

## Urban League of Greater Hartford Honors Medical School Dean

*Presents Dr. Cato T. Laurencin With 2010 Community Service Award*

FARMINGTON, CONN. – The Urban League of Greater Hartford recently presented its 2010 Community Service Award to [Dr. Cato T. Laurencin](#), the University of Connecticut Health Center's vice president for health affairs and dean of its medical school.

“The UConn Health Center has become a strong and empowering presence in our greater community—far beyond the Farmington campus,” Laurencin says. “There are many ways that the Health Center's faculty, staff and students help our community every day.”

Laurencin, of Avon, cites several examples:

- **[UConn Health Network](#)**: “The bold new initiatives that are part of the UConn Health Network will, in partnership with regional hospitals and healthcare and educational organizations, address pressing healthcare needs including the shortage of primary care physicians and nurses; ongoing health disparities; and the need for advanced simulation training for all healthcare professionals.”
- **[Mentoring Futures Together](#)**: “This is a collaborative effort between the Health Center and several local advocacy groups to provide adult role models to children who have a parent in prison or on parole.”
- **[Health Career Opportunities Program](#)**: “One of the best success stories in the Health Center's history is our Health Career Opportunity Programs which for more than 20 years has developed innovative programs that reach out to talented students from middle school, high school, college and graduate levels and encourages them to pursue careers in medicine, dentistry and allied health.”
- **[The Helen I. Moorehead-Laurencin, M.D., Research Fellowship Fund](#)**: “This supports UConn School of Medicine students who have demonstrated academic achievement and are involved in conducting summer research projects. Our hope is to foster continued mentorship between students and established researchers and/or clinician researchers at the Health Center.”
- **Student-run clinics**: “We are enormously proud of our medical and dental students' interest and commitment to providing care to the most vulnerable patients in our area through projects like the [Outreach Clinic at the South Park Inn](#), service at free dental clinics and more.”



**High-resolution photo:** [http://today.uchc.edu/images/news/laurencin\\_profile.jpg](http://today.uchc.edu/images/news/laurencin_profile.jpg)

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The University of Connecticut Health Center includes the schools of medicine and dental medicine, the UConn Medical Group, University Dentists, and John Dempsey Hospital. Founded in 1961, the Health Center pursues a mission of providing outstanding health care education in an environment of exemplary patient care, research and public service. More information about the UConn Health Center is available at [www.uchc.edu](http://www.uchc.edu).

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