



## **UConn ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FOR NEW HAVEN PROMISE STUDENTS**

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NEW HAVEN, Conn. – Students who enroll in UConn through the New Haven Promise program will soon receive \$5,000 in extra scholarship money each year to help ensure that college is affordable and accessible to them.

UConn President Susan Herbst announced Tuesday that UConn is committing \$5,000 in scholarship money to each New Haven Promise scholar attending UConn, starting in fall 2016. It will supplement the scholarship that New Haven Promise provides to those who remain continuously enrolled in city public and charter schools, maintain satisfactory grades, contribute service to the city, and enroll in UConn following their graduation.

Herbst announced the additional financial commitment Tuesday at New Haven's Cooperative Arts and Humanities High School. She was joined by Yale President Peter Salovey, who is New Haven Promise's board chair; Mayor Toni Harp; Superintendent of Schools Garth Harries; and many other supporters of the program.

Yale funds New Haven Promise's scholarships, while the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven provides administrative support and Promise's Partnership program is funded by Yale-New Haven Hospital, Wells Fargo and others.

"It is wonderful to see our investment in New Haven Promise embraced and augmented by a fellow university that, like Yale, is deeply committed to serving its home state," Salovey said of UConn's commitment. "I am also delighted that so many students from New Haven earn their degrees from the University of Connecticut and then return here to live, work, and contribute their perspectives to our community."

Since 2010, nearly 1,000 New Haven public school graduates have qualified for the Promise program, including 132 currently attending UConn.

Fourteen Promise Scholars graduated from the University of Connecticut last spring and more than 20 are expected to join them in 2016. In addition, 22 UConn students gained real-world experience in a paid summer internship through the New Haven Promise-Yale Community Hiring Initiative program last summer.

The additional \$5,000 that UConn is committing for enrolled students will be awarded on top of the Promise benefit, and can be used for whatever costs remain – uncovered tuition, room and board, fees, books and other related education expenses while at UConn.

“This generous financial commitment to New Haven students who choose to attend the state’s flagship university will make college even more accessible to our city students,” said Patricia Melton, executive director of New Haven Promise.

“As legislators discuss ways to make college affordable for families, UConn and our funders -- Yale University, the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven and Yale-New Haven Health -- are doing it,” she said. “Between this unique commitment, Promise dollars and federal aid, our future UConn scholars will have the majority of their total cost of attendance covered.”

New Haven Promise Scholars reflect the student body in New Haven’s schools, with large populations of students of color, first-generation students and those from households with incomes of less than \$60,000. New Haven Schools Superintendent Garth Harries called the Commitment “not only a wonderful opportunity, but also a wonderful challenge” to supply the state’s flagship school with more New Haven student leaders.

“This commitment from the University of Connecticut is a powerful testimony about the success of the New Haven students at the school,” New Haven Mayor Toni Harp said. “UConn has its greatest presence ever in New Haven and I would expect to see an invigorated alumni chapter making new commitments to the city and both current and future Huskies.”

As part of the new commitment, the UConn Foundation has established a fund directly to support the New Haven Promise partnership, Herbst said. That means donors can specifically designate Promise program students to benefit from their generosity.

“The groundwork for this partnership was laid by the remarkable successes of New Haven students at UConn,” Herbst said. “None of this would be possible without the track record they established, so they really deserve the lion’s share of our gratitude.”

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# New Haven PROMISE Introduces The UConn Commitment

New Haven Promise is making college affordable for families, and our new partnership with UConn is taking that mission even further. The Commitment is a **renewable \$5,000 scholarship** that is guaranteed to Promise Scholars at UConn, starting with the high school class of 2016, that meet minimum academic requirements.

**\$14,984**  
per academic year

in scholarships and grants on average for Promise Scholars at UConn

## Paying the Bill:

Breaking down the typical cost of attendance at UConn for Promise Scholars

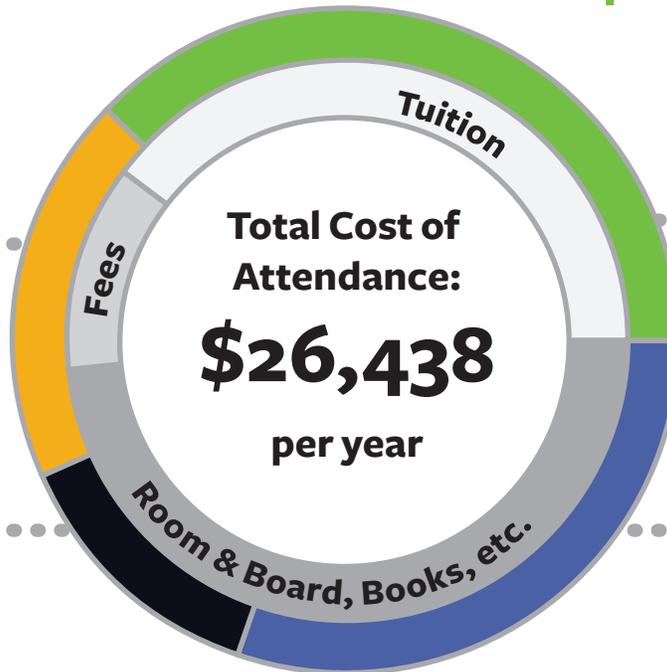
**19%**

**Contribution from the UConn Commitment**

**38%**

**Average Promise and Pell amount for Scholar\***

Over four years, The UConn Commitment provides **\$20,000**



**100% of tuition and fees covered for the average Promise Scholar**

**13%**

**Expected student summer and academic year work contributions**

Remember that working during the summer and during the school year is expected in order for students to help pay a part of the bill

