



THINK AHEAD TO HIGHER ED!

Dear Foster Care Provider:

On behalf of Central Connecticut State University, we are inviting youth in foster care, their foster parents, kinship families, adoptive and biological youth, and DCF Youth Advisory members as our special guests to the CCSU Fall Open House 2017 **October 29th 10:00 – 3:00 on the campus of CCSU.**

Invitations are being sent to private, not-for-profit child welfare agencies, and Department of Children and Families. **Please encourage your families to participate.**

Think Ahead to Higher Ed! Is a community engagement project developed by the CCSU Department of Social Work students in partnership with the CCSU Admissions Office. This unique opportunity is geared specifically for foster care youth, as well as biological youth, in grades 9th – 12th.

Families can bring younger children as well. (It is never too early to start thinking about college!) Child care will be provided if needed. Activities, information and conversations will be geared to grade level.

During the day youth will be:

- Introduced to college
- Introduced to the CARE Scholars Programs
- Have the opportunity to explore various majors and opportunities at CCSU
- Tour the campus with current college students
- Participate in an Educational Planning and Interpersonal Skills (tentative) workshops (designed specifically for foster care youth in accordance to the Learning Inventory of Skills Training L.I.S.T). Presented by CCSU faculty and staff.
- A foster/kinship parent workshop

Perhaps there are foster parents who may be interested in attending college or return for an advanced degree. They, too can explore their options and learn more about college on this date.

Included: Registration Information & Child Assistance (p. 2), Parking Instructions (p. 3), and the tentative Schedule (p. 5) for the day.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me at barattac@ccsu.edu or call: (860) 832-3016.

Sincerely,

Dr. Catherine R. Baratta, LMSW, MPIA
Associate Professor of Social Work

Registration Information

Registration will be open until Friday October 27 at 2:00 pm

One way families can register is electronically:

Click link www.ccsu.edu/care/ and this will bring you directly to the registration form

OR

Go to CCSU Home Page at <http://www.ccsu.edu/>

Scroll down the page to the bottom to *Undergraduate Open House Registration* and click

Scroll down midway to *Care Scholars Registration* and click This will bring you to the registration form.

By completing the CARE SCHOLARS registration, you are registered for CCSU Open House as well.

OR

If families do not have access to the internet and want to register call: (860) 832-3016 and leave a message. We will call you back and proceed with registration.

In your message Please state the following:

"CARE Scholars", leave your name, phone number and a good time to call you back.

About Child Care Assistance

CCSU student volunteers will be available to assist with children (6 years and older) during workshops. A variety of games and activities are planned. Weather permitting we will be outside. Please dress accordingly.

CCSU student volunteers will be available to assist with children under 5 years of age. Student volunteers and children will be located in a classroom next to the parent workshops, for parent convenience

CCSU student volunteers will also be available to accompany parents on the campus tour, etc. to assist/occupy children if requested.

Directions to CCSU VANCE Parking Garage

Foster/kinship families please park in Vance Parking Garage located off of Manafort Drive. CCSU Student volunteers will be there to greet and escort families to Social Science Hall, where the CARE Scholars events will be held.

CCSU student volunteers will also be on Manafort Drive holding signs to direct you to the parking Garage, and will be in the garage to assist you.

Manafort is located off Stanley Street at the traffic light (Drivers will see Dunkin Donuts and the CCSU renovations of buildings) Vance Garage is located about ½ down Manafort on the left.

Manafort is located off of RT 175/ East Street at the traffic light. (Drivers will see a Dollar General)

Attached is a campus map. Families can also click: <http://www2.ccsu.edu/campusMap/> for an interactive map. On this map Manafort Drive is located at the bottom of the screen. You will see a White House, it is located across from **Vance Parking Garage**

Directions to CCSU campus

From the North (Massachusetts)

Take 91 South to 84 West to Exit 39A, to Rte. 9 South.

Get off Exit 29 and take a right at the end of the exit ramp onto Ella T. Grasso Boulevard. Proceed to the Stanley St (Gas station on the right). Take a left onto Stanley Street and proceed to Manafort intersection (Dunkin Donuts/ Campus Renovation project and take a left at the light.

From the Southwest (Stamford/New Haven)

Take 95 North to 91 North to Exit 22 North, to Rte. 9 North.

Follow Rte. 9 North and take Exit 29, Rte. 175.

At the traffic light at the end take a left, Rte 175/East Street. Proceed to the second traffic light (Dollar General on the right) and take a right on to Manafort Dr.

