



The Currents

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"Life is not a having and a getting, but a being and a becoming."
-Matthew Arnold

University of Connecticut

Department of Student Activities

Check out this week's announcements !!!

Fall 2007 Involvement Fair

Thank you to all the organizations who participated in the Fall Involvement Fair! It was a very successful event and brought over 4,000 students! We hope that your organizations were able to recruit many new members. We look forward to the Spring 2008 Involvement Fair on January 30th 2008. Please look for announcements about when registration will begin. Thanks again and good luck in the upcoming year!

Undergraduate Student Government Funding Board- Remaining Funding Sessions For the Month

Monday, September 24
Application deadlines are Monday one week prior to the funding session (unless otherwise noted). Online application system at <http://usg.uconn.edu>



Check out the Student Organization Center

The Student Organization Center is a support center where your organizations can meet their organizational needs such as photocopying, meeting space, storage units, and mailboxes. The SOC is located in the Student Union, Room 218 and is open from Monday- Thursday 11a.m.-11p.m., Friday 11a.m.- 7p.m., Saturday and Sunday 12p.m.-7p.m. For more information please e-mail info@usg.uconn.edu or call USG at (860)486-3708.

Student Organization Mail Pickup

Just a quick reminder- Please pick up your mail in the Student Organization Center, Student Union-Room 218.

Featured Student Organization: Alternative Breaks

Community Outreach Alternative Breaks provide an extraordinary volunteer experience for students. Groups of volunteers learn about different social justice and human rights



issues such as homelessness, HIV/AIDS, healthcare issues, women and politics, and hurricane relief. These educated and dedicated students are then

SOLID Supports Student Organization Leaders!

SOLID is the Student Organization Leaders Intentional Development program. This program is a new initiative intended to ensure that student organization leaders are properly equipped with the resources needed to lead their groups successfully!

The goals of SOLID are to:

- help your student organizations achieve its goals
- develop leadership knowledge and skills
- ensure awareness of university policies and resources
- promote responsibility, respect, and positive experiences through student organizations



Student organizations wishing to be recognized by the University will be required to elect which TIER their organization belongs to, and communicate this to the Student Activities Involvement Office. To make an informed choice, you should familiarize yourself with the different tiers and what benefits are associated with each tier. Explore the "3 Tier System" on our website: <http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/solid.html>! Then, your organizations' officers simply attend SOLID training workshops relative to your elected Tier (I, II, or III). Upon completion of all of the required training workshops, your organization will be officially registered with the Student Activities Office and prepared with an increased awareness of important University policies, procedures, resources, and more! For more information about the requirements and benefits of each tier, visit the SOLID website: <http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/solid.html>.

Don't miss the SOLID Deadline!

Attendance at the SOLID workshops has been growing and feedback from student leaders is positive! Student organizations have until September 17th to complete the requirements for a Tier I or Tier II organization before their privileges are suspended. Groups who don't complete the requirements for a tier by that date may be prevented from enjoying the benefits of being fully recognized as a Tier I or Tier II organization until the requirements are met. Student leaders can view their organization's status at www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/docs/solid/SOLID_OrganizationStatus.pdf or contact the Involvement Office at 860.486.6588 (Student Union 302). Complete information about SOLID can be found at www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/SOLID. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming workshop!

The Jar Campaign

The Jar Campaign is a collaboration between Dining Services, the Office of Community Outreach, and various University of Connecticut Student Organizations in order to raise funds for various charities. Each month spare change is collected through donation boxes located in all of the UC café's throughout campus. At the end of the month, all of the change is then donated to the sponsored charity. Community Outreach is currently looking for student organizations to partner with. This is a quick and easy way to donate a substantial amount of money to a charity of your

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students are then immersed in communities around the country where they partake in daily direct service for a week or weekend. For the 2007-2008 school year, they will be hosting 10 trips to the Gulf Coast, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., New York City, Boston and more. The vision of the Alternative Breaks movement is to create active citizens who place the community as a priority in their lives. Students can apply for one of UConn's life-altering trips at www.volunteer.uconn.edu.

Deadline for the next issue of *The Currents*

The next issue of *The Currents* will be sent out on Friday, September 14th. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Connie at student0516@ad.uconn.edu by noon on Thursday, September 13th.

choice. Please contact Kevin Mabry at kevin.mabry@uconn.edu in order to get more information on applying to sponsor a charity of the month.

Showcase Your Organization!

The Currents will be highlighting student organizations in the "Featured Organization" section appearing in the every issue. This section will include information about the organization's mission statement, goals, members, upcoming events, honors, awards, updates, and any photos. If you would like to feature your organization in *The Currents* please send information to student0516@ad.uconn.edu.

Featured Student Organization Advisor of the Week

Think your advisor is doing a great job? Want to thank him/her for all of their hard work and dedication? Well then feature your advisor in *The Currents*!!! It's easy, just e-mail student0516@ad.uconn.edu with you advisor's email address and name. Your advisor will be sent an e-mail stating that he/she has been nominated to be the Featured Student Organization Advisor of the Week. The e-mail will include a quick questionnaire that the Advisor can fill out and email back. It's a quick simple way to say Thanks and recognize your advisor.