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Kamp Family Fundraiser

North Haven: On November 3, 2025, due to a tragic housefire in North Haven, the Kamp family lost their grandfather and their son. The local North Branford and North Haven Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pasta dinner fundraiser on Thurs., January 29 at Saint Therese Church 555 Middletown Ave. in North Haven.

There will be three seatings one at 5pm, then at 6:15pm and 7:30pm. Dinners are $20 per person or $50 for a family up to two adults and three children. Also there will be basket raffles as well as 50-50 raffles.

Proceeds will be given to the family for their devastating expense. To purchase tickets or find out how to be a sponsor of this event email Knights6801@gmail.com or call (203) 684-3074.

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Knights Of Columbus Knight Of The Month



Pictured (L-R): Sir Knight Andrea Puzio and Sir Knight Blaise Vece.

North Haven: Sir Knight Blaise Vece, Past Grand Knight was recognized as Knight of the Month by Grand Knight Andrea Puzio at the North Haven Knights of Columbus Council 3733 January 2026 monthly meeting. Blaise continues to support all of the Council's programs. He is a driving force at the weekly Bingo Parish Fund Raiser and other events too numerous to list. He excels in practicing the principles of the Knight of Columbus, Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism. Blaise joins a cadre of like minded Catholic men of the Knights of Columbus.

ACADEMIC Excellence

DEAN'S LIST

University of Hartford

The Univesity of Hartford is pleased to announce the following local area students who have been named to the Dean's List and President's List for the Fall 2025 semester:

Hamden: *(Dean's List & President's List)* - Nico Digioia, Chris Hergott, Crystal Tracy. *(Dean's List)* - Mariano Burgos, Aidan Dejesus, Stefania Dimeo, Layla Gilliard.

North Haven: *(Dean's List & President's List)* - Justin Gouin. *(Dean's List)* - Erin Johns.

Northford: *(Dean's List & President's List)* - Lauren Ackerman, Alec Johnson.

Wallingford: *(Dean's List & President's List)* - Henry Abbate, Laylah Alfatihah, Steven Behrens, Piper Birney, Aliah Biro, Elijah Dineen, Madison Dipasquale, Toriana Geoghan, Connor Nickischer, Emily Unger. *(Dean's List)*- Connor Canto, Megan Connors, Isabella Gierla, Addy Guy, Miguel Ruiz, Derek Torres.

SUNY New Paltz

Hamden resident, Morgan Tobio has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2025 semester at SUNY New Paltz, located in New Paltz, NY.

York College of Pennsylvania

Wallingford resident, Caitlin Buckley has been named to the York College of Pennsylvania Dean's List for the Fall 2025 semester. Buckley is majoring in Environmental Science.

Univ. of Maryland Global Campus

Hamden resident, Nathaniel Talmadge was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2025 term at University of Maryland Global Campus in Adelphi, MD.

Regis College

Regis College congratulates the following local area students named to the Fall 2025 Dean's List for academic excellence:

North Haven: Gabriella Blanchard.

Wallingford: Sophia Laplante.

Springfield College

Springfield College recognizes the following local area Dean's List students for the 2025 semester:

Hamden: *Joseph Carone,* Applied Exercise Science.

North Haven: *Isabella Blanchard,* Health Science/Pre-PT; *Christian Butler,* Health Science/Pre-PT; *Antonio Fusco,* Criminal Justice; *Abigail Lorusso,* Applied Exercise Science; *Conor Rourke,* Communication/Sport Journalism.

Northford: *Benjamin Stegina,* Sport Management.

Wallingford: *Tyler Casey,* Sport Management; *Erin Giammattei,* Communication Sci. & Disorders; *Reilly Hunter,* Sports Biology; *Megan Lally,* Psychology; *Jayna MacKenzie,* Health Science/Pre-PA; *Luke Rutkowski,* Health Science; *Zachary Soderberg,* Physical Education; *Roisin Turbett,* Pre-Prof. Athletic Training; *Maya Wresien,* Communication Sci. & Disorders.

