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Charlie the Charger. Erin Smith and Faith Arcuri at the Involvement Fair, West Haven, August. 30, 2024.  
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## The Start of a New Year at the Charger Bulletin

BY ERIN SMITH  
Editor-in-Chief

The Charger Bulletin is back, and we are ready to share stories, educate people and act as the go-between with the institution and student body. Some of you may have seen our blue boxes outside of buildings on campus or maybe some of you have picked up our paper every Tuesday. No matter how or why Charger Bulletin entered your radar, I hope it becomes a part of your college experience.

Whether you plan on being a journalist, student journalism improves your writing and reading skills that can put you above anyone in any job setting. The Charger Bulletin serves as a platform for expression and a sense of community within our campus.

Our campus is special, we all come from different states and even different countries. All of our voices deserve to be heard and celebrated.

If something excites you on campus, pick up a pen.

If something upsets you on campus, pick up a pen.

If something intrigues you on campus, pick up a pen.

There are around 5,000 students here with stories to tell and the Charger Bulletin is here to listen.

We are back with our first edition of the 2024-2025 school year, highlighting the opening week of New Haven sports, updates on the upcoming election and recapping Welcome Week. We are excited to get into the swing of things and produce content that is enjoyable yet informative.

The paper is split into five sections: politics, campus news, arts and life, sports and opinions. These are broad and flexible sections so anything related to those sections will be accepted into the paper. Everything from hard news stories, lighthearted features or game recaps have a place at the Charger Bulletin.

The Charger Bulletin staff is here to help any writers, photographers or content creators who want to get involved. If writing for a newspaper is not an interest of yours, Charger Bulletin News (CBN) or Horseshoe Magazine may be your calling.

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The Charlie the Charger statue in front of Beckerman Recreation, West Haven  
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# Updates on the campaign trail as election day approaches

BY HAIDEN LEACH  
Politics Editor

As November approaches, the United States Presidential Election heats up. For most, especially the younger generation, this will be the first time voting in a presidential election. While many people may not keep current through news sources, campaign content and election updates have flooded social media. As the election approaches, looking at what is ahead in the coming weeks is important.

On Tuesday, Sept. 10, there will be a live debate sanctioned by American Broadcasting Company (ABC). Current Vice President Kamala Harris, and Republican candidate, former President Donald Trump, will take the stage for the second round of the presidential campaign debates. This is a new development as current President Joe Biden has just recently withdrawn from the 2024 presidential race. After stepping down

from the election, came the endorsement and nomination of Harris. She will appear in her first presidential debate alongside former President Donald Trump.

Former President Trump is seeking reelection with his Vice President candidate JD Vance (R-Ohio). Trump and his campaign managers have posted 20 bullet points about the candidate's reasons for running. Trump's main policies include taxation changes, immigration protocols, strengthening the military and variations of federal funding plans. Other policies listed include carrying out the largest deportation operation in American history, preventing World War Three, restoring peace in Europe and the Middle East and building a great iron dome missile defense shield over our entire country.

Harris and her running mate, Tim Walz (D-Minn.), are preparing for the debate to secure more support in the coming weeks. Voters in favor of this pair are focused

on issues such as abortion, gun control policies, healthcare plans, crime, and foreign affairs. On Harris' campaign website, readers can explore her domestic and foreign policies in greater detail, including the successful policies and regulations she implemented during her vice presidency with incumbent President Biden. Some of these include criminal justice reforms, climate action, infrastructure investments and election security. In addition to leading legislation to raise wages and bring down costs for American families, her team focuses on housing, health care, child care and college funding.

"I believe it's difficult; I'm not as educated on one candidate as much as the other and I need to investigate that," said senior Rose Holmes. "I will be voting because I want a voice in what the world will look like in 2024, we all have one we just must choose to use it. I will be using mine."

As election day approach-

es, candidates must concentrate on swing states, which are pivotal due to their varying opinions and the potential to shift the election outcome. These states hold major portions of the electoral vote which is why candidates seek to claim as many as they can. It includes seven states, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Michigan, Georgia, Arizona and Nevada.

