

University of Connecticut

2008 DOUGLAS A. BERNSTEIN LEGACY SUMMIT KICKS OFF THE YEAR!

As temperatures dropped and a biting wind swept through Storrs, the 2008 cohort of the Leadership Legacy Experience gathered on January 20th for the 2nd Annual Douglas A. Bernstein Leadership Legacy Summit Reception in the Student Union Gallery. President Michael Hogan and Vice President of Student Affairs John Saddleire welcomed Doug ('85) and Melissa Bernstein, whose generous gift was the impetus for the establishment of the University's most prestigious student leadership enhancement experience. Before dinner, President Hogan com-



The 2008 University of Connecticut Legacy Students shown with Doug and Melissa Bernstein and President Michael and Virginia Hogan.

mented on how pleased he was to be in the company of such outstanding student leaders, as well as how important the Legacy Experience is to UConn. Dr. Saddleire intro-

duced the 2008 Legacy Students and shared some of their personal achievements, interests and even unusual experiences as young leaders. After dinner, Doug spoke of leadership and commitment, relating his own student leadership experiences while President of the Student Union Board of Governors ('80's) to his successful career in business. Many of the Legacy students commented on how impressed and honored they were by the event and all of its guests, from the Bernsteins and President and Virginia Hogan, to the members of the selection committee and, of course, their mentors. Everyone enjoyed this exciting evening, and with the tone appropriately set, all are now looking forward to another successful year!

by John Pepin

LEGACY STUDENTS BEGIN JOURNEY

With much anticipation about the year ahead, the 2008 Legacy Students gathered for the first time on Sunday January 20th at the Nathan Hale Inn and Conference Center for the Douglas A. Bernstein Leadership Legacy Summit. The students, from all across campus, spent the early afternoon getting to know one another and discussing what it means to leave a legacy of leadership. Later in the afternoon our Legacy Students were joined by many of their Faculty/Administrator and Alumni Mentors who took the time to meet with the students and help them begin their journey through the experience. After an evening in the Student Union Gallery attending the 2nd annual kick-off dinner, students gathered back at the hotel for a less-formal session of reflection and sharing led by graduate assistants John Pepin and Robyn Kaplan. Monday gave way to deeper discussions and an exploration of the definition and characteristics of a leader and personal reflection on how each student can enhance their own leadership abilities. The morning session ended by noon and gave students the chance to finish moving back into their residence halls and prepare for the upcoming semester. It seemed to be consensus that the Bernstein Summit was a huge success in bringing the Legacy Students (and their mentors) together for the first time, beginning the process of defining and exploring leadership, and inspiring the 2008 cohort of Legacy Student for bigger and better things in the coming year!

2008 UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT LEGACY STUDENTS



Bryan Banville
Biomedical Engineering
Topsfield, MA



Juan Carmona
Resource Economics
Norwalk, CT



Linda Drozdowicz
Mol. & Cell Biology
Orange, CT



Rachael Forker
Political Science
Wethersfield, CT



Alixandra Grasson
Elementary Education
Cheshire, CT



Pratistha Koirala
Bio./Mol. & Cell Biology
Storrs, CT



Daniel Lin
Finance
East Lyme, CT



Heeren Makanji
Mol. & Cell Biology
Norwalk, CT



Ryan Matthews
Hist./Political Science
Beacon Falls, CT



Erica Morse
HDFS/Psychology
Woodstock, CT



Camille Patterson
Psych./Political Science
Bridgeport, CT



Robert Slattery
Econ./Bio. & Biophysics
Milford, CT

More information about these students and the Leadership Legacy Experience can be found on our website at: www.leadership.uconn.edu

A LOOK AHEAD!

Legacy offers a unique and dynamic set of experiences for its students—many of which are also open to the campus community. Collaborating with faculty and staff across campus, as well as with off-campus partners, Legacy invites students and the community to engage in conversations and events that address various leadership issues in a variety of arenas—including politics, social justice, business, and much more.

The 2008 Legacy Experience will continue the tradition of offering quality leadership development opportunities for Legacy Students and the entire campus. Some of the planned experiences for the year ahead currently include: **guest speakers**, an **etiquette dinner**, **outdoor land navigation exercises**, **whitewater rafting**, **workshops**, and **our first-ever Legacy Reunion**. Stay-tuned for future editions of the Legacy Leads where these and other exciting Legacy experiences will be featured!



OUT-TAKES—2008 LEGACY SUMMIT

