

President's Update

Dr. Radenka Maric



University Senate Meeting

4 May 2026

Corpse Flower Blooms April 24 at UConn Botanical Conservatory
The last bloom was in 2013.

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Prof. Daniel Bolnick Elected to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences (AMACAD)

Prof. Daniel Bolnick of the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology studies the evolutionary and ecological rules that promote genetic diversity within species.

He is only the 8th UConn faculty member elected to AMACAD in the last 30 years and the first since 2022.

Founded in 1780, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences honors excellence and convenes leaders from every field of human endeavor to examine new ideas, address issues of importance to the nation and the world, and work together “to cultivate every art and science which may tend to advance the interest, honor, dignity, and happiness of a free, independent, and virtuous people.”



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UConn Gives 2026

The logo for UConn Gives, featuring a stylized arrow icon in a red square followed by the text "UConn Gives" in white on a dark blue background.

4,775

Donors

\$7,029,624

Donated

This campaign ended on April 23, 2026, but you can still make a gift to University of Connecticut by [clicking here!](#)

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Commencement Updates

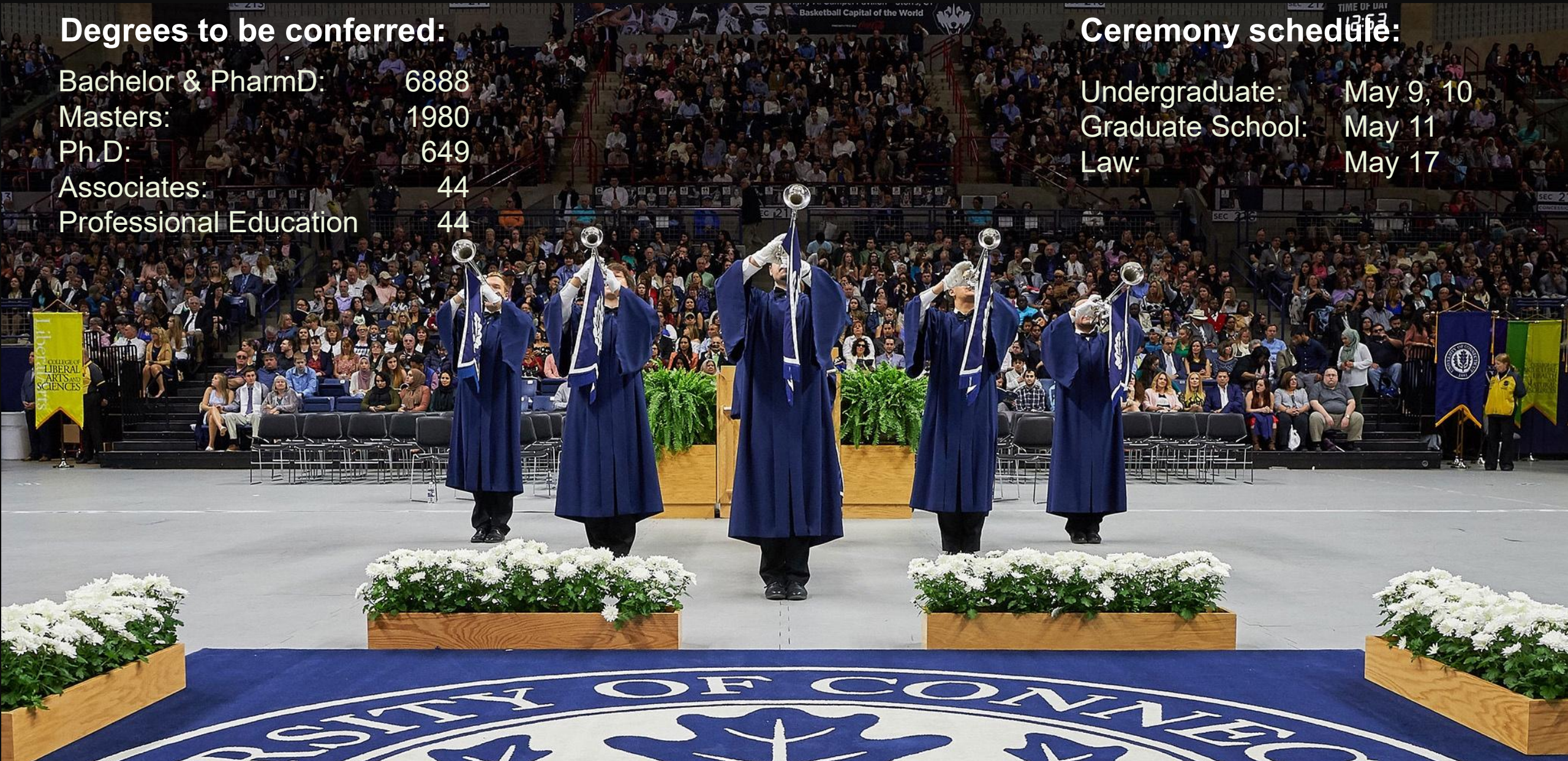
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Degrees to be conferred:

Bachelor & PharmD:	6888
Masters:	1980
Ph.D:	649
Associates:	44
Professional Education	44

Ceremony schedule:

Undergraduate:	May 9, 10
Graduate School:	May 11
Law:	May 17



UConn Bound!

4,500+ prospective students attended nine **UConn Bound Days** across our five undergraduate campuses.

Admitted Student Events

1,000+ students participated in **Husky-for-a-Day**

644 students attended **webinars**

~ 500 students attended **admitted student receptions** in eight locations across the U.S. and four international destinations.



Collective Bargaining Agreements: Status

The Appropriations Committee approved resolutions concerning the collective bargaining agreements approved by the Board of Trustees and the UConn Health Board of Directors, as follows:

- **SEBAC:** The State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC) that include the agreements for the four UConn and UConn Health unions:
 - ✓ UConn-AAUP
 - ✓ UCPEA
 - ✓ AAUP-UCHC
 - ✓ UHP
- **GEU-UAW:** The Graduate Employee Union

The resolutions are now pending final debate and approval by the full General Assembly.

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Director Labor Relations , UConn Health

and their teams for their work and dedication during the collective bargaining process.

Legislative Update

- University leadership and Government Relations personnel have been at the Capitol regularly during the legislative session.
- President Maric and UConn Health CEO Agwunobi have held numerous one-on-one meetings with legislators.
- By the end of the session, they will have met with more than 60 legislators to provide updates on UConn and UConn Health's successes, impacts on the state economy, legislative priorities and budgetary challenges; and answer any questions they have regarding the University.



UConn is a Global Leader in Sustainability

Global Standing #8

UI GreenMetric 2025

- 1745 universities ranked
- Up from #10 in 2024

Institutional Strength

- Campus-scale energy systems (fuel cells, microgrids, renewables)
- Leadership in energy & propulsion
- Living lab for deployment and validation

Goals

- 2030 carbon-neutral campus
- 2040 carbon-zero campus
- Growth in energy, aviation, & fuels

- Our leadership is driven by clean energy and sustainability research, education, and advocacy; industry partnerships; and on-campus deployment of clean energy technologies



Role of Research in Meeting UConn's Sustainability Goals



Advancing

Novel technologies
New Capabilities



Training

Technical Skills
Policies & Strategies



Engaging

Industries ↑ Economy
Funding Agencies



Outreaching

Society awareness
Better planet for the future

Research supports UConn's commitment to a sustainable future 

Thank you

