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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Ethan Brown '94
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CLOSING REMARKS President Bergeron
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CONNECTICUT COLLEGE'S ELEVENTH PRESIDENT

KATHERINE BERGERON

Katherine Bergeron became the 11th president of Connecticut College on Jan. 1, 2014. Over the past seven years, her work has focused on building the College's reputation by building its academic, residential, community, and financial strength. Starting in 2014, Bergeron vigorously supported the faculty's development of Connections, a bold new venture in interdisciplinary education, designed to prepare students for leadership in an interconnected world. During this same period, Connecticut College received some of the largest single gifts in its history to enhance financial aid, career education, academic support, athletics, and the arts. Capital projects completed during her tenure include the renovation of the Charles E. Shain Library, and the creation of both the Walter Commons for Global Study and Engagement and the Hale Center for Career Development. The newest projects, now underway, are the revitalization of the College's waterfront on the Thames River and the transformation of its historic art deco theater, Palmer Auditorium, into the

Nancy Athey '72 and Preston Athey Center for Performance and Research, slated to open Fall 2021.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Wesleyan University, Bergeron earned master's and doctoral degrees in music history from Cornell University, and wrote two prize-winning books on French music and culture. Before coming to Connecticut College, she was dean of the college and professor of music at Brown University. She currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Council of Independent Colleges; on the Board of the American Academic Leadership Institute; on the Board of the Association of American Colleges and Universities; and on the Board of Directors of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra. She hosts a podcast, *Think.Do.Lead.*, about creativity and innovation, and has co-taught, with her husband, media artist Butch Rovan, a course on songwriting that has yielded two albums of original songs by Connecticut College students.

COLLEGE MEDAL

DeFred G. Folts III '82

With a profound commitment to the liberal arts, along with quiet strength and equanimity, DeFred G. Folts III '82 has ably supported his alma mater through nine years of distinguished service to the Connecticut College Board of Trustees.

Folts joined the Board in 2012, becoming vice chair in 2016 and chair in 2018. Under his leadership, the College advanced key priorities of the strategic plan: the opening of the new Hale Center for Career Development; the expansion of the College's signature Academic Resource Center; the adoption of a comprehensive Action Plan for Equity and Inclusion; and the launch of The Agnes Gund '60 Dialogue Project. He served as chair and vice chair of the Finance Committee and as a longtime member of the Investment Committee, along with shorter terms on the Marketing and Communications and Advancement Committees. He has also helped advance the most ambitious fundraising campaign in College history.

Early in his Board tenure, he participated on the Presidential Search Committee and led the transition team for President Katherine Bergeron. Most significantly, Folts led Connecticut College with a steady hand and compassionate spirit during a global pandemic, ensuring that the College would remain on stable footing during a period of profound challenge for higher education, the country, and the world.

As co-founder, managing partner and chief investment strategist at Boston-based 3EDGE Asset Management, Folts has become known for his expertise in the application of system dynamics, complexity economics and multi-player game theory to analyze global capital markets. Quoted regularly in the financial press, he has been featured as an expert investment strategist in Barron's. In 2013, he was invited by President Barack Obama to take part in a leadership roundtable discussion in Washington, D.C.

A transfer student to Connecticut College, Folts majored in government, was a member of the men's varsity lacrosse team and served as the program director at WCNI, Connecticut College's radio station. In 1991, he earned an MBA from Instituto Estudios Superiores de la Empresa (IESE), a bilingual residential Spanish-English MBA program in Barcelona, Spain. He now serves as a member of the IESE U.S. Advisory Council.

In every role, Folts has contributed to the success of Connecticut College, burnishing its reputation as a leader in purpose-driven, integrative, equity-minded education. In recognition of his exemplary stewardship of the College's mission, and in gratitude to his unwavering support during the most significant public health crisis in a century, the College today confers upon him the Connecticut College Medal as he prepares to retire from the Board in June.