Securing the support of undecided voters in these areas is crucial for accumulating the 270 electoral votes necessary to win the presidency. There are 538 total electoral votes given to each of the 50 states and Washington, D.C. based on how many members of Congress it has in Washington.

The recent shooting on Sept. 4 at Apalachee High School in Winder, Georgia was the deadliest in the state since 1999. It has heightened national attention on the gun control issue. Voters across the country are looking to

candidates to clarify their positions on gun control, how their policies address such incidents, and what actions they plan to take. Harris said at a campaign rally in N.H. on Sept. 4, diverting her speech to address the news of the shooting.

"They are sitting in a classroom where they should be fulfilling their God-given potential, yet some part of their big, beautiful minds is worried about a shooter breaking through the door," Harris said. "It doesn't have to be this way."

After the Sept. 10 debate, another debate will follow between the Vice Presidential candidates on Oct. 1 for JD Vance and Tim Walz. It will be sanctioned and moderated on Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS). To access reliable voter information and stay current with the latest developments, individuals can consult official election resources, trusted news sources and local election offices.



Former President Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris in front of American flag, West Haven, Sept. 10, 2024.

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## Get to know Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

BY SKYLAR GRIFFIN  
Associate Editor

As the University of New Haven welcomes new students, freshman start a chapter of their lives. While this chapter is full of opportunities and fun, it can also involve significant adjustment. Change is not always easy, and it is important to know what services are available on campus.

One resource available to university students is Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). CAPS is the mental health counseling center on campus. Any registered student can utilize CAPS by clicking on the butterfly icon in MyCharger, visiting the office in Charger Plaza, or by calling 203-932-7333. CAPS offers multiple services, such as individual therapy, group therapy, urgent walk-ins or an after-hours

call line. CAPS also hosts events on campus, such as bi-weekly therapy dogs.

Paige Bartels, CAPS director, said the main goal of CAPS is “to support the mental health and wellbeing of our campus community. We do that by offering the individual services (individual therapy, group therapy), doing outreach and collaborating with campus partners to provide psychoeducation and activities focused on mental health, and by offering urgent support and community connection when needed.”

Bartels also said that CAPS offers training to students on taking care of themselves, and tips on what to do when someone is in distress and needs support.

“We understand mental health as well as the campus and campus resource-

es, which can be a unique intersection,” said Bartels. “We also aim to encourage students to understand their own wellbeing, and care for all facets of it, as well as lean into the discomfort that is inherent in both transition and growth. Part of our mission is helping

ensure our campus is trained to recognize when someone is struggling with their mental health and know what to do in order to support them and connect them with the appropriate resources.”

As classes get more intense and students feel more pressure,

they always have free counseling available to them. CAPS makes getting help easy. For more information on CAPS, students can visit the website, and for more information on the training services offered by the organization, students can visit this link.



# CAPS



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University of New Haven

University of New Haven CAPS Logo, West Haven.  
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The university's crest located in front of Maxcy Hall, West Haven  
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# UNH welcomes second-largest freshman class with annual Welcome Week

BY ALEXIS DAWKINS-MALDONADO  
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On August 21, The University of New Haven opened its doors to the Class of 2028, which boasts as the second-largest freshman class in history, with over 1,400 students choosing UNH as their home away from home. The students were greeted by our Charger Welcome Wagon, a program filled with volunteers dedicating several days to help incoming students move their belongings onto campus.

Darby Brown, president of the Undergraduate Student Government Association (USGA), greeted the campus student body with a warm welcome.

"I'm so excited to welcome the Class of 2028 into our Charger community," she said. "Even though they have only been here for a short period of time, I know they are going to make an impact on this campus."

Welcome Week began on the week of August 26, and ended on August 30. Activities such as karaoke nights, movies and featuring the Inflatable Fun Fest and the Glo Party for students to participate in. Taking place in the Bixler/Gerber quad, the Inflatable Fun Fest involved a large water slide, as well as bull riding and axe throwing.

