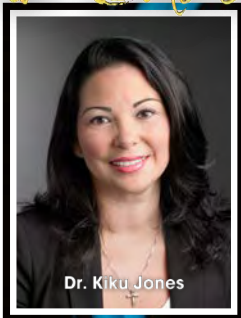




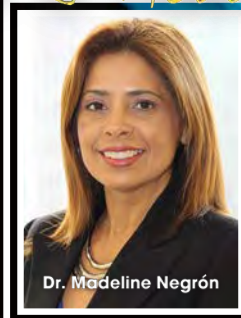
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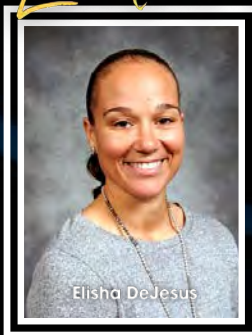


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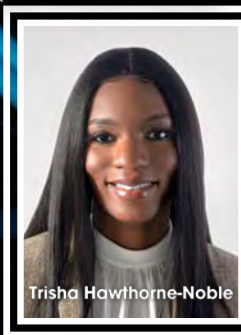


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DR. KIKU JONES

Associate Professor of Computer Information Systems and Co-Director of the People's United Center for Women & Business (PUCWB) at Quinnipiac University

Dr. Kiku Jones's work is focused on building empowered student leaders equipped both professionally and personally to bring about systemic change in the workforce to help in the advancement of women. Dr. Jones also currently works with a community partner in San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala, in order to foster global solidarity among students in the Quinnipiac University community.

Prior to working at Quinnipiac, Dr. Jones was a Vice President at Feed the Children, and she has extensive experience working and consulting in various aspects of nonprofit organizations.

Dr. Jones has received the Quinnipiac University's Center for Excellence in Teaching Award and the University of Tulsa's Mayo Excellence in Teaching Award, and she was named the Quinnipiac University CIS Society's Professor of the Year.

Dr. Jones earned her Ph.D. in Decision Sciences and Information Systems from the University of Kentucky and her B.S. in Computer Information Systems and an MBA from Western Kentucky University. Her research has been published in multiple professional journals in Knowledge Management, Computer Information Systems, and Electronic Commerce.

DR. MADELINE NEGRÓN

Chief of Academics, Teaching, Learning & Student Supports for the Hartford Public Schools

With over 25 years of experience in urban education, Dr. Madeline Negrón is a resonant leader who motivates and inspires others by sharing hope and an optimistic view of the future. In her current role, Dr. Negrón plans, coordinates, and supervises the PreK-12 instructional program in the Hartford Public Schools that provides services to over 17,500 students in 39 schools.

Previously Dr. Negrón has served as a Director of Instruction and Early Childhood, high school and middle school principal and assistant principal, and teacher. She has also taught in the Educational Leadership Department at Southern Connecticut State University.

Dr. Negrón is a founding member and Past-President of the Connecticut Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (CALAS) and currently serves on various local and state committees and boards.

Dr. Negrón earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Spanish from Central Connecticut State University, a Master of Arts degree in Education with a minor in Bilingual Bicultural Education and a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Connecticut. She resides in East Hampton with her husband and daughter.

DR. CHIOMA ODUKWE ENU

Podiatric Surgery Specialist at Associated Podiatrists of Fairfield and North Haven

Dr. Chioma Odukwe Enu attended the University of Connecticut and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Physiology and Neurobiology. She attended the New York College of Podiatric Medicine and completed her surgical residency in Foot and Reconstructive Rear Foot and Ankle surgery at Yale New Haven Hospital.

Dr. Enu's medical practice at Associated Podiatrists of Fairfield and North Haven encompasses all ages and involves common and sports-related foot and ankle conditions, trauma and severe disorders. Dr. Enu maintains privileges at Yale New Haven and Bridgeport hospitals. She is also a member of the medical executive committee at Bridgeport Hospital.

Since 2017- excluding 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic – Dr. Enu has been involved in international medical missions to Southeast Nigeria.

Dr. Enu resides in Connecticut with her family and enjoys a variety of hobbies, including sports, art, and interior design.

