

ENVIRONMENTAL CONNECTIONS



CENTER AWARDS CERTIFICATES TO 12 IN CLASS OF 2003

CLEAR BLUE SKIES and a strong breeze from Long Island Sound set the stage for the Second Annual Certificate Recognition Ceremony on Saturday, May 17, 2003. More than 80 family members, friends, faculty and guests gathered to recognize the 12 certificate students who successfully completed the program. Center Advisory Board members Professor Emeritus Richard H. Goodwin; Helen Fricke Mathieson '52; Dr. Edward Monahan, University of Connecticut; and Dr. Norman Richards of the Mohegan Tribe, were among the distinguished guests at the ceremony.

President Norman Fainstein opened the ceremony and received more than a few smiles as he strode to the podium wearing a purple CC Camels sports cap.

He jokingly remarked that as President he could get away with wearing the cap with his suit, but stated that his real purpose was to be able to "tip his hat" to the graduating students in honor of their many accomplishments.

Professor Robert A. Askins, director of the Goodwin-Niering Center described its history and goals. He was followed by Professor Gerald R. Visgilio, associate director of the Center, who emphasized his pride in this class and the diversity of their majors, internships and senior integrative projects. "On behalf of faculty and staff of the Goodwin-Niering Center, I want you to know that we appreciate how hard they worked on their research projects, that we admire their enthusiasm for the environment, and that we are

Class of 2003: Top row left to right: Daisy Small, Scott Epstein, Lindsey Kravitz, Jared Fretman, Molly Lippman, Kassie Rohrbach, John Traversi, Stefan Apse, Vetri Nathan. Front row: Lauren Hartzell, Katie Jones and Sarah Lathrop.

immensely proud of their accomplishments," said Visgilio.

Glenn D. Dreyer, executive director of the Center, and Dr. Diana Whitelaw, assistant director, introduced each of the students and presented them with their certificates. Each student also received a copy of Dr. Goodwin's recently published book *A Botanist's Window on the Twentieth Century*, and Dr. Goodwin was on hand during the reception to sign the books for the students.

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