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Joyful, Classical and Affordable - New Haven's New Private High School

Chesterton Academy of Blessed Michael McGivney (CABMM), a new high school opening in the New Haven area in the fall of 2026, has hired several key faculty members and begun enrolling students for its founding class of 2030. CABMM is a classical school in the Catholic tradition and part of the Chesterton Schools Network (CSN), a national organization of more than 90 academies across the country.

Virtuous, Christ-centered leadership and instruction are at the heart of the CSN model, which offers an affordable liberal arts education focused on truth, goodness, and beauty. Daily Mass is at the center of each school day, amid lessons on the works of Shakespeare, Euclid, Bach, and Homer, to name just a few. Because of this emphasis on both faith and intellect, Chesterton Academies require a special kind of educator.

In the past month, CABMM has hired two such faculty members: Blaine Billings, a South Carolina native completing his PhD in linguistics this spring, who will serve as a full-time teacher; and Alex Hodgkinson, an award winning organist, teacher, and Director of Music at St. Theresa's Church in Trumbull, who will serve as a part-time music instructor.

Earlier this year, CABMM began accepting prospective students to the founding freshman class, and several of those students are now formally enrolled. While the 2026-2027 academic year will only be for ninth graders, CABMM plans to continue expanding its class offerings by adding a new freshman class each fall.

In the meantime, the students in the class of 2030 will lay the foundation for CABMM in the years to come, fostering an environment where joy, faith, and learning are all connected.

Next steps for CABMM include hiring part-time fine art and dance teachers, as well as continuing to enroll ninth-grade students for the 2026-2027 academic year until all seats in the founding class are filled. Tuition for the 2026-2027 academic year is $10,000 per student. Applications can be submitted at https://chestertonmcgivney.org/

If you have any questions about enrollment or are interested in supporting the school in any way, contact Sarah Bradley at info.cabmm@gmail.com.

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ACADEMIC Excellence

Georgia Tech

Hamden resident, Jacob Venditto earned the distinction of Faculty Honors for Fall 2025 at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 4.0 academic average for the semester.

The Search for Shangri-La

In our lifetime, we all search for a time of harmony and peace. Some of us may obtain that life and there are others who may not, no matter how hard they try. Some of the things to consider to help you achieve this elusive condition of perfection are as follows:

- Be considerate and patient with others because you don't know what has transpired in their past.
- If someone is different, try not to prejudge them - they may be just unique.
- Sometimes the very one you overlook may be the one that changes your life.
- Always be generous, polite and kind and you will attract the same.
- Control what you can and let go what you can't.
- Remember, when a door closes, another one will open.
- If you are a grounded person you will be respected.
- Don't feel that you must defend your worth.
- To de-escalate a situation, respond by saying - "I just don't share your opinion."
- Other suggestionss will be in future articles -- Peace.

Ron Johnson, Hamden

Hampton Inn and Suites Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Pictured (L-R): Jacqueline Coope, Regional Director of Sales; Maya Gutierrez, Assistant General Manager; Bobby Doyle, Chief Engineer; Michael Freda, First Selectman of North Haven; Tom Falco, General Manager; Valerie Goodkin, Assistant to Michael Freda, Vinay Patel, Owner & Matt Iovanne, Business Development Executive, Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce.

North Haven: We were thrilled to celebrate the Grand Opening-Ribbon Cutting of Hampton Inn and Suites by Hilton – North Haven, located at 700 Universal Drive, North Haven, CT on Monday, March 16, 2026.

The four-story and 105 room property places travelers exactly where they want to be, minutes from Quinnipiac University, a short drive to Yale University and Albertus Magnus College, and close to the vibrant dining, shopping, and cultural scene of New Haven. Whether visiting for business, campus tours, sporting events or a weekend getaway, the hotel offers a comfortable and convenient home base in one of Connecticut's most accessible towns.

The property features all the love brand amenities that a Hampton Inn and Suites by Hilton includes, including an expansive complimentary hot breakfast buffet served every morning, all modern conveniences such as complimentary WIFI, digital key access, pet friendly accommodations and complimentary parking featuring EV charging stations. Walk into the beautiful and welcoming lobby and lounge and enjoy access to their 24-hour business center, fitness center, and indoor heated pool. The property also includes flexible meeting space designed to plan and host your next corporate gatherings, training, and social events.

For more information, visit their website at https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/hvnnhhx-hampton-suites-north-haven/ or contact them at (203) 684-1100.

NARFE Chapter 257 April Meeting

North Haven: The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association monthly meeting will be held Mon., April 6, 1pm at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church Street. All active and retired federal workers are invited to attend.

The guest speaker is Kathleen Titsworth, CT Department of Banking. Topics include credit reports, email and text scams, and more.

NARFE is dedicated to protecting and preserving the earned benefits of federal workers and retirees.

For more information: http://www.Narfe.org

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Sen. Cicarella Applauds Advancement of Key Public Safety Legislation



Pictured: Rep. Dave Yaccarino, Salena Khan (Nelcon Towing & Recovery of North Haven), and Sen. Paul Cicarella.

North Haven: State Sen. Paul Cicarella (R-34) today applauded the Public Safety Committee's advancement of several key measures, marking important progress toward strengthening community safety and supporting Connecticut's first responders.

Among the bills moving forward is S.B. 367: An Act Establishing a Working Group to Study Roadside Safety Concerns Associated with Wreckers and Towing and Recovery Professionals. This legislation takes an important first step toward better understanding the risks faced by these workers and identifying solutions to improve safety on Connecticut's roadways.

The committee also advanced H.B. 5046: An Act Supporting Firefighter and Police Officer Recruitment and Retention, which aims to help departments across the state attract and retain the personnel needed to respond quickly and effectively to emergencies.

"Public safety is one of the most fundamental responsibilities of government," said Sen. Cicarella. "These bills reflect a strong commitment to protecting both the public and the dedicated men and women who serve on the front lines every day. By studying roadside safety risks and strengthening recruitment and retention efforts, we are taking meaningful steps to support safer communities across Connecticut."

Sen. Cicarella emphasized that these proposals represent practical solutions to ongoing workforce challenges while improving safety conditions for essential personnel.

"These are common-sense measures that will make a real difference," Sen. Cicarella added. "I look forward to continuing this work as these bills move through the legislative process."

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