The Glo Party, which also took place in the Bixler/Gerber quad at night, featured glowing seesaw and swing sets, setting the scene for an amazing montage of photos from the freshman class.

"The Glo party was so beautiful," said Diederick-Fritz Ojeda, a sophomore, "I love going there just to dance and listen to the music and talk to people."

However, a major highlight of the week went to the annual Involvement Fair. For those who did not attend, this event takes place in the Maxcy Quad and features every on-cam-



Yard sign on campus highlighting Welcome Week events, West Haven, August 30, 2024.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Alexis Dawkins-Maldonado.

pus organization, each of which sets up tables with items, presentations and (for some) live demonstrations. The Robotics Club came with a human-sized robot wheeling around, sharing QR codes with students who walked around the seal during the fair.

The Involvement Fair began at 3 p.m., strategically planned for when all students got out of class for the week and their first weekend on campus.

The Involvement Fair allowed for a variety of organizations to be introduced to the student body as well, such as Club Tennis and Men's club volleyball. Greek organizations such as fraternities Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Chi, and sororities such as Alpha Sigma Alpha and Delta Phi Epsilon were also present and tabling. Multicultural organizations also made an appearance, with organizations such as the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored

People), University of New Haven PRIDE and KPOP Dance Crew. Other clubs such as the UNH Guitar Club and Animation Club also made appearances.

The Executive Board members of the fair's organizations were present as the fair only allowed for two members sitting behind their respective table. It was a humongous success, with a high turnout and many new and happy faces.

"I'm not gonna lie, this place is packed," said Leo Leblanc, Executive Assistant of UNH Pride "We have, like, 100% capacity, and I see a lot more heads than I saw last year, I see so many applications and flyers being filled out, it's pretty lively, I like it," they said.

"I really love the involvement fair," said Sara Rogan, a member of the UNH tennis club. "They have ice cream here, which is really good for the heat. It's fun, we have a lot of new faces and people signing up!"

"It's been amazing," said Adam Sigal, Eminent Chronicler of the fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon. "We've got a lot of people coming out to see us, and a lot of new faces that are interested in Greek life," he said. "I would say that around 40-50 people signed our email list, so it's a huge turnout."

"The Involvement Fair is one of my favorite events of the year," said Darby Brown, USGA president, "it's where all students, both new and returning, find ways to get involved here on campus. As USGA president I am a huge believer in getting involved to enhance the student experience. It makes me happy to see so many new and familiar faces at this event, and if this engagement shows us anything about the rest of the semester, I can't wait to see what's next," she said.

The university also decided to take safety measures to fight the heat and provide students with

treats, carting around with crates of cold water to distribute to the members advertising their organizations.

Although the initial welcome week activities have concluded, UNH is not quite done welcoming our new class of 2028. The Student Committee of Programming Events (SCOPE) has many different activities planned for September. The most popular event being Family Day.

Family Day, Sept. 21, invites the parents of students to come onto campus, explore the halls, meet professors and staff members. They get to see how the students are faring in this new chapter in life. Everyone's favorite horse, Charlie the Charger, has also left his mark on campus during Welcome Week. With inflatable Charlies blown up all over campus, our favorite mascot has shown his school spirit and welcomed the students to campus.

## Field Hockey defeats American International, 2-1, in home opener

BY MIKAELA MOTZ  
Sports Editor

In the opening game of the 2024 field hockey season, the New Haven Chargers defeated the American International College (AIC) Yellow Jackets, 2-1.

“The Chargers have been holding themselves to high standards, staying accountable, and working hard,” said senior forward, Abby Nixon.

“We’ve also been focusing on conditioning, team chemistry, and strategy all while having fun,” said Nixon. “It feels great starting off the season with a win.”

In the first quarter, American International’s Morgan Martellio batted around the deep end and was able to tip in the first and only goal of the game for the Yellow Jackets. Scoring in the 12th minute

of the game, Martellio was assisted by Mia Wood. New Haven had one attempted shot in the first and second periods. AIC tallied five attempted shots in the first half, but the Chargers held their ground defensively. After a lack of offense, New Haven was set back 1-0 by American International at the half.

