Examples of outstanding achievements, awards, or notable events occurring at your institution or for which your institution has been recognized in the past 12 months. (No more than 5)

- The University welcomed President Barack Obama to campus as he joined Governors Dannel Malloy, Dava Patrick, Peter Shumlin, and Lincoln Chaffee, as well as US Labor Secretary Thomas Perez to rally support for the minimum wage increase.

- The C.J. Huang family bequeathed a gift of $6.5 million to the University. The largest bequest in Central history, the gift will benefit the existing Huang scholarship fund and establish a new fund supporting scholarships to students in the CCSU schools of Business, Education & Professional Studies, and Graduate Studies. The gift will also provide supplemental support for a proposed new student recreation facility.

- The Institute of International Education’s 2013 Open Doors Report ranked CCSU 17th in the nation for its short-term study abroad academic programs, and 27th for sending students abroad on all types of study abroad programs, including semester- and year-long programs. This is the sixth consecutive year CCSU has placed in the national rankings, and no other Connecticut institution of higher education places as highly.

- The University officially opened a new Confucius Institute, providing a gateway for educational, cultural, and business opportunities between Connecticut and mainland China. The Institute will offer study abroad opportunities, student scholarships, academic exchanges, teacher training, a summer language camp in China, and after-school and summer programs for at-risk youth in New Britain.

- The CCSU School of Business was awarded accreditation by the AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business). CCSU is only the second public university in Connecticut to earn this accreditation, and is one of only 687 worldwide.

Examples of outstanding personal achievement or award on the part of any member of your community in the past 12 months. (No more than 3)

- Professor of Engineering Nidal Al-Masoud received the “Distinguished Engineer of the Year” award by the Hartford chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Presented annually, this tribute acknowledges exemplary achievement and professionalism in the field of engineering.

- Professor of Geography Charles Button was one of 23 to be recognized by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) for efforts to protect the environment and natural resources during DEEP’s GreenCircle awards ceremony. Button is the founder and chair of CCSU’s Global Environmental Sustainability Action Coalition and the President’s Advisory Council for Environmental Sustainability.