HONORARY DEGREE

ETHAN BROWN '94

If Ethan Brown's extraordinary career path can be distilled down to one common theme, it's a refusal to accept the status quo. As the founder, president and CEO of Beyond Meat, he has disrupted a traditional meat industry centered around a product so deeply ingrained in people's lives that it has influenced human evolution over millions of years.

A renowned entrepreneur and environmentalist, Brown created Beyond Meat in 2009 with the revolutionary concept that muscle could be synthesized from a variety of plant-based proteins, providing an animal-friendly and environmentally responsible alternative for traditional meat eaters. Before long, prominent investors such as Bill Gates joined Brown's visionary efforts.

Brown graduated from Connecticut College in 1994 with a bachelor's in history and government before receiving his MBA from Columbia University and a Master of Public Policy from the University of Maryland. His professional career began in the clean energy field, where he held a variety of roles before founding Beyond Meat.

In 2019, propelled in part by the company's wildly popular Beyond Burger, Brown proved that success and social

responsibility are not mutually exclusive when Beyond Meat saw the best first-day initial public offering of any major American company in decades.

As an environmentalist and animal rights activist, Brown has a record of distinguished leadership. He created a center for fuel reformation and has held prominent positions in the renewable energy industry, including as Vice Chairman of the Board at The National Hydrogen Association and Secretary of the U.S. Fuel Cell Council. The Aspen Institute named him a Henry Crown Fellow – a distinction reserved for young entrepreneurs who demonstrate leadership driven by a spirit of community. In 2018, he received the United Nation's highest environmental recognition, the Champion of the Earth award.

For his commitment to representing the best kind of change a Connecticut College education can bring to the world, the College is proud to confer upon Ethan Brown the Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, an award that reflects his achievements as an entrepreneur and an environmentalist who has fulfilled our mission of putting the liberal arts into action.

THE OAKES AND LOUISE AMES PRIZE

The Oakes and Louise Ames Prize, named for a president emeritus of the College and his wife, is given to a graduating senior who has completed the year's most outstanding honors study. The prize is offered by the trustees in recognition of the quality of academic achievement that Oakes and Louise Ames fostered during their 14 years of service to Connecticut College.

Justin Nnaemeka Nwafor '21

Justin Nnaemeka Nwafor, an American Chemistry Society-certified chemistry major and mathematics and physics double minor, is awarded the Oakes and Louise Ames Prize for his honors thesis, "Why are Glycines 31, 33, and 35 Highly Conserved in all Fluorescent Proteins?" Nwafor's work is a significant and thorough look at a novel question that impacts the general understanding of fluorescent proteins at the chemical level.

Since 2019, Nwafor has been working in the lab of Jean C. Tempel '65 Professor of Chemistry Marc Zimmer, conducting research focused on detailed characterization of the structure and function of fluorescent proteins, which emit light when excited and can be used in numerous ways to "light up" processes in the cell that would otherwise be difficult to see and track. Often referred to as the microscopes of the 21st century, fluorescent proteins have revolutionized the fields of biological and medical science and are used in a wide range of research, from imaging cancer cells to tracking the replication and migration of the COVID-19 virus through human epithelial cells.

Nwafor's thesis work specifically examines the role of three glycines that are conserved in more than 90 percent of organisms with fluorescent proteins and investigates why these glycines are found in the same locations in such diverse organisms as jellyfish, corals and sea squirts. Nwafor used computational methods to determine the structural consequences of changing these glycines to larger, less flexible amino acids, using five different programs to prepare and hydrate the structures, find the lowest energy structures, run molecule dynamics, analyze the results and find water channels. Nwafor worked with two other undergraduate

researchers to run 12 simulations, each of which took approximately one month and generated thousands of structures.

Nwafor's experimental analysis suggests that the three glycines play a crucial role in the folding pathway of fluorescent proteins. As there is great general interest in how these important proteins function, the work will soon be submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed academic journal, with Nwafor as first author.