Forward, Kat Trammel said she knew that being in a deficit, the team had to work together to earn the win.

“We knew what we needed to fix going into the second half being down a goal,” said Trammel. “We had to put trust in each other that every single one of us would do our job to get that ball in the goal”.

Starting the second half, New Haven came in strong offensively, Trammel was able to

touch the back of the cage after an assist through Nixon. Nixon recovered a rebound in front of the cage from an attempted shot which put Trammel in position to strike a goal. After scoring in the 4th minute of the 3rd period, New Haven and American International stood 1-1.

During the remainder of the third period, New Haven attempted another goal but was blocked by the Yellow Jacket’s defense. American International had just one attempted goal and both teams had two corners during the third quarter. A corner happens when the defending team fouls in the offensive team attacking circle. The offensive team gets a free chance to score from their attacking circle.

With a close game, Nixon struck a goal

after a rebounded shot from forward, Sydney Moda. The cross back in front of the cage which led to Nixon’s shot put the Chargers at a lead of 2-1 with two minutes remaining in the game.

New Haven finished the game with five shots on goal, while American International had seven. Both teams earned a total of 21 fouls.

The Yellow Jacket’s goalkeeper had two saves during the season

opener, while New Haven’s Cara Lambert had six while playing the full 60 minutes.

New Haven field hockey stands 1-0, after their first non-conference game of the season. The Chargers will take the field again on Friday against the Shippensburg Raiders at Robb Sports Complex. The match will start at 3 p.m. For more information please visit [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).



#7 Kat Trammel and #4 Abby Nixon celebrating win against AIC, West Haven, Sept. 5, 2024.

Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Amir Phelnetto .

## Women’s Tennis sweeps Franklin Pierce, 7-0, in home opener

BY MIKAELA MOTZ  
Sports Editor

The Chargers women’s tennis team dominated the Franklin Pierce Ravens, 7-0, in their opening match last week. With a strong team performance from the start, there were a total of nine matches, three doubles, and six singles, in which the Chargers shut out the Ravens.

Junior Valentinna Ferrarini said the team has high expectations they can bring home the conference title and they have been practicing hard to arrive with the confidence they had during their match.

“Yesterday was a great win against a strong team that made us all believe that it is possible to fight for the title,” said Ferrarini. “I am personally super happy with this team, and I believe that every single girl will make the difference.”

The first pair of doubles included Ferrarini and se-

nior Karim Carreras, who won their match, 6-3. Then came freshman Victoria Togores and senior Risako Umekuni. With a closer game on the line, the pair won their match 6-4 and secured the win for New Haven. In the final doubles match, new faces to the blue and gold, freshmen Leni Bischof and Laura Ortner finished their match, 6-2, over the Ravens.

In the singles matches, New Haven had an all-around victory. Ferrarini secured the first singles win against Franklin Pierce’s Aynara Ferraz. In the first set, Ferrarini won 6-4 and then shut out the second set winning 6-0. Competing in the second singles match, Carreras won the first set, 7-5, and the second, 6-0, and added another win for the Chargers. In the third singles, Umekuni won the first set, 6-3, and finished the second set with a score of 6-2.

In the fourth singles, Togores went against

Franklin Pierce’s Maria Paz Diaz, nearly sweeping the match. Togores shut out the first set, 6-0, and finished the second set, 6-1. Ortner secured another point for New Haven in the fifth singles as she won the first set 7-5 and finished the match, 6-2, in the second.

Returning sophomore Agustina Rivera played the final singles match against

the Raven’s Ana Munoz, won the first set 6-2, and finished the final set of the day 6-2.

“As the season progresses, I hope that we keep the good attitude and the energy to keep fighting,” said Ferrarini. “As it evolves, we will gain rhythm and timing that will help all of us to play even better.”

New Haven’s win over Franklin Pierce leaves

them at a 1-0 record overall and in conference play for the 2024-25 season.

The Chargers will take the court again on Wednesday as they travel to Molloy University to take on the Lions. The first serve is scheduled for 2 p.m. at Hempstead Lake State Park. For more information, please visit [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).



