

We Mean Business.

The Connecticut State University System (CSUS) – Central in New Britain, Eastern in Willimantic, Southern in New Haven, and Western in Danbury - means business.

Providing a well-educated workforce is one of the most compelling contributions of CSUS to the state. Over 86 percent of our graduates stay in Connecticut to live and work after graduation. CSUS has approximately 150,000 alumni. More than 133,000 graduates - larger than the population of Hartford - currently reside in Connecticut.

A CSUS education emphasizes critical thinking and problem solving in addition to providing the job training skills students need to successfully compete in the working world. Our students are not only prepared to make immediate contributions when hired, but they also have the skills to adapt to changes as the business world continues to evolve.

An educated workforce is especially important in Connecticut, as our economy relies on industries such as aerospace, agriculture, bioscience, insurance/finance, maritime, metal manufacturing, plastics, software/information technology and tourism. A majority of professions in these nine industry clusters require at least a bachelor's degree.

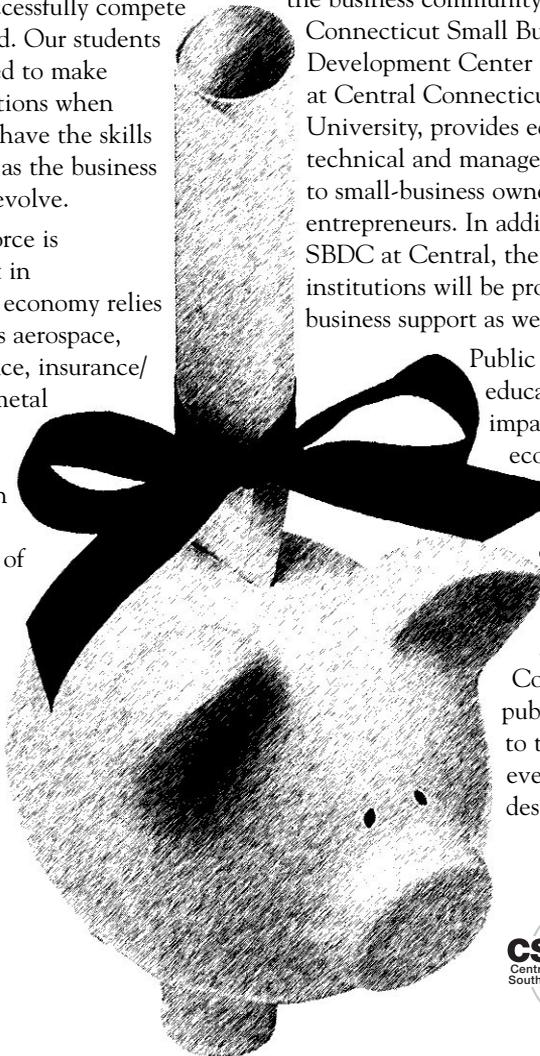
CSUS graduates are highly regarded by their employers. A 2005 report* by the Board of Governors for Higher Education, which examines employer satisfaction with public higher education graduates in Connecticut, states that "Overall satisfaction with public graduates was *very high*." The report further stated that "The vast majority (79%) of the respondents indicated that the graduates evaluated in the survey had the necessary skills for promotion in the business." More than 90 percent indicated that they would hire other graduates from public institutions.

In addition to a well-educated workforce, CSUS also provides valuable services to the business community. The

Connecticut Small Business Development Center (SBDC), based at Central Connecticut State University, provides educational, technical and managerial assistance to small-business owners and entrepreneurs. In addition to the SBDC at Central, the other CSUS institutions will be providing small business support as well.

Public higher education positively impacts our economy in many ways.

To protect our state's economy, we must support ALL of our Connecticut public universities to the full extent every student deserves.



*2003 *Public Higher Education Graduates in Connecticut, Report on Pilot Study*, Board of Governors for Higher Education, September 2005

One system, four public universities— Central Connecticut State University. Eastern Connecticut State University. Southern Connecticut State University. Western Connecticut State University.