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“The self is not something ready-made, but something in continuous formation through choice of action.”
John Dewey

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Check out this week's announcements !!!

Funding from USG!

A portion of your Student Activity Fee is allocated to the Undergraduate Student Government to give financial support to student organizations. In short, USG is using money allocated from students to be used for students. Any Registered Tier II organization can apply to USG for that money, so long as it conforms to the USG Funding Guidelines and any State or University policy. Please contact USG for more information regarding their funding policies or procedures. To apply for funding from the USG, your organization **must** be a Registered SOLID Tier II Organization and your COO or CFO must attend a **USG Informational Session** once per academic year.

Fall 2008 Funding Sessions will be:

- Monday, September 8th
- Monday, September 22nd
- Monday, October 6th
- Monday, October 20th
- Monday, November 3rd
- Monday, November 17th
- Monday, December 1st

Funding packets are always due one week before the session. All sessions are at 6pm in SU 324.
Feel free to contact the Funding Board Chairperson or the USG Office with any questions at 860-486-3708 or email at info@usg.uconn.edu.

Discover Your Leadership Potential!



The Discovery Leadership Series is open to all students who want to begin their leadership journey. Participation in the program will be open to all students with little to no previous experience with leadership roles at the University. This program will encourage students to explore and develop their leadership skills through a series of workshops and events. Participants in the program will receive an intentional introduction to the University, its values, and structures along with the opportunity to explore, define and develop personal values. Participants will also be introduced to the basic concepts and principles of leadership and encouraged to take an active role in positively influencing the University community. Students who complete the program will receive a certificate of completion. More information, nominations and registration can be found by visiting www.leadership.uconn.edu.

Showcase Your Organization or Advisor!

The Currents will be highlighting student organizations and advisors. If you would like to feature your organization in The Currents please send information, such as mission statement, goals, upcoming events, and any pictures to student0785@ad.uconn.edu. If you would like to feature your advisor, e-mail your advisors name to student0785@ad.uconn.edu.

Deadline for the next issue of The Currents

The third issue of the Fall 2008 semester will be released on September 12, 2008. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Andrea at student0785@ad.uconn.edu.

The Student Organization Center (SOC)!

The SOC is located in SU Room 218. They are open Monday-Thursday 11am-11pm, Friday 11am-7pm, and Saturday & Sunday from 12 noon-7pm. What can the SOC do for you? The SOC gives your group a place to make free photocopies (up to 200 per event, then 0.5¢ per page after that), meeting space, storage units, and mailboxes for your organization. (Mail was delivered during the summer months, please check your mailboxes). For more information, please email info@usg.uconn.edu or call USG at 860-486-3708

Get to Know an Organization: Air Force ROTC Drill Team!

You may have seen the Air Force ROTC Det. 115's Drill Team presenting the American flag before a basketball or football game. They compete in drill competitions; do color guards for sports games and other special events such as retirement ceremonies and dedications. Most recently, they did the color guard for Connecticut Day at the Boston Red Sox game on Sunday August 31, 2008 against the Chicago White Sox! According to Andrew Duguay, "it was an amazing event and was most definitely the highlight of my Drill Team tenure. Our day consisted of driving up to Boston, presenting the colors for the National Anthem, and then being able to watch the entire game for free! We got to walk around the bowels of Fenway Park and even walk onto the playing field. We were surrounded by baseball stars during the practice before the game. It was very cool to be a few yards away from Dustin Pedroia, Alex Cora, and Tim Wakefield. Once the National Anthem began to play, 40,000 sets of eyes came onto us, the focal point; not to mention the millions of Viewers on TV. How else to describe it other than awesome?." Unfortunately, the Boston Red Sox lost that particular game, but not after an energetic rally in the 9th inning. While this is not all that the Drill Team does, it is just a mere glimpse at the wonderful opportunities in which they participate. If you're interested in this group, please contact Andrea Duguay at andrea.duguay@uconn.edu



Raise Money for the Cancer Research!

The V-Foundation for Cancer Research is an organization trying to find the cure for cancer. This organization supports cancer research through education and philanthropy. In order to help this great cause, the Delta Chi Fraternity will be hosting the Pudding Tug O' War on Friday September 12th on Dow Field at 2pm. Registration is from the 4th to the 11th in the Student Union and also from 1-2pm Friday the 12th. The event will start at 2pm and run until there is a winner. Teams are made of 6 and it is \$30 a team. Anyone can participate or come and watch for free! There will be raffles and great prizes for the winner. Vitaminwater and 180 Energy Drink are the sponsors of this great and fun event. All proceeds will go to the V foundation Cancer Research. For more information, please visit <http://www.jimmyv.org/events/events.cfm?eid=472>. Come support this fantastic fund-raising event!

Tip of the Week: Enhancing Participation

As you're building up an organization, of course you want students to get involved! It helped them take ownership and feel like they're part of something worthwhile. So, consider a few different ways that you can enhance students' involvement:

Recognize talent: If you hear that someone is creative, ask them to help with advertising. They'll likely be happy that you know about her talents and that you think she can contribute.

Use activities: Icebreakers can be a great way to get people more comfortable and willing to engage.

Ask for Opinions: This is a good way to hear from those passive participators. See what insights they may have gleaned from their observations.

Look beyond the obvious: The enthusiastic "sure-I'll-help-you-sell-tickets-for-an-event!" students are easy to spot—and easy to love. Yet, if you look beyond these obvious helpers, you'll also find a wealth of talents. For instance, take someone's interest in the environment and ask for their help in developing a more sustainable, environmentally conscious organization office.

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