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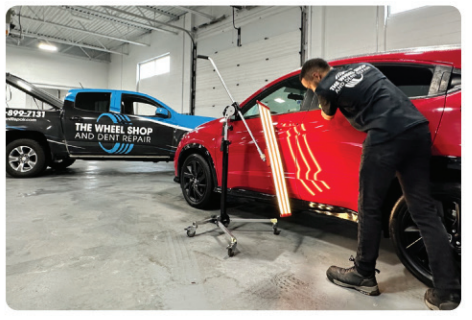

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ACADEMIC Excellence

Northford Resident Takes Nursing Oath at ECSU Ceremony

Eastern's first cohort of nursing students took their oath at the university's inaugural "white coat ceremony" on January 23rd in the Fine Arts Instructional Center Concert Hall.

Among the students was junior J**aiden Sorrell** of **Northford.** Sorrell, along with other eligible students, will now begin on-site clinical experience at two sites this semester: Pierce Memorial Baptist Nursing and Rehabilitation in Brooklyn and Westview Health Center in Killingly.

PRESIDENT'S LIST

James Madison Univ.

Hamden resident, Lillian Torello has been named to the President's List at James Madison University for the Fall 2024 semester.

University of Bridgeport

University of Bridgeport congratulates the following students who were named to the Fall 2024 President's List:

Hamden: Ikami Badjilma, Kindja Mweze, Beth Quarford.

Wallingford: Emily Chase.

DEAN'S LIST

University of Maryland Global Campus

Hamden resident, Stephen Brewster was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 term at the University of Maryland Global Campus.

The Univ. of Scranton

Northford resident, Kiley A. Mullins was named to the Dean's List for the 2024 Fall semester.

Mullins is a freshman Nursing major in the University's Leahy College of Health Sciences.

University of Bridgeport

University of Bridgeport congratulates the following students who were named to the Fall 2024 Dean's List:

Hamden: Larry Edmundson, Assma Khashab, Ashanti Pantlitz, Hailyn Peralta.

North Haven: Rafealla D'Amico.

Northford: Fatima Cotas.

U of A's Fulbright College

Wallingford resident, Lisa Harrison was named to the Fall 2024 Dean's List in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas.

Univ. of Rhode Island

The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Fall 2024 Dean's List. Area students include:

Hamden: Natalie Binkowski, Gabriella Mignosa, Julianna Perretta, Madeliene Stover, Meghan Turner.

North Haven: Kayla Balisciano, Gabriella Barry, Aydan Durant, Lleyton Geremia, Shaun Murray, Kylie Pollard, Ava Stanley.

Northford: Georgia Fowler, Jalen Rossicone, Stephanie Sudusky.

Wallingford: Megan Aniballi, Tori Berman, Tyler Connery, Julianna Crispino, Alexa Douglass, Zoe Gallo, Riley Kerns, Kareem Lahnin, Zachary Pettit, Miguel Rodriguez, Maya Sirkis, Chase St. Amant.

Dr. Marie Hardin Appointed Quinnipiac University's 10th President

Hamden: Marie Hardin, Ph.D., a distinguished academic leader, dean and professor at The Pennsylvania State University, has been selected as Quinnipiac University's 10th president effective July 1, 2025. She currently serves as dean of the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications at Penn State. The announcement was made by Board of Trustees Chairman Chuck Saia '91, MBA '94, following unanimous approval by the university's Board of Trustees.


Dr. Marie Hardin

Olian, who has served as Quinnipiac's president since July 2018, also enthusiastically supported Hardin's selection.

Hardin was recommended to the full board of trustees by a search committee of trustees that included Saia, vice chairman John Abella '83, trustee Jeanna Doherty '94, vice chairman Carlton Highsmith, trustee Marybeth Noonan '82 and trustee and former board chair Bill Weldon '71.

After the recommendation of the search committee, Hardin was unanimously approved by the full board of trustees. Her appointment comes following an extensive and rigorous search process with input from a variety of constituencies, including an advisory committee composed of representatives from across campus.

