Capital Community College (CCC) will kick off a new academic year Wednesday, August 28th as faculty, students, alumni and friends will attend an Eastern League evening game between the Harrisburg Senators and the Hartford Yard Goats. Gates open at 6 p.m. and game time is 7:05 p.m. at Dunkin' Donuts Park. Your ticket comes with an all-you-can-eat Ballpark Classic buffet including 1/3 grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken and assorted BBQ sauces, mac /n cheese, pasta salad, garden salad, kettle chips, chocolate chip cookies and non-alcoholic beverages.

Tickets for Capital's Game Day are $60 pp (children under 3 are free). Net proceeds will benefit the CCC Foundation Annual Fund. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Call 860-906-5102. E-mail CA-Foundation@capitalcc.edu

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New Widows’ Society Grant Provides Scholarships For Hartford Women in 2019-2020

The Widows’ Society has awarded a new $50,000 grant to the Capital Community College Foundation to provide scholarships for women.

Established in 1825, the Widows’ Society is one of the Hartford area’s oldest philanthropic organizations with a primary purpose of helping single women in Hartford address basic needs for housing, medical care, food and other necessities. In providing new scholarship support at Capital the Society’s board stated “there is no dearth of women needing help to continue or complete their education and we want to help as many people as possible to benefit from our gift.”

“This gift means more opportunities for Hartford women who otherwise would not be able to attend college,” said Capital CEO G. Duncan Harris. “We are most grateful to The Widows’ Society for again helping more women in Hartford gain access to a post-secondary education that is important for their families and helps them to obtain sustainable jobs and careers.”

Eligible applicants for the Widows Society Scholarships are women of any age living in the Hartford vicinity who are heads of their households or self-supporting and demonstrate financial need. The College’s nonprofit Foundation maintains scholarship funds and endowments and seeks support for programs and initiatives to improve academic quality, campus life and to expand educational opportunity.

14th Changing Lives Gala To Recognize Alumni In Support of Scholarships, Equity Center

Capital Community College's 14th Changing Lives Gala will be held on Friday, October 25th at the G. Fox Ballroom and Atrium next door to the campus, 960 Main Street, Hartford.

It's an evening of sharing alumni and student success with community partners, faculty, staff and to recognize Alumni Hall of Fame honorees. Proceeds will benefit a new Center for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and the Scholarship Fund. To volunteer and for more information call Donna Brown-Roberts in the Advancement office at 860-906-5171.

Five Ways to help
- Tickets – Individuals $125 ($100 before Sept.10, 2019); Alumni $75
- Become a Table Captain – Invite friends and colleagues
- Donate an item, gift or service to the Scholarship Auction
- Place an ad in the program ...Get recognition alongside alumni
- Identify/Become a Sponsor for media, campus and program recognition
Professor Emerita Evelyn Farbman taught English and writing classes for 25 years at Capital Community College, instructing a generation of traditional and non-traditional students in composition and the basics of writing well.


During her tenure at Capital Professor Farbman teamed up with her colleague and friend, the late Charles Darling (the College’s first webmaster and Poet-In-Residence), to create an early online version of Sentence Sense that complemented Darling’s comprehensive Guide to Grammar & Writing now hosted by the Capital Community College Foundation.

Along with the Guide To Grammar and Writing, Sentence Sense was accessible at the college website from 1999 to 2014 making Darling and Farbman pioneer developers of online writing tools. Both the Guide and Sentence Sense, initially developed just for students at Capital, quickly became popular on the web for teachers and students at all levels and around the globe.

Before her retirement from the college in 2011, Farbman recognized that her college-based web page, developed with Darling’s help at the dawn of personal computer use, was encountering increasing problems and frustration for users owing to the outdated computer languages that created it. Working independently and at her own expense, Farbman started building a new site for Sentence Sense that could deliver again what the original book and web page offered: “an introduction to the way sentences work, particularly in writing and a learning tool for adults who want to use Standard English with greater ease and clarity.”

Along the way Farbman enlisted the help of a group of students at the University of California, Irvine. An Informatics class taught by Professor Hadar Ziv and assisted by Six Silberman and Tao Wang. Students Pen Han Chang, Tsu Hang Ng, Derick Nguyen, Dylan Shigekawa, and Danie Vidaure completed a preview of the new site in March, 2015. According to Farbman the new version at http://sentencesyntax.com “offers a descriptive grammar that explores how Standard English sentences work. Its focus is on the underlying structure of sentences, filling a gap left by the many existing prescriptive grammar websites that focus on error-correction. Sentence Sense addresses a wide range of learners because of the focus on error-correction.”

The 2019 interactive and friendly Sentence Sense includes eight chapters including an introduction and sections on verbs, subjects and complements, modifiers, embedded thoughts, sentence combining, punctuation and English language learning. In the Fall 2018 semester Farbman shared her work in progress to enthusing Humanities and English faculty members, showing how the newly formatted online guide can be a valuable writing resource again in composition and English classes and on the wider web. Professor Farbman met again at the College last month with CEO Dr. G. Duncan Harris, interim Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Miah LaPierre-Dreger, Humanities Chair Dr. Jeffrey Partridge and Interim Business & Technology Chair Seth Freeman.

Planned is a partnership that will engage Capital students in Computer Information Systems (CIS) to complete development of the interactive writing guide leading to CCC again hosting a state-of-the-art resource for teachers and students.

Nominations are invited for the College Foundation’s Board of Directors

Nominations are invited for the College Foundation’s Board of Directors in the 2019-2020 academic year.. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 24 th when new directors and officers will be elected.

Board members are elected to three-year terms and may serve no more than three terms. Bylaws allow for a broad range of members from nine to 48. Currently, 15 voting directors serve. Employees of the College are not eligible to be voting board members but are encouraged to serve on Foundation committees and participate in fundraising and advocacy efforts. Committees include nominations and board development, fundraising and community relations and scholarships. Contact the Advancement and Foundation office for more information. Telephone: 860-906-5102, Email: jmcnamara@capitalcc.edu

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