



Celebrating Education: A Fireside Chat with UConn's President Susan Herbst

June 9, 2015 at 6 PM
Stamford, CT

100WHF invites you to bring your daughter, niece, or any young woman you mentor as part of *Celebrating Education - Investing in the Next Generation* initiative.

Did you know only 26% of the college presidents in the US are women while more than 57% of students in colleges and universities are women? "Why are there so few women college presidents?," questioned Forbes in 2014. In honor of 100WHF's Celebrating Education Initiative, Susan Herbst, the President of University of Connecticut will be hosting an intimate discussion for 100WHF members.

- How did she navigate her career to lead into her current leadership role as the first female President of the University?
- What was her path in education; who were the mentors and mentees along the way?
- As President, what are her philanthropy plans and endeavors to expand education opportunities?

The conversation will be moderated by Robin Pellish, Founder, CEO and Partner of Rocaton Investment Advisors.

If you are bringing your daughter, niece, or any young woman you mentor, please RSVP with your guest's name.

Participants

Susan Herbst, University of Connecticut
Robin Pellish, *Moderator*, Rocaton

Event Details

Date: June 9, 2015

Time: 5 PM Registration.

We will begin *promptly* at 6 PM; please arrive early. Since it is disruptive to everyone when latecomers enter the session, those arriving after an education session has begun will only be admitted at the discretion of 100WHF and the host. Please note the start time on this invite and plan to arrive early.

Networking and cocktails before and after session.

Hosts: UConn Stamford and eVestment

Location: University of Connecticut

1 University Place, **Stamford**, CT 06901 - [Directions](#)

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You may include a non-member guest with your RSVP.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact the [Connecticut](#) committee.

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Admission is free, but there is a \$25 charge if you register and do not attend, even if you cancel in advance. No-show proceeds will be donated to 100WHF Foundation - Celebrating Education/Investing in the Next Generation initiative, the 2015 beneficiary of 100WHF's US philanthropic initiatives.

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Space is limited. No walk-ins will be permitted.

Biographies

Susan Herbst, President, University of Connecticut

Susan Herbst was appointed as the 15th president of the University of Connecticut by its Board of Trustees in December of 2010, and arrived on campus in June of 2011. She is the first female president of the University, which was founded in 1881. Since that time, she has led multiple initiatives to strengthen teaching, research, and service at the University. Chief among them is her four-year plan to hire 300 new tenured or tenure-track faculty members at UConn - above and beyond filling vacancies - to significantly enhance course offerings and the University's research capability.

President Herbst has also led the implementation of two recent major state investments in UConn: Next Generation Connecticut, a more than \$1.5 billion endeavor that will expand educational opportunities, research, and innovation in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines at UConn over the next decade, as well as add new faculty in the humanities; and Bioscience Connecticut, an \$864 million initiative that is revitalizing the UConn Health enterprise, expanding enrollment in the medical and dental classes, building new business incubators, creating centers of excellence with neighboring institutions, and more.

One of President Herbst's other priorities is dramatically increasing the level of philanthropic giving to UConn through the UConn Foundation. Along with Joshua Newton, who began as president of the UConn Foundation in 2013, she has set the goal of eventually raising at least \$100 million in new gifts per year, with a long-term goal of reaching an endowment value of \$1 billion.

Prior to her appointment at UConn, President Herbst served as executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer of the University System of Georgia. Before arriving in Georgia, she was provost and executive vice president at the University at Albany (SUNY) and also served as officer in charge of the university from 2006 to 2007. She previously served as the dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Temple University. Herbst spent 14 years at Northwestern University, joining the faculty in 1989 and serving until her departure to Temple in 2003.

She is a scholar of public opinion, media, and American politics, and is author of four books and many articles in these areas, most recently, *Rude Democracy: Civility and Incivility in American Politics* (2010). Along with Benjamin Page, Lawrence Jacobs, and Adam Berinsky, she edits the University of Chicago Press series in American Politics. She serves on the board of directors of the American Council on Education.

Born in New York City and raised in Peekskill, New York, President Herbst received her B.A. in political science from Duke University in 1984, and her Ph.D. in communication theory and research from the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication in 1989.

Robin Pellish, Founder and CEO, Rocaton

Robin Pellish, Consultant, is a founder and Partner of Rocaton and serves as Chief Executive Officer. Robin joined Rocaton in 2002 after 13 years at Barra RogersCasey where she served as Senior Managing Director, responsible for strategic direction and management relating to all major aspects of the firm. Robin previously worked as a plan sponsor at Armtek Corporation and, in addition, worked in Corporate Treasury at both PepsiCo and General Motors. Robin earned an M.B.A. in Finance at the University of Chicago and a B.A. in Economics at Union College, where she graduated summa cum laude and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

About UConn Stamford

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