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Aidin Beslagic, a student from Wethersfield, assists in teaching the system. BELOW: Professor Osman Kilic holds class in the technology center.

## Quinnipiac unveils financial tech center

Facility contains 31 workstations to help build skills

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**HAMDEN** — The School of Business at Quinnipiac University has opened the first academic financial technology center in Connecticut.

School officials dedicated the new Terry W. Goodwin '67 Financial Technology Center Tuesday night.

The 1,500-square-foot center has 31 computer workstations loaded with software that allow students to access real-time financial data, practice analytical finance methods, conduct trading simulations, analyze economic databases and develop financial models.

"The center will bridge the gap between theory and practice," said Osman Kilic, associate professor of finance and executive director of the center.

Kilic said students will learn financial technology skills similar to those taught by Wall Street firms to stockbrokers and financial analysts.

The center has data feeds for financial news and research from several major news organizations. The workstations each have two flat-panel monitors.

Kilic said started teaching in



the center three weeks ago, and the students have reacted positively.

"They are so excited. We are teaching them something new," he said.

The center is named after Terry W. Goodwin, a 1967 Quinnipiac graduate who recently retired after a 35-year career on Wall Street. He is vice chairman of the university's board of trustees and an advisor to the business school.

"It's a tremendous honor," said Goodwin, who retired as vice president and manager of equity trading at Goldman Sachs Asset Management Corp.

"It gives our students the latest and most state-of-the-art training facility, to see exactly how Wall Street operates in a live environment."

Goodwin said eventually the center may be utilized by non-business students interested in learning more about finance.

Professors are currently teaching seven undergraduate and two graduate courses in the center.

"This is a resource unmatched by any business school in the state," said Mark Thompson, dean of the School of Business.

Other business schools with

financial technology centers include Baruch College, Carnegie Mellon University, Columbia University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Pennsylvania.

"These schools have increased enrollment in their business disciplines, upgraded their student selection profile and attained national recognition for their commitment to quality business management education," Thompson said.

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