

WEEKLY UPDATE ARTICLE

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CONNECTICUT COLLEGES ADDRESS DRINKING

At a gathering on March 24 at Wesleyan University, presidents and other officials from more than 20 Connecticut colleges and universities were honored for their work to reduce drinking and drug abuse among college students. The schools are part of the Connecticut Statewide Healthy Campus Initiative, a partnership of the State departments of mental health and addiction services and higher education as well as the Governor's Prevention Partnership. The [*Hartford Courant*](#) reports that all of the schools honored have taken significant steps to deal with underage and binge drinking. At Western Connecticut State University, for example, peer counselors have been trained, rules against campus drinking are enforced, and campus leaders have established relationships with parents, local police, and the owners of bars and restaurants.