Hardin has deep and broad management and administrative expertise. She has served as dean of the Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications at Penn State since 2014.

Hardin has been active across Penn State, helping lead university-wide initiatives including the redesign of Penn State's budget allocation model and its COVID classroom response.

She has twice been elected to lead Penn State's Academic Leadership Council, representing all deans and chancellors across the Penn State system.

She is an award-winning teacher and scholar with more than 60 publications in sports media, gender studies and communication. She is co-editor of two books and a book series and co-edits the Sage journal, "Communication & Sport," a leading title in the field.

In 2013, the University of Georgia Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication named her a distinguished alumni scholar. Hardin served as president of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication in 2019. She chairs the national committee for the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication and the Hearst Foundations Journalism Awards Steering Committee.

Hardin also has taught and advised students throughout her career, including as dean. In 2009, she was one of four Penn State faculty recipients of the university-wide George W. Atherton Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Hardin, a first-generation college graduate, said she was immediately drawn to Quinnipiac University's comprehensive programs and its equally comprehensive mission, focusing on career-readiness in an inclusive community that prizes lifelong learning.

Hardin will join Quinnipiac University with her husband, Jerry Kammer, a retired Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter and Nieman Fellow at Harvard University. She is an avid runner who has completed more than 30 marathons.

Hardin earned her Ph.D. in mass communication from the University of Georgia, an M.A. in communication from Georgia State University, and a B.A. in theology from Ambassador University, Pasadena, Calif.

The search was supported by Spencer Stuart, the global search firm.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)

The following students were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester:

Hamden: *Dawei Liu,* '27, Mechanical Engineering and Physics.

North Haven: *Paola Frunzio,* '26, Computer Science and Physics; *Jonathan Mei,* '28, Computer Science; *Bryce Petersen,* '27, Robotics Engineering; *Sean Sullivan,* '25, Industrial Engineering.

Northford: *Makenna Stone,* '26, Mechanical Engineering.

Wallingford: *Jillian Burns,* '25, Biomedical Engineering; *Khang Diep,* '27, Robotics Engineering; *Olivia Hollenbeck,* '26, Aerospace Engineering; *Connor Howard,* '26, Mechanical Engineering; *Paul Mundakkal,* '28, Biomedical Engineering; *Nikita Zuav,* '26, Mechanical Engineering.

James Madison Univ.

Wallingford resident, Emily Babcock has been named to the Dean's List at James Madison University for the Fall 2024 semester.

Assumption University

Northford resident, Robert Mullins has been named to Assumption University's Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester.

Springfield College Announces Fall 2024 Dean's List

Springfield College Recognizes the following local area Dean's List students for the 2024 Fall Semester.

Hamden: ***Imran Lamhader,*** Art & Design.

North Haven: ***Isabella Blanchard,*** Health Science/Pre-PT; ***Christian Butler,*** Health Science /Pre-PT; ***Sarah DeGrand,*** Health Science/Pre-OT; ***Antonio Fusco,*** Criminal Justice; ***Alyssa Laborde,*** Health Science/Pre-PA; ***Conor Rourke,*** Communication/Sport Journalism; ***Cole Zalegowski,*** Movement & Sport Studies.

Northford: ***Benjamin Stegina,*** Sport Management.

Wallingford: ***Tyler Casey,*** Sport Management; ***Nathaniel Emerton,*** Business Management; ***Sierra Alexis Gato,*** Health Science/Pre-PT; ***Reilly Hunter,*** Sports Biology; ***Nadia Kavgaci,*** Health Science/Pre-PA; ***Megan Lally,***Psychology; ***Jayna MacKenzie,*** Health Science/Pre-PA; ***Luke Rutkowski,*** Health Science; ***Kevin Sevigny,*** Social Work; ***Charlotte Stawarz,*** Integrative Studies; ***Julia Tangari,*** Health Science/Pre-PA; ***Roisin Turbett,*** Exercise Science/Applied ES; ***Maya Wresien,*** Communication Sci. & Disorders.