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“Leaders aren’t born, they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work..”

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Check out this week’s announcements !!!

Upcoming USG Funding Session:

Monday, October 6th

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.

****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.

Straight from the Source:

USG is hosting this event on Tuesday, September 30th in the Student Union Ballroom from 7-9 p.m. Straight from the Source is a monthly town-hall style meeting where students can come with questions and concerns and have them directly addressed by administrators. USG will be joined by administrators like Lee Williams, Dean of Students, Barry Feldman, Chief Operating Officer, Veronica Makowski, the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Denise Beal from Dining Services and John Saddlemire, the Vice President for Student Affairs. This is a great opportunity to dispel the rumors heard around campus about the administration of our University. This is a great event to attend and get the answers you want and deserve! If you have any questions, please contact the USG office at (860) 486-3708 or by email at info@usg.uconn.edu.



Advertise in the SU Theatre!

If your organization would like to put a slide on the screen in the SU theatre, please follow these steps:

Step 1: Review the SU Theatre Advertising Rules on the website:

http://www.subog.uconn.edu/theatre_ad_form.html

Step 2: Use our PowerPoint template to create your ad

Step 3: Save the ad to your computer

Step 4: Email the ad to Anna Milot with the following information:

- Your Name
- Name of Organization
- Phone Number
- Dates to run ad
- Describe your ad and it's purpose

Play Musical Chairs for Charity!



The Painted Turtle

a Hole in the Wall Camp

On Saturday, September 27th, Delta Zeta will be hosting the 2nd Annual Musical Chairs Challenge! This classic game event will be at the Husky Village Basketball Courts (with rain-date Sunday Sept. 28th) at 1 p.m. There is only a \$50 registration fee per organization, and ALL of the proceeds will be donated to The Painted Turtle, summer camp located near Los Angeles, California. The Painted Turtle camps have been life-changing experiences for children with serious illnesses for years. If you'd like to sign up your organization or would like more information, please contact Brittany Osbon at brittany.osbon@uconn.edu.

Deadline for the next issue of The Currents

The sixth issue of the Fall 2008 semester will be released on October 3, 2008. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Andrea at student0785@ad.uconn.edu by next Thursday.

Coins for a Cause!

The Coins for a Cause campaign is a collaboration between Community Outreach, Dining Services, and interested UConn student groups. This campaign looks to fundraise for non-profit groups by collecting change at donation boxes in all of the UC cafés on campus. These are sent to the designated nonprofits at the end of the campaign. Community Outreach is currently looking to partner with student organizations for the Fall '08 and Spring '09 semesters. This is a quick and easy way to donate a substantial amount of money to a charity of your choice. Please contact Olafemi Hunter at student0840@ad.uconn.edu in order to get more information on requirements and applying to sponsor a charity for the month.



Student Org Advisor Luncheons!

The first Student Organization Advisor Luncheon of the academic year on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at Noon in the Student Union! The Office of Student Involvement will hold a series of monthly luncheons this year, each containing a different “hot topic” for discussion. This month, the luncheon will focus on an overview of the Student Organization Advisor Resources and Support (S.O.A.R.S.) Program, important student activities policies, and a reflective exploration of what being an advisor means to you.

If you plan to attend our first luncheon, please feel free to e-mail Heather.Strunk@uconn.edu by Friday October 3rd. Please observe the luncheon details below. Thank you and hope to see you there!

“S.O.A.R.S. Welcome Luncheon”

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

12pm-1pm

Student Union Room 304A

RS.V.P. to Heather.Strunk@uconn.edu

Tip of the Week: Motivate the Masses

There are a variety of ways to motivate the masses! Here are a few for starters:

- **Approach activities as if they are required.** Phrases such as “We need to...” or “In order to be successful, we have to...” or “This is the time when we...” may imply that holding back just isn’t an option. This motivator can work particularly well with the more mundane parts of meetings such as signing up to work events or projects.
- **Be the most positive person in the room and it will rub off!** If you love something, chances are that others will, too. Remember, in some ways you are a salesperson, selling your group’s mission and/or vision. And nothing is quite as motivational as someone who is obviously excited and positive about the work that he or she does!
- **Care.** Nothing takes the place of caring. If you are concerned about someone, take that person aside and talk with them. Once an open, honest exchange takes place, the student is bound to realize that you really do care. And, as a result, he may become more connected to the organization through his connection with you.
- **Approach fun activities with enthusiasm.** Even if you have done the same icebreaker already or you’re sitting through the same program again, get excited! This will impact others and motivate them to have a good time as well.
- **Get them involved!** Nothing is as motivational as the pride and sense of ownership that results when you are directly involved.

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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.