Risako Umekuni against Franklin Pierce, West Haven, Sept. 6, 2024.

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## Men's soccer dominates Holy Family, 4-0, in home season opener

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The New Haven Chargers took on Holy Family University on Friday, Sept. 5 at Kathy Zolad Stadium. With a strong offensive start, the Chargers took a spectacular win over the Tigers, ending with a score of 4-0.

Four different players contributed to the win against Holy Family, led by midfielder Adam Lindstrom. Anthony David set up an assist leading Lindstrom to put the ball in the back of the net and get the Chargers on the scoreboard. In the first half, the Tigers attempted to score a total of 8 shots, two of which were saved by New Haven goalkeeper Mattia Palanca.

Entering halftime, New Haven held a 1-0 lead

against Holy Family. In the 66th minute of the game, forward Mattia Maiello scored another goal for the Chargers. Within five minutes of Maeillo's goal, Albert Portas took the ball down the line and made a cross into the box, assisting defender David Rosen to rack the score to 3-0 after heading the ball into the back of the net. To seal their dominance in the second half, striker Pau Santanach scored the final goal of the game assisted by Deni Iljazi.

New Haven finished the game with a total of 14 shots, while Holy Family ended with a total of 10. The Chargers also had a striking 18 foul count, as the Tigers had 8.

The Chargers will be back in action on Sunday, Sept. 8 against Dominican Uni-

versity at the Kathy Zolad Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m. as New Haven fights to stay in

the win column. For more information, please visit [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).



Albert Porqueras pushes the ball against Holy Family, West Haven, Sept. 5, 2024.  
Photo courtesy of Charger Bulletin/Drew Archer.

## Women's Soccer falls short at Opening Tournament

BY MIKAELA MOTZ  
Sports Editor

The New Haven women's soccer team traveled to the Georgian Court University Lions opening tournament this weekend for their season opening games.

In their first game Thursday, the Chargers faced the Jefferson University Rams. Despite a strong defensive fight, the Chargers fell 3-0.

The Rams put the Chargers to the test as Jefferson had a total of 9 shot attempts in the first half. Three of these attempts were saved by New Haven's goalkeeper, Caitlin Daley, who finished the game with six saves during 90 minutes of play. The Chargers countered with only three attempted shots of their own, unable to make it past Jefferson's goalie, Liv Riddel.

Freshman Grace Simpson contributed to two of the three attempted shots, and the other attempt was by freshman Layla Coppola. The Chargers and the Rams stood neck and neck entering halftime with a score of 0-0.

After the intermission, the Rams came out strong, and put the Chargers to the test defensively. Nearly ten minutes into the second half, Jefferson scored two goals back-to-back, and put New Haven in a deficit. Hoping to get on the board, Riley Drosopoulos had an attempted shot toward the bottom center, but couldn't make it past Riddel.

Adding to their advantage, Jefferson's Avery Nogami scored the third and final goal of the game off a penalty kick. New Haven finished the game with 13 fouls, while Jeffer-

son trailed with eight.

Looking to get in the win column, the Chargers took the field again on Saturday to face the tournament hosts, the Georgian Court University (GCU). They held their defensive ground, but New Haven fell to GCU 2-0.

In the first period, both Chargers and Lions were unable to break through. New Haven had 2 attempted shots while GCU's 7 shots were shut out by New Haven's defense. Simpson led the Chargers with the first attempted shot of the game, followed by Antonia Henao. Heading into halftime, the Chargers and the Lions remained at 0-0.

Early in the second half, Coppola had an attempted shot, quickly followed by Emily Marco. Jefferson's goalkeeper, Delaine Wilkinson, saved both.

Following a yellow card on New Haven and a corner kick, the Lions saw an opportunity for a breakthrough as Seanna Boast assisted Corissa Robbins in the first goal of the game.

The final goal of the game for GCU came in the last ten minutes by Ashley Merizalde. The Lions had 14 attempts while New Haven trailed with 10. Daley finished the game with four saves at the goal and New Haven tallied up 11 fouls against GCU finishing with eight.

