

## The Genius of Connecticut

As of December 2009 there are now two versions of the **GENIUS OF CONNECTICUT** on display in the Capitol. In the North lobby is the original plaster model that Randolph Rogers used in the casting of a bronze statue that once topped the dome. The newest addition to the Capitol is the bronze statue in the rotunda. It is hoped that this new *Genius* will crown the dome in the future.



The view from the *Genius'* future home

### STATUE OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS



I top the water fountain the legislators once used. Look for me outside the largest room in the Capitol.



Located by the entrances to the House Gallery are the plaster models used to carve the statues at the base of the Capitol dome. This one represents Education.

Can you find the missing dot? Look for it in the Rotunda.



Grapevines from our State Seal.

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### Capitol information & tours



### Welcome to the Connecticut State Capitol!

- The Capitol opened in 1878 after a six year construction.
- It was designed by Richard M. Upjohn in the High Victorian Gothic style.
- The Capitol was restored from 1979 to 1989. It is a National Historic Landmark.

**Come inside!**

**Take a look around and see what you can find.**

As you visit the State Capitol, be sure to look all around you. There are so many details — even many located up high.



The inside of the Capitol dome.

How many of these things can you find?

**THE STATE SEAL** — you'll see this all over the place. Find it in stained-glass windows, underneath the railings on the stairs, on carpeting, on doorknobs and even on door hinges!



**OWL**

Hint: There are four of us keeping an eye on a former governor. You can rub his shoes for good luck!

**State Hero  
Nathan Hale**



You need to fix that button Nathan!

Connecticut native Nathan Hale served as a spy during the Revolutionary War.

You can see his famous last words, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country", at the base of his statue. Be sure to take a closer look at the statue!



Neat shoes.

**State Heroine  
Prudence Crandall**

Fourth grade students from New Canaan Country School came up with the idea of a State Heroine. In 1998, fourth graders from Hubbell School in Bristol thought there should be a statue of Prudence at the Capitol. We welcomed Prudence and her student Sarah Harris in October of 2008.



We think it's great that our State Hero and Heroine were both educators ahead of their time.  
  
They believed in education for all.



**FOUNTAIN**

Legislators and their staff once filled buckets for their horses at this fountain. No, the horses didn't get to come into the building.