Associate Professor of Chemistry and Chair of the Chemistry Department Tanya L. Schneider said Nwafor's work "reflects his deep engagement in the study of chemistry at Connecticut College and his collaboration with other members of the Zimmer research lab, and represents an unusually high level of scientific achievement for an undergraduate researcher."

Zimmer, who served as Nwafor's thesis adviser, said that in addition to working in his lab, Nwafor completed computational chemistry internships with Rosetta REU and with Pfizer, Inc.

"I have taught at Connecticut College for 30 years and have had more than 80 research students, and Justin has the most computational chemistry knowledge and skills of any student I've ever had," Zimmer said, noting that Nwafor is a first-generation college student, a Science Leader and a member of the varsity men's basketball team.

"I nominated Justin for the Ames Prize because he has a graduate-level understanding of the project and techniques used."

This fall, Nwafor will begin a post-baccalaureate research program at Johns Hopkins University, after which he plans to pursue a doctorate in medicine and in philosophy.

THE ANNA LORD STRAUSS MEDAL

Anna Lord Strauss, a remarkable woman, was national president of the League of Women Voters, held five presidential appointments to national and international committees and missions, and served Connecticut College as a trustee for the extraordinary term of 32 years. The Anna Lord Strauss Medal is presented in her honor to the graduating senior who has done outstanding work in public or community service, including service to the College.

Grace Frances Amato '21

The 2021 Anna Lord Strauss Medal is awarded to Grace Frances Amato, a strong leader, engaged scholar and passionate change-maker from Melrose, Massachusetts. A gender, sexuality and intersectionality studies and Latin American studies double major and scholar in the College's Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy, Amato has demonstrated a deep commitment to food justice; racial equity; LGBTQIA+ equity, advocacy and inclusion; gender-based violence prevention; and immigrants' rights.

As a committed and self-reflexive scholar-activist, Amato created a program of study examining how feminists pursue intersectional solidarity work, which included thesis research into efforts made by women of color in the United States and Puerto Rico to address longstanding injustices related to imperialism, racism and sexism. Her study of the Third World Women's Alliance in the 1970s and 1980s and the Vieques Women's Alliance in the 1990s and 2000s emphasizes the potential of intersectional, anti-imperialist feminist activism to challenge state power and address ongoing violence perpetuated against Puerto Ricans.

Within the Holleran Center's Program in Community Action, Amato is a leader who took advantage of every opportunity to engage deeply and meaningfully with community partners. As a sophomore, she served at the Janet S. York Correctional Institution in Niantic, tutoring women in math, collaboratively managing a book drive for York's school library and co-leading a successful fundraiser for York's cosmetology program.

At the nexus between scholarship and community action, Amato completed internships with FRESH New London, a local non-profit organization dedicated to food justice and youth empowerment, and the Immigrant Advocacy and Support Center, a local non-profit immigration-related legal services organization.

Amato's extensive resume also includes serving as an assistant librarian with the New London Public Library, and as an administrative assistant with Hearing Youth Voices, a

New London-based organization that launches campaigns on issues of importance to young people of color. In the fall and winter of 2020, Amato did translation work for a community-based project linking primary and secondary educators with academics and activists in Puerto Rico to foster agency and resilience with young people facing post-traumatic stress disorder after environmental disasters.

As a senior, Amato has continued her work with FRESH New London and has served as a Holleran Center Fellow, advising students interested in the Program in Community Action, orienting students to community engagement in New London, working with local organizations to transport food to homebound families, and helping develop strategies for supporting community engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On campus, Amato has served as a member of the search committee for the associate dean of institutional equity and compliance; as a writer and managing co-editor for The College Voice; as a leader in sexual violence prevention efforts; as co-chair of PRISM, an LGBTQIA+ affinity group; as a DJ for the College's radio station, WCNI; and as an avid gardener with the Sprout organic garden collective.

Amato has previously been recognized for her scholarship and activism with a Hunter Grubb Activist Scholarship, a U.S. Department of Education Language Intensive Internship grant, and a Gender, Sexuality and Intersectionality Studies Award for Feminist Collective Action.

