In November, a rare, endangered Brazilian Ocelot kitten was born at the Beardley Zoo!

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/>

On the Sports Medicine Front

SCSU Professor **Robert Axtell** and member of the Board of Trustees for the New England American College of Sports Medicine (NEACSM) let us know that two recent Southern graduates were honored at the NEACSM conference. **Kurt Sol-lanek** '08 received this year's Undergraduate Scholarship and **William Lunn**, '08 (now a PhD student in Nutritional Sciences at UConn) was awarded the MS Graduate Scholarship for 2008. The SCSU team came in third place (of 16 teams from New England) this year in the NEACSM college bowl.



Axtell



Carlson

In other SCSU/NEACSM news, **Dr. Robert Kenefick**, '88, MS '90 is NEACSM's current President-Elect, **Dr. Lara Carlson**, '92 has just stepped down as immediate past-president and **Peter Ronai**, '83, MS '88 just became the past-president of NEACSM. Congratulations to all of our alumni representing NEACSM!



Ronai

GET CONNECTED!

Southern Connecticut State University now has a group on the professional networking site **LinkedIn**!



Joining will allow you to search for jobs, professional contacts and old friends and classmates. Join us at 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** group? 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.

