Gregory Woodward
Faculty and Staff Kickoff
January 2018
• Achieved a 100% increase in our alumni relations mentoring program that connects students and alumni.

• Received a $4.7 million gift from an anonymous donor via a bequest. The University is also cutting the ribbon on the newly renovated Millard Auditorium on Feb. 2, which was a donor-funded project.

• At $4.3 million of a $4.5 million fundraising goal for the renovation and addition to Auerbach Hall for the Barney School of Business.

• On track to far exceed our fiscal year fundraising goal. As of December 31, we are at $9.3 million of a $9.5 million goal. We still have five months to go in the fiscal year.

• 141 faculty and staff members have already made gifts to the University this fiscal year. Thank you all for supporting our students, faculty, and our mission.
In the final stages of planning and implementing our first annual Scholarship Competition, at which approximately 200 admitted students will compete for full-tuition scholarships

- Admitted and awarded financial aid for over 6,000 new students
- Created streamlined transfer student recruiting and admission practices
- Beginning the creation of returning student financial aid adjustments

- International Admission and CETA reinstated a relationship with the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission that will enable sponsored students to enroll at the University of Hartford
- Instituted a Strategic Recruitment Council with representatives from each school/college to coordinate activities and outreach with the Office of Admission
- Reached out to 75,000 more high school students
- Utilizing new university-created marketing strategies and pieces
Molly Polk, VP for Marketing and Communication

- Centralized our team; taking advantage of shared skill sets, knowledge, tools and resources. We are working as one team toward common goals, while striving to serve the needs of the campus community.

- An evolution of our brand is underway! We are actively working to verbally and visually define who we are, in a brand identity that is representative of our campus and educational experiences.

- Our fresh and informative new magazine will launch this March/April...stay tuned!

- The Web Request for Proposal went out and we are currently reviewing all submissions. We intend to launch a new hartford.edu site by January 2019.
Mary Ellen Gillespie, Director of Athletics

Academic
- Fall 2017 student-athlete GPA of 3.31 (highest ever GPA for an America East institution)
  - 72% received a 3.0 or higher
  - 12% received a 4.0
- America East Academic Cup has been renamed the Walter Harrison Cup
- Fredrik Ekman (men’s soccer) received the Barney School Alumni Hall of Fame Scholarship

Athletic
- Sierra Stone (women’s soccer) named America East Midfielder of the Year
- Women’s Soccer hosted quarterfinals of America East tournament
- Andre Morrison invited to MLS combine and drafted on 1/20/18

Facilities
- New turf installed at Al-Marzook Field
- Gordon McCullough VIP Club cosmetic enhancements
- Locker room for women’s lacrosse
- Total renovation of indoor pool
Completed Program Portfolio Process with EAB

New Programs in the Works
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Digital Media and Journalism
- Integrated Media Arts
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- 3+1 MBA
- 4+1 Architecture

Facilities
- New CETA Maker Space
- Greenberg Center
- Millard Auditorium Renovation

Partnerships
- Five Points Gallery Launchpad
- Montessori Center Opening
- Working across campus to create a new Purposeful Pathways Program for undergraduates that further integrates new essential learning objectives into each student’s journey

Recruiting Initiatives
- CIGNA MBA
- Hartt Performance Academy
- EC Higher Education
Arosha Jayawickrema, VP of Finance and Administration

- The Facilities Master Plan draft report was completed and presented to the Physical Plant Committee and the Board of Regents.
- Completed the renovation of the Gengras Student Union, Millard Auditorium, Natatorium (indoor/outdoor pool) and upgrades to the bathrooms in E&F Complexes.
- Completed the sale of 207 and 211 Bloomfield Avenue Properties.
- Successfully completed the Banner Revitalization project for HR and Payroll and migrated to Banner base line.
- Migrated all faculty, staff, and students to Office 365 resulting in financial savings and increasing capacity (50X) to users.
- Restructured health insurance to reduce the ongoing, overall increase in health insurance.
- Introduced the “LiveSafe” app to the campus community to enhance safety, reporting, and communications.
- Completed the Enterprise Risk Model (ERM) and presented to the Audit Committee.
• 127 Contracts through the Office of General Counsel in 138 business days (FY18).
• Reorganized Title IX Office to continue to ensure compliance with Title IX and a campus free from sexual misconduct and violence.
• Centralized legal operations to reduce risk and costs to the University.
• Restructured Compliance Committee to strengthen compliance program, implement best practices and reduce risk.
• Assist departments throughout campus to identify and correct deficiencies and implement best practices, expand education and training, and enhance compliance efforts.
• Developed and implemented University policies in line with industry best practices in various areas such as contracting.
• Completed comprehensive review of University insurance program, and strengthened insurance program to reduce risk and costs to University.
• Developed University templates for various units to streamline processes, reduce need for outside consultants and attorneys, and manage/minimize risk.
Lee Peters, VP for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

- Held over 400 individual assistance and over 3,300 tutoring sessions scheduled by the Student Success Center during Fall Semester
- 38 students heading to Houston for Alternative Spring Break...the most ambitious trip in our history
- Residential Life provided over 246 educational and cultural programs to students in the residence halls
- CAPS was featured in the most recent training webinar by the nation’s leading EMR provider, Titanium. Director Nick Pinkerton was invited to present again at the National Counseling Center Directors Conference in Denver
- Installing a new two-year residency requirement for first- and second-year students
- Cigna Campus Barbeque, Barney Business Career Fair, and CETA Career Fair brought 96 employers to interview more than 670 students
- New Catholic Campus Ministry Center at 207 Bloomfield Avenue is a great success. University of Hartford Hillel was named as one of five most improved campus operations
- Gengras Student Union was selected to host the 2018 Association of College Unions International (ACUI) Region VIII conference.
• Hosted a community UNITY observance with students, faculty and staff in the Commons in December

• Committee formed with three co-chairs—DeLois Lindsey, Karen Tejada, and Jane Horvath—working on annual diversity calendar to focus on campus efforts and programs around diversity, equity and inclusion

• President’s Open Lunches in the fall; beginning again on January 31 through May 9 in Commons (12:30–2 p.m.)

• Meetings with multicultural group leaders, student government, regional community leaders, faculty, and staff are in progress

• Created a “UHart Unity” website

• HRD and the Office of the Provost are creating a campus committee to enhance diversity efforts in hiring and training of faculty and staff

• Expanded bias training for Residential Life, Public Safety, and campus staff

• Academic and Student Affairs are creating an Orientation Program for first-year and transfer students that will feature diversity and inclusion

• Creating a President’s Community Advisory Council to further build partnerships with neighbors and the region, and to find more pathways for students, faculty, and staff to be engaged in community projects and education