In a letter nominating Amato, Faculty Director of the Holleran Center Audrey Zakriski; Fuller-Maatthai Professor of Gender, Sexuality, and Intersectionality Studies R. Danielle Egan; and Vandana Shiva Assistant Professor of Gender, Sexuality and Intersectionality Studies Ariella Rotramel wrote that Amato "embodies the qualities and values honored by the Anna Lord Strauss Medal and is one of the most deeply, passionately and selflessly engaged students we have ever had the pleasure of working with at Connecticut College."

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COMPUTER SCIENCE AWARD
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for excellence in computer science with particular distinction in academics and service Chelsea Marie Vickers
for excellence in computer science with particular distinction in research Alejandro Saucedo Gutierrez
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LOIS TAYLOR '31 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
VANGUARD AWARD FOR EQUITY AND INCLUSION
JANET FOSTER '80 SENIOR AWARD
CHRISTINE W. MATTESON '69 PRIZE for excellence in serving program
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ECONOMETRICS PRIZE
WOMEN IN ECONOMICS PRIZE Toushita Devi Priyanka Ramchurn
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FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE Natasha Lee Claudio
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SALLY ABRAHMS '75 PRIZE IN NON-FICTION Elizabeth Ann Vinson
BENJAMIN T. MARSHALL PRIZE
JOHN EDWIN WELLS MEMORIAL PRIZE Elizabeth Ann Vinson
SALLY ABRAHMS '75 PRIZE FOR AN OUTSTANDING SENIOR ENGLISH MAJOR Nikki Xuan Alexander Elizabeth Claire Berry
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RETIRING CONNECTICUT COLLEGE FACULTY

John P. Anthony

Professor of Music, College Organist

John P. Anthony received his B.A. and B.Mus. from the University of Arkansas and his M.Phil. and Ph.D. from Yale University. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Anthony joined the Connecticut College faculty in 1971 and has taught numerous courses in the music department, including seminars in Baroque music and the music of J. S. Bach, "Survey of Western Music," "Making Music at the Keyboard" and "The Language of Music."

A skilled organist, Anthony has played recitals throughout the United States, Europe and Asia, and has taught and inspired many organ and piano students, including some who have gone on to become professional musicians. He has made many study trips to Europe to learn Baroque traditions of organ design and playing. As the College Organist, he has accompanied Connecticut College choirs and hundreds of students in countless recitals over five decades. He also hosts the popular "John Anthony & Friends" Halloween Concert, entertaining the public every October with spooky sounds of the season.

On campus, Anthony has served as associate dean of the faculty and as both chair and co-chair of the music department, and he presently serves as faculty marshal. Anthony has also served on numerous committees, including the Faculty Steering and Conference Committee, the Academic and Administrative Procedures Committee, and the Educational Planning Committee. He has been a host for many international students over the years and has made several trips to China to strengthen the College's ties to the country and help recruit Chinese students to Connecticut College.

In the community, Anthony is a member and past dean of the New London County Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. He serves on the board of directors for the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra and on the board of trustees for the Connecticut Early Music Society, and is the organist and choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church in Niantic, Connecticut.

MARSHALS

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John P. Anthony

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Nicholas John Laezza and Ginger Celia Miller

Alumni Marshal David Dorfman '81

NEW LONDON BIG BAND

Saxophones: Erik Elligers, Tyler Wilkins, Cedric Mayfield, Jeff Emerich
Trumpets: Don Clough, Seth Bailey, Tom Brown
Trombones: Sean Nelson, Colton Kinney, Wes Mayhew

Rhythm Section: Jen Allen, piano; Lou Bocciarelli, bass; Nathan Lassell, drums

THE MANCHESTER PIPE BAND

The Manchester Pipe Band is a not-for-profit organization focused on performance and instruction of traditional Scottish and Irish music, and is based in Manchester, Connecticut. Organized in 1914 by the large immigrant community that worked principally in the textile mills of Manchester, the band has operated continuously for 105 years, making it one of the

oldest bagpipe bands in North America. A year-round schedule of performance, instruction and musical competition has the band performing at local musical events and ceremonies, providing tuition-free instruction on a weekly basis, and traveling regularly with two competition groups in the eastern United States, Canada and occasionally Scotland.

COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

Academic Regalia and the Academic Procession. The robes and colorful hoods of the academic regalia have a religious origin. The garments worn today date back to the 12th century when universities were the training grounds for Europe's clergy.

Current academic dress in the United States is based on an intercollegiate code established in 1895. The bachelor's gown has long pointed sleeves, is untrimmed and is worn closed. The master's gown, worn either open or closed, has long, crescent-shaped sleeves. The doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves, is worn closed, and has velvet panels down the front, around the neck and on the sleeves.

The customary head covering is either the mortarboard or the Oxford cap. The mortarboard tassel is black for bachelor's and master's degree holders and gold for those with doctoral degrees. The hood, which drapes over the back of the gown, also is significant. The length, width, and color of the trim and the lining of the hood signify the wearer's highest academic achievement and the degree-granting institution. The velvet trim reveals the wearer's major field of study.

Honor cords, sashes or stoles are often awarded to graduating seniors who are members of honor societies, centers for interdisciplinary scholarship or for various academic and nonacademic achievements, awards or honors.

The senior class processes to Tempel Green to begin the commencement processional reflective of the same tradition that occurs at Convocation and the opening of the academic year when they were first-year students.

- The Alma Mater. "Alma Mater by the Sea" was written in the spring of 1920 by two Connecticut College students, Olive Littlehales Corbin '21 (words) and Edith C. Smith '20 (music). Their composition prevailed over other original student works in a contest to find a College song. Additional stanzas were added in the late 1980s by Jeffrey G. Barnhart '89 MAT '92 and Claire L. Gaudiani '66.
- Bagpipe Music. Scottish or Irish bagpipe bands have long been a special feature of American holiday parades. Connecticut College employs the Manchester Pipe Band to lead the commencement procession for the same reason that they are so popular in street parades: they add excitement, drama, color and a rousing sound to the occasion. The Manchester Pipe Band was founded in 1914 and is the second oldest pipe band in continuous existence in the United States.
- Class Colors and the Class Banner. The tradition of class colors goes back to 1915-16, the very first year of the College. Beginning with the class of 1923, freshmen no longer selected their own colors and instead adopted those of the class that had graduated that spring. The original four color combinations have been in rotation ever since: green and grey, blue and buff, purple and gold, and red and white. The class colors are reflected in the Class of 2021 banner, which is carried by the class marshals who lead the processional. The banners representing the four current class years are on permanent display in the College Center at Crozier-Williams. Additionally, they are carried in Reunion parades and at the annual Convocation that signifies the start of the academic year.
- **College Motto.** "Tanquam lignum quod plantatum est secus decursus aquarum," which means, "Like a tree planted by the rivers of water