From the Southeast (Groton/New London)

Take 95 South to Rte. 9 North to Exit 29, Rte. 175.

At the traffic light at the end take a left, Rte 175/East Street. Proceed to the second traffic light (Dollar General) and take a right on to Manafort.

From the East (Hartford)

Take 84 West to Exit 39A, to Rte. 9 South.

Get off Exit 29 and take a right at the end of the exit ramp onto Ella T. Grasso Boulevard proceed to the Stanley St (Gas station on the right). Take a left onto Stanley Street and proceed to Manafort intersection (Dunkin Donuts/ Campus Renovation project and take a left at the light.

From the West (Danbury/Waterbury)

Take I-84 East to Exit 39A, to Rte. 9 South. Take Exit 29 off of Rte. 9 South to Ella Grasso Boulevard and take a right turn to the University. Proceed on Ella T. Grasso Blvd to Stanley St (Gas station on the right). Take a left onto Stanley Street and proceed to Manafort intersection (Dunkin Donuts/ Campus Renovation project and take a left at the light.

Alternate Route: Take I-84 East to Exit 35, Rte. 72 East (New Britain exit). Follow Rte. 72 East to Rte. 9 North and take Exit 29 to Cedar Street (Rte. 175). Proceed to the second traffic light (Dollar General) and take a right on to Manafort.

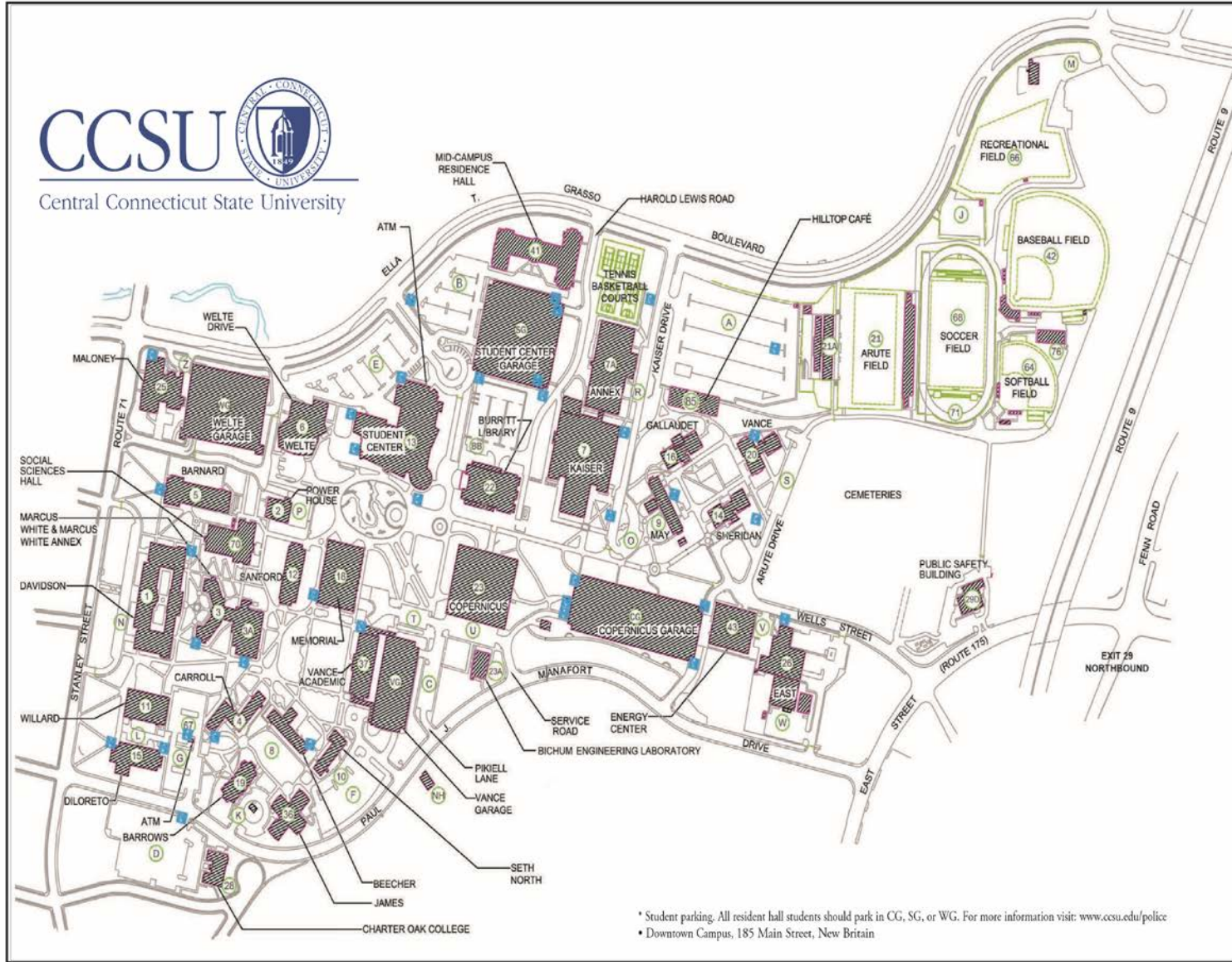
On the attached Map, Manafort Drive is located at the bottom of the screen/page.

