



GRADUATION CELEBRATION

SPRING 2010

Friday, May 7 at 4:30 PM

Branford House, University of Connecticut at Avery Point

Excerpted text from graduation script:

Marc Frucht – BA English, minor Native American Studies

Will Marc Frucht please come forward?

We are so pleased to have students complete their requirements for graduation here at Avery Point, even if they are not finishing in Maritime, American or Coastal Studies. We consider these students to be “ours” regardless of the fact that they are not graduating directly from one of our four campus degree programs. This semester, only one of these students is joining us today, and we want to offer him our best wishes in his future plans.

Marc Frucht is completing a degree in English with a minor in Native American and Indigenous Studies.

Marc has waited a long time to graduate, but I'm glad he waited until Native American & Indigenous Studies programming arrived on campus. Whether querying Shakespeare's stereotypes of New World peoples, recording musicians at the national Native American Music Awards, tracking down Native collections in museums, or carving wampum beads by the ocean shore, Marc found, and built, connections in every lesson that reached far beyond the classroom. He exemplifies persistence, insight, and good humor. It was an honor to have him in my classroom.

Susan Lyons had this to say about Marc: “I had the great pleasure of working with Marc in my British Literature class last spring. Marc had been attending school since—oh—the early 80’s, before many of his cohort were born. In his long and varied undergraduate career, Marc has picked up lots of wisdom along with plenty of experience and just the right amount of attitude to make him seem always just slightly amused at what’s occurring around him. In my class, Marc could be counted on for the wry perspective, the insightful remark. He is a thoughtful and intelligent writer, who has had a major influence on Avery Point culture and community. I’m happy to see him graduate, but we’ll miss him.”

Congratulations.

*Text read by Dr. Margaret Bruchac, Native American & Indigenous Studies Coordinator
Degree awarded by Dr. Helen Rozwadowski, Interim Campus Director at Avery Point*