- (that bringeth forth its fruit in its season)." The motto is a Vulgate version of a phrase from the first psalm. Connecticut College's translation comes from the King James version of the Bible.
- College Seal. The College seal is composed of several elements, including two open books, a tree on a background of water and the College's motto: "Tanquam lignum quod plantatum est secus decursus aquarum," which means, "Like a tree planted by the rivers of water (that bringeth forth its fruit in its season)." The current seal is based on a design created by Connecticut College's first president (1913-1917), Frederick H. Sykes.
- Commencement Saplings. Thanks to the generosity of Athena Tsakanikas-Philippides '86 through the Konstantinos T. Tsakanikas Memorial Fund, graduates are presented with individual white pine saplings, which they carry as they march. The sapling represents the tree on the College seal and its growth serves as a reminder of the connections between the graduates, the College and the world. This tradition began with the Class of 1993.
- Flags. Connecticut College maintains a collection of international flags, each representing the home country of the College's students. The international flags are displayed on significant ceremonial occasions to celebrate the diverse nature of the student body. The international flag collection is updated each year as new students join the Connecticut College community. In 2019, the College added two flags of the Mashantucket Pequot, Mohegan and Eastern Pequot Tribal nations to acknowledge the land, history and continued presence of the indigenous peoples of this region.
- Laurel Chain. In the spirit of Connecticut College's original founding as a women's college, members of the junior and sophomore classes, dressed in white, carry chains of laurel to guide the graduates to the ceremony. Laurel was traditionally used as a symbol of honor and fame. The ancients presented laurel wreaths to university graduates in rhetoric and poetry. The laurel chain has been part of Connecticut College's ceremonies since the first Class Day in 1919.
- The Mace. A mace was originally a weapon consisting of a staff with a ball of steel or brass at one end. The word "mace" comes from the Latin "mateola," meaning mallet. The mace evolved from an instrument of battle to a symbol of authority. Connecticut College's mace was a gift to the College from The Century Council when Claire L. Gaudiani '66 began her presidency in 1988. Designed and fabricated by Richard Scheller '73, it contains brass sleeves with the names of the College presidents.
- 'Pomp and Circumstance.' The trio section from Sir Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" March No. 1 is the most popular musical piece at American graduations. The first of five marches by the composer, the piece is a perfect tune for a graduation because its inspirational quality elicits feelings of promise and optimism, while its stately, wistful quality suggests that a milestone has been reached that we are bidding farewell to the past.
- The Presidential Medallion. Featuring the Connecticut College seal, the presidential medallion is worn on ceremonial occasions as part of the president's regalia. It was created for the Inauguration of the College's 10th president, Leo I. Higdon Jr., and was a gift of Trustee Emeritus Linda J. Lear, a 1962 graduate of the College.

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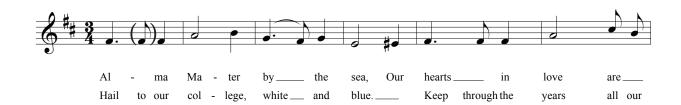
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For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
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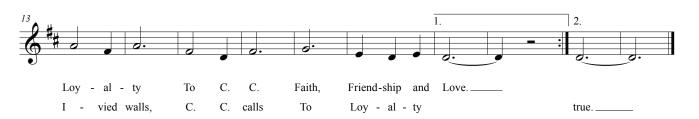
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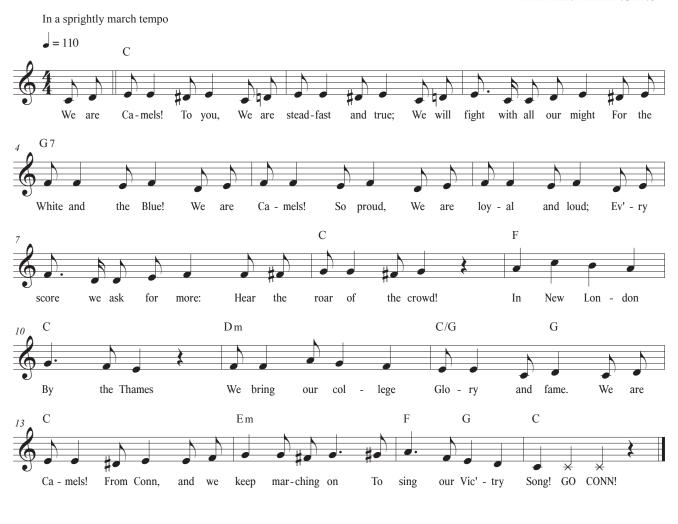


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CONNECTICUT COLLEGE VICTORY SONG

We Are Camels!

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The livestream of the ceremony can be found on the Commencement web page and may be viewed on smartphones, tablets and computers.

#ConnColl2021 #MyCamelGrad

Celebrate the Class of 2021 on social media.

We invite you to share your photos and well wishes on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. Your posts may appear on the jumbotrons before the ceremony. Include the hashtags #ConnColl2021 and #MyCamelGrad to join the conversation.