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Carmen Effron Named the Neag School of Education Alumni Board's 2024 Distinguished Alumna

STORRS, CT (March 28, 2024) – Carmen Effron has been named the 2024 Distinguished Alumna by the University of Connecticut's Neag School of Education Alumni Board. Effron was formally recognized at the Neag School's 26th annual Alumni Awards Celebration on Saturday, March 9, 2024.

Effron is the founder and president of C F Effron Company LLC, based in Fairfield County Connecticut. Focusing on the intersection of finance, banking, and insurance, C F Effron Company provides strategy, management consulting and customer experience research to numerous banks, credit unions, insurers, and reinsurers domestically and abroad. Before that, Effron was CEO of BankBoston Executive Benefits and president of BankBoston Insurance Agency (now Bank of America). Effron was also president of NatWest Bank's U.S. domestic insurance operations before their acquisition and worked in the European market with the American International Group's European Life Division and for the U.K. insurance subsidiary of the French company, Groupe des Assurance Nationale.

Last year's Distinguished Alumnus, Dean Emeritus Richard Schwab, commends her involvement with the Neag School's Board of Advocates since its inception: "Carmen has been instrumental in shaping its success, offering valuable insights and strategic guidance in fundraising and marketing efforts. Her unwavering dedication and passion for education have remained steadfast, evidenced by her establishing a scholarship in honor of her father."

A member of Neag School's Board of Advocates, Effron set up the Arminio Effron Scholarship Fund in 2007 to support undergraduate or graduate students in the Neag School's Integrated Bachelor's/Master's (IB/M) teacher education program. Effron's father, Kenneth Arminio, was a careerlong educator and Neag School alumnus. In 2011, Effron was inducted into the UConn School of Business Hall of Fame, one of 150 people honored to date out of 50,000 graduates. In 2013, she received the Connecticut Small Business Institute for Excellence in Commerce award.

“I am honored to celebrate Carmen as the 2024 Neag Distinguished Alumna. I’ve had the good fortune of volunteering with Carmen on several initiatives. As a fellow board member of the Neag Board of Advocates, I can attest to Carmen’s inspiring leadership of our Board and her commitment to expanding its membership,” says Crisanne Colgan.

Beyond education, Carmen’s volunteerism includes involvement with UConn’s Women and Philanthropy network. Colgan emphasizes Carmen’s worthiness for recognition as the 2024 Neag Distinguished Alumna, citing her multifaceted contributions.

Teri McCaslin, a Neag School of Education’s Board of Advocates member, praises Effron’s community impact and role model qualities. Effron inspires future leaders through her values and behavior, and she is committed to guiding them regardless of cultural or financial backgrounds. McCaslin highlights Effron’s resilience, work ethic, and intangible traits like respect and empathy.

“Carmen is a timeless advocate with a passion for UConn,” says McCaslin. “She embodies UConn’s core values and school spirit. Congrats to Carmen on this so well-deserved recognition.”

This award annually honors a graduate of UConn’s Neag School of Education who demonstrates excellence and has made significant contributions to their profession.