New Haven stands at 0-2 after their non-conference tournament games. The Chargers take the field again on Wednesday when they take on Felician University. The match is scheduled 1 p.m. at Tyron Field. For more information, visit [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).

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# New Haven comes up short against #1 Slippery Rock 7-22

BY ADAM SIGAL  
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On Saturday at a packed Miha-lik-Thompson Stadium in Butler County, Pennsylvania the New Haven Chargers were unable to start their season with a win.

Last season, the Chargers were 8-3 overall, and in the Northeast 10 Conference (NE10) they finished 6-1, and won the NE10 Championship.

But they aren't alone in having a great 2023 season as Slippery Rock went undefeated in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) with a perfect record of 7-0 in conference play and 11-0 on the season. Slippery Rock made a PSAC championship

game appearance, but took the loss against Kutztown University in that game.

The first quarter was filled with defense, and both teams were looking to build momentum. But both teams struggled to find a rhythm, until Slippery Rock quarterback Brayden Long found wide receiver Mike Solomon on an 8-yard pass out for the touchdown.

But then walk-on soccer player Blake Nicholas came out to kick the extra point, and ended up kicking the ball slightly wide to the right. After the score, both teams went back and forth on offense. The Chargers' running back Christopher Ais made his name known as he was find-

ing his stride throughout the quarter, and on the other side of the ball, Todd Hill made plays in the backfield that put pressure on the Chargers' passing and running game.

The second quarter saw more scoring. The Chargers were able to drive down the field with some big runs from their running backs Christopher Ais, Justin Felder and Zaon Laney. Unfortunately, they ended up being stopped, and went for a field goal, which kicker Josh Hamel missed.

The Chargers then got the ball back, and defensive back Eddie Faulkner IV blitzed Chargers quarterback Daelen Menard, stripped him, then grabbed the ball and returned it 38 yards

added to the scoreboard with an one-handed catch by wide receiver Kam Kruzelyak, which put the game 0-18 and then 0-19 after new kicker Jake Mullins made the extra point.

But for the Chargers weren't out of the fight yet. With 25 seconds left in the quarter, quarterback Daelen Menard connected with receiver Mikey Caines for a 35-yard touchdown, which brought the score to 19-7, after a made extra point by kicker Josh Hamel.

No one scored through the third quarter until the end, when Slippery Rock drove down the field after they forced a turnover on 4th down, and ended up getting a field goal, which made the score 22-7, the final score.

The Chargers struggled through the fourth quarter to get any momentum as they couldn't get anything done inside Slippery Rock territory.

Notable players included running back Christopher Ais, with 69 yards on the ground, and eight yards through the air; wide receiver Mikey Caines, with five receptions for 53 yards and a touchdown. For Slippery Rock, quarterback Brayden Long finished the game 123 QBR, with a completion percentage of 60%, as well as 129 yards and 2 TDs and no interceptions. The Chargers will face Pace on Friday. For more information, visit [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com)

# Women's Volleyball travels to Tampa Volleyball Classic

BY MIKAELA MOTZ  
Sports Editor

Over the weekend, New Haven volleyball traveled to Florida to compete in the Courtyard by Marriott Tampa Volleyball Classic. In the Chargers season opening games, they faced Hillsdale College, number two ranked in the country, University of Tampa, and Texas Woman's University.

Starting the tournament, the New Haven Chargers faced the Hillsdale College Chargers, falling short of a close game, 3-0.

In the first set, New Haven was leading the scoreboard until Hillsdale broke the tie at 10-10 and held the lead for the remainder of the set.

New Haven finished the first set with 10 kills, starting off from outside hitter Grace Juergens. Despite their strong offense, the New Haven Chargers fell 25-21 in the first set. The pair of Chargers went back and forth during the second set, ending with New Haven being at a deficit of 26-24. Hillsdale called the game as they won the final set 25-20. The New Haven Chargers finished with 29 kills, against Hillsdale's 37. Thirteen of these kills were assisted through New Haven's setter, Tori Borton.