BUILDING KEY

1. Davidson Hall (LD)
3. Marcus White Hall (MW)
- 3A. Marcus White Annex
4. Carroll Hall
5. Barnard Hall (HB)
6. Welte Hall (HW)
7. Kaiser Hall (HK)
- 7A. Kaiser Hall Annex (ANX)
8. Beecher Residence Hall
9. May Residence Hall
10. Seth North Residence Hall
11. Willard Hall (EW)
12. Sanford Hall (MS)
13. Student Center
14. Sheridan Residence Hall
15. DiLoreto Hall (FD)
16. Gallaudet Residence Hall
18. Memorial Hall
19. Barrows Residence Hall
20. Vance Residence Hall
21. Arute Field
- 21A. Arute Stadium/Press Box
22. Elihu Burritt Library (EB)
23. Copernicus Hall (NC)
- 23A. Bichum Engineering Laboratory
25. Maloney Hall (FA)
26. East Hall (Facilities Management)
28. Charter Oak State College
- 29D. Public Safety Building (Police Department)
36. James Residence Hall
37. Vance Academic Center (RVAC)
41. Mid-Campus Residence Hall
42. Baseball Field
43. Energy Center
45. Downtown New Britain Campus*
185 Main Street, New Britain
64. Softball Field
66. Recreation Field
67. ATM Kiosk
68. Soccer Field
70. Social Sciences Hall
71. Track
76. Hitchcock-Young Pavilion
85. Hilltop Café
- NH. Newman House

PARKING KEY

- A. Kaiser Hall Lot*
- B. Student Center Lot*
- BB. Library Lot*
- C. Pikiell Lot
- CG. Copernicus Garage*
- CO. Charter Oak State College Reserved Lot
- D. Manafort Drive Lot* (After 5pm)
- E. Welte Hall Lot*
- F. Barrows/James Hall Lot*
- G. Willard/DiLoreto Lot
- J. Athletic Fields Lot
- K. James Hall Circle
- L. Willard Hall Reserved Lot
- N. Davidson Hall Reserved Lot
- O. May Hall Lot
- P. Power House Lot
- R. Kaiser Annex Lot
- S. Vance Residence Hall Reserved Lot*
- SG. Student Center Garage*
- T. Memorial Hall Lot
- U. Copernicus Hall Lot
- V. East Hall Upper Lot



Tentative Schedule

Time		Description
10:00 - 10:30	<i>Arrival & Registration</i>	Social Science Hall 3 rd floor
10:30 - 10:55	<i>Welcome & Introductions</i>	
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Workshops</i> a. Educational Planning b. Interpersonal Skills c. The Teenage Brain, part 1	11 th & 12 th grade students 9 th & 10 th grade students Foster, Kinship Parents*
11:35 – 12:00	<i>Refreshments at Alumni Hall</i>	<i>With CCSU student volunteers</i>
12:00 - 1:25	<i>Campus Tour, Visit Departments, Clubs etc.</i>	<i>With CCSU student volunteers Walking around campus visiting departments, etc.</i>
1:30 - 2:00	<i>Workshops</i> a. Educational Planning b. Interpersonal Skills c. The Teenage Brain, part 2	9 th & 10 th grade students 11 th & 12 th grade students Foster, Kinship Parents*
2:10 – 2:30	CCSU Greetings	<i>President Toro, Dean Alfano, Carlos Soler, CARES</i>
2:30 – 3:00	<i>“Make your own ice cream sundae*” & Raffles</i> <i>*There will not be nuts on the menu</i>	
3:00- on	<i>Departure</i>	