**30%**

**Other financing:**

- institutional grants
- other scholarships
- student & parent loans
- parent contributions

In addition to Promise, applying for other scholarships is essential as it limits the need for loans and other financing that must be repaid

## Scholarship Retention:

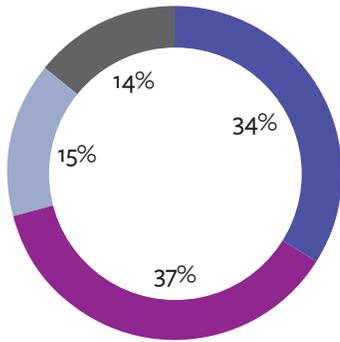


Of Promise's 100+ UConn students, more than 7 of 8 would have maintained academic standing that would have renewed the UConn Commitment

\*For students that do not receive Pell, the Promise Scholarship will likely still cover the entire 38% portion above



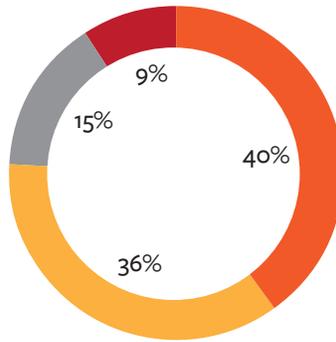
# New Haven PROMISE Scholars at UConn At-A-Glance



■ Under \$30k ■ \$60k to \$90k  
 ■ \$30k to \$60k ■ Over \$90k

## Household Income 71% under \$60K

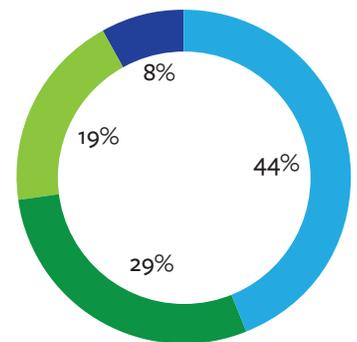
There have been more Promise Scholars from households with incomes less than \$30,000 per year than those from households with incomes greater than \$60,000. New Haven is bucking a national trend of shrinking enrollment among its lowest-income residents. This additional benefit increases the chances these students will navigate college on a reduced debt burden.



■ High School ■ One Bachelors  
 ■ Some College ■ Two Bachelors

## Parent Education 76% First-Generation

The University of Connecticut provides a “fortified start” to many first-generation New Haven Promise scholars through its unique Student Support Services program, an intensive six-credit program. Taking place between their high school graduation and their fall matriculation at UConn, “SSS” allows Scholars to experience the rigors of academic life in a supportive environment.



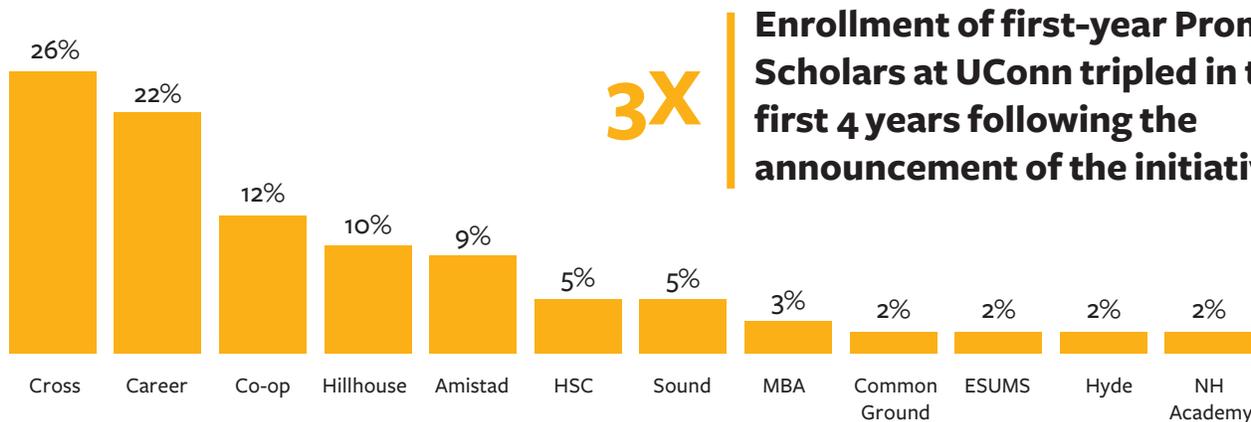
■ Black ■ White  
 ■ Hispanic ■ Asian

## Ethnicity 73% Black and Hispanic

More than 80 percent of the Promise Scholars who attend UConn are students of color, making the group comparable, in terms of ethnicity, to the students who attend the city’s public schools. New Haven Promise is at the forefront in helping UConn develop its inclusive community while the University develops the Elm City’s next generation of diverse leaders.

## UConn Students Funded by New Haven Promise

In 2011 — the first year of the New Haven Promise Scholarship — 17 students enrolled at UConn. Fourteen graduated in 4 years and 2 others will graduate this spring. Just 3 years after that initial cohort, 3 times the number of incoming freshmen had enrolled at the University. Expect the UConn Commitment to keep those numbers rising.



**Enrollment of first-year Promise Scholars at UConn tripled in the first 4 years following the announcement of the initiative.**

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