Following their loss to Hillsdale College, the Charger prepared to take on the number two ranked team in the co-

untry, University of Tampa. Despite putting their all on the court, New Haven fell short 3-0.

New Haven started the first set with a two-point advantage and then went point for point until the Spartans secured the advantage, 25-19. In the second set, the Spartans went on a spree, gaining a twelve-point advantage over the Chargers, leading to a final score of 25-13. In the third set, the University of Tampa won 25-19. New Haven finished the game with a total of 28 kills, countered by Tampa's striking 43. Borton assisted 123 of these kills, while Juli DeAcharan added 11

assists of her own. The team finished with 13 errors overall.

To cap off the volleyball classic, the Chargers faced the Pioneers of Texas Woman's University. Unable to secure a comeback, New Haven fell short 3-1.

In the first set, the Chargers stood neck and neck with the Pioneers, and had a five point advantage until TWU made a comeback and took the set, 25-23. The second set was back and forth between the Chargers and Pioneers until a service error set New Haven back, 25-21. Setting themselves in a comeback position, the Chargers had eight kills and took the third

set 25-22. Unable to keep the rally going, the Chargers fell short to TCU in the fourth set, 25-18. New Haven had a total of 32 kills during the match, 10 aces, and 31 assists between Borton, DeAcharan, Naliah Grannell, and Payton Malinoski.

New Haven now stands at an overall record of 0-3 and is preparing for the Sandy Hoffman Memorial tournament in Waltham, Massachusetts. The first match is set for Friday as the Chargers will take on the Yellow Jackets of American International College. The first serve is scheduled for 2 p.m. at the Dana Center. For more information, visit [NewHavenChargers.com](http://NewHavenChargers.com).

# Advice from graduated seniors to the Class of 2028

What is one piece of advice you'd give to incoming freshmen in the fall?

- Sit down and create an academic plan so you are aware of what classes you need and when you need to take them.

• CAITLYN MCNALLY, FORENSIC SCIENCE



What is one piece of advice you'd give to incoming freshmen in the fall?

- It's not as scary as it seems. I promise if you try your best and make the most out of every moment you will enjoy your time here! You will get the energy that you put out.

• ASHLEY SULLIVAN, CRIMINAL JUSTICE

What is one piece of advice you'd give to incoming freshmen in the fall?

- Make sure to schedule your classes ahead of time

• JOSEPH OLIVEIRA, COMMUNICATION, FILM & MEDIA STUDIES, FILM PRODUCTION AND MEDIA ENTREPRENEURSHIP



What is one piece of advice you'd give to incoming freshmen in the fall?

Go to activities on campus and talk to as many people you can first year

-- SARAH SMITH, PSYCHOLOGY

What is one piece of advice you'd give to incoming freshmen in the fall?

- Seriously think about being, and staying, in the Forensic Science program, don't just stay because of Criminal Minds and SVU

• JAY HERNANDEZ, CRIMINAL JUSTICE



What is one piece of advice you'd give to incoming freshmen in the fall?

Although you might be homesick the first couple of weeks, even months, stick it out and I promise you it will get better. Get a good group of friends to lean on and spend time with.

-- PAIGE GARRETT, PSYCHOLOGY

What is one piece of advice you'd give to incoming freshmen in the fall?

- Don't just wait for opportunities to find you, go seek them out and do things even if it makes you scared!

• FAYTHE BOMBA, FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY



What is one piece of advice you'd give to incoming freshmen in the fall?

Reach out and get to know professors early. Don't be afraid to transfer if the school doesn't seem like a good fit for you.

-- RILEY ORTT, FORENSIC SCIENCE

What is one piece of advice you'd give to incoming freshmen in the fall?

- Just do it. Sometimes it's not worth the stress of an assignment to miss out on creating memories with friends

• EMILY BOGDANOWICZ, SPORTS MANAGEMENT



What is one piece of advice you'd give to incoming freshmen in the fall?

Manage your time wisely and get involved

-- ABIGAIL NIXON, NUTRITION SCIENCES