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Come Join the Fun at North Haven Conservation Commission Earth Day Celebration 2026

Join us on Saturday, April 18, 2026 from 10am-1:30pm at the North Haven Parks and Recreation Center, 7 Linsley Street, for a vibrant Earth Day Celebration. Now in its 18th year, this event is proudly sponsored by the North Haven Conservation Commission and highlights our shared commitment to environmental stewardship.

This free event invites residents and families to explore a wide range of engaging exhibits and demonstrations presented by local businesses, civic organizations, and state and local agencies. It's not just an opportunity to raise awareness about environmental issues; it's also a chance to discover ways to actively contribute to the improvement of life in North Haven.

We are bringing back the Scavenger Hunt, a fun filled activity with prizes, the Grand Prize being a Amazon Fire Tablet, and other prizes donated by the many exhibitors and vendors. FREE FACE PAINTING from 10:30am-1:30pm by Picasso Parties.

Attendees can look forward to exciting activities, displays, and hands on projects with many participants including Mystic Aquarium, North Haven Garden Club, the North Haven Camera Club, the North Haven Trails Association, Peters Rock Association, the Daytime Gardeners of North Haven, free face painting by Picasso Parties, and many more. Come celebrate our planet and learn how you can make a difference.

New this year the Conservation Commission has invited several small home based businesses to join our celebration. We wanted to highlight and showcase the many talented entrepreneurs of North Haven and give them and opportunity to share and sell their craft with all attendees at Earth Day. Vendors include Cookie Girl CT, Oakwood Candles & Creations, Helena Angelic, 203 Woodworks, The Gift Girl, The Kitchen Witch, L.A. Farm, Brooklyn Dough & Co. LLC, and more.

If you would like to join us to promote and share your business, and are from North Haven, contact us at nhgccindy@yahoo.com. *Article by Cindy Golia*

The College of Charleston

Hamden resident, Alexis Vieau has been named to the College of Charleston Fall 2025 Dean's List. Vieau is majoring in Psychology.

Commonwealth Univ.

Wallingford resident, Jay Chase has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2025 semester at Commonwealth University - Bloomsburg, located in PA.

Sen. Cicarella Statement on Farmland Assessment Reversal



Pictured (L-R): William Dellacamera, Sen. Cicarella, and Eric Henry at the Jan. 20 farmers' forum at the State Capitol.

North Haven: State Sen. Paul Cicarella (R-34) issued the following statement following a Jan. 20 farmers forum hosted by CT Senate Republicans, in response to recent changes to Public Act 490 announced on Jan. 19.

"Farmers and landowners were right to be concerned about the sudden and steep increases in farmland assessments. These changes would have placed unnecessary strain on family farms and threatened the preservation of open space across Connecticut. Gov. Ned Lamont's decision to reverse those increases is an important step in the right direction, but more work remains.

At yesterday's public forum, farmers from our district made clear just how serious the consequences of these assessment changes would have been. William Dellacamera of Cecarelli's Harrison Hill Farm in Northford reminded us that this issue goes beyond politics, saying, 'This is not a right-versus-left issue, it's a right-versus-wrong issue.' He also emphasized the importance of transparency, noting that if the state truly wants to be transparent, farmers must be brought to the table and shown how these decisions were made.

Eric Henry of Blue Hills Orchard in Wallingford shared that his farm's land valuation would have increased by nearly half a million dollars overnight, a change that would have placed enormous strain on his operation. While he expressed appreciation for the pause on these increases, he made clear that the methodology and process that led to this situation must be corrected so it does not happen again.

A newly created online petition - www.SaveCTLand.org - already has 20,700 signatures. These voices underscore why transparency, fairness, and farmer involvement are essential moving forward. My Republican colleagues and I will continue advocating for policies that protect Connecticut farmers, preserve open space, and ensure this kind of overreach does not happen again."