DR. DEIRDRA PREIS

Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership at Sacred Heart University

Dr. Deirdra "Dee" Preis is a former classroom teacher who taught sexuality education, substance abuse prevention and other topics that are important to the health and wellness of young people. Dr. Preis also advised student advocacy groups, bringing high school students to middle schools to talk to students about suicide prevention and other wellness topics.

Dr. Preis left the high school classroom to become an administrator, where she could influence policy, curriculum, teaching and hiring. As a Dean of Students, she created a community service program which prevented hundreds of students from being suspended for minor offenses. She became a high school assistant principal, co-creating an equity task force in which students presented professional development for faculty and at state and national conventions.

Dr. Preis earned her doctorate in educational leadership in 2016, leaving the public school system to become an assistant professor of educational leadership at Sacred Heart University. She also consults in schools around the state, teaching faculty about institutional racism and equity.

Panelists

Leaders in Athletics

ELISHA DE JESÚS

Director of Athletics, Student Activities, Physical Education & Health for the Middletown Public Schools

Elisha De Jesús is passionate about equity in athletics and works to create inclusive spaces in athletics for all. In her current position, she oversees 35 varsity athletics programs, over 40 sublevel athletics programs, 42 clubs and activities, and the physical education and health programs for the Middletown school district.

De Jesús is a 1999 graduate of East Hartford High School and is the all-time leading Hornet scorer, for boys and girls basketball, with 2,020 points. She attended Marist College on a full Division I basketball scholarship and graduated in 2003 as a Dean's List student with a BA in Psychology Special/Elementary Education. Following graduation, De Jesús continued her basketball career playing professionally for Puerto Rico until 2007.

De Jesús' educational career includes varied positions in Physical Education, athletics, coaching, and work as a Dean as she completed a second Master's Degree in Educational Leadership at New England College. De Jesús currently participates on the Board of Directors for the National Organization for Minority Athletic Directors (NOMAD), is a member of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) Diversity Equity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee, and a member of the Central Connecticut Conference (CCC) Racial, Equity Justice Committee.

TRISHA HAWTHORNE-NOBLE

Coordinator of the Office of Student and Academic Services at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work

Trisha Hawthorne-Noble is an accomplished higher education professional with a focus on student/student-athlete development, diversity and inclusion, student welfare and wellness, as well as program development and academic and service initiatives. Hawthorne-Noble holds a bachelor's degree in English with a minor in Women's Studies and a Masters of Social Work degree, all from the University of Connecticut. She is an accomplished former UConn Division I Track and Field All-American, a school, region and conference record holder, and a former professional athlete for her native country of Jamaica.

Hawthorne-Noble was born and raised in St. Andrew, Jamaica, where she gained her passion for sports, education, and holistic development. Her purpose in life revolves around helping and empowering individuals from all walks of life by inspiring and positively influencing others.

Hawthorne-Noble is a youth and music leader in her community, offering mentoring programs for both young men and women. She also serves as the director of a non-profit organization with a focus on the homeless and mentally ill population based in the Bronx, New York. Additionally, Hawthorne-Noble is the founder of Moms4Moms, an initiative to bring expecting, new, and seasoned mothers together in an effort to build community.

GABRIELLE LUCIVERO

Lead Sports Anchor and Multimedia Journalist for NBC Connecticut

When you see Gabrielle Lucivero out in the community, she's usually doing it all, carrying the camera, asking the questions, and reporting the finished product.

Lucivero is a former competitive figure skater who competed nationally with United States Figure Skating and collegiately at Boston University.

Lucivero is a Massachusetts native and a graduate of Boston University and Tahanto Regional High School.

ASHLEIGH RONDON

Senior Student and Women's Soccer Athlete at East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, Texas

Ashleigh Rondon is a Secondary Math Education major with a Kinesiology minor at East Texas Baptist University, and she is one of the best soccer players in the American Southwest Conference.

Rondon's performance in the Conference earned her the ASC Offensive Freshman of the Year in 2017, and that same year she was selected to the ASC First Team. She was selected to the ASC Second Team in 2018 and 2019. Rondon has been named ASC Player of the Week twice. She also excels in the classroom, which earned her a spot on the ASC All-Academic Team.

This past February she was selected to play for the Dominican Republic Women's National Soccer Team in two friendly matches, and she started in one of the games.

Rondon is a graduate of Creekview High School in Carrollton, Texas, where she finished in the top 10% of her class.