



# The Currents

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*"To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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## Check out this week's announcements !!!

### Upcoming USG Funding Session:

**Monday, October 20, 2008**

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](mailto:info@usg.uconn.edu).

### Showcase Your Advisor!

Does your organization have an exceptional advisor? A great way to thank them is to feature them here! *The Currents* will be highlighting student organization advisors. If you would like to feature your advisor, please e-mail your advisors name to [student0785@ad.uconn.edu](mailto:student0785@ad.uconn.edu).

### Looking for Exceptional Student Leaders!

The University is proud to invite faculty and staff to recognize and nominate outstanding students who have demonstrated



academic commitment, exceptional character, contribution to the community, and an overall level of extraordinary personal achievement as candidates for the **2009 Leadership Legacy Experience**. Nominations are being accepted now through October 31, 2008, and you are encouraged to recognize and nominate one or two of your most outstanding undergraduate students today! The Leadership Legacy Experience is a year-long **leadership enhancement program** that is immersive, comprehensive, substantive, and builds on students' legacies as leaders while helping them prepare for lives of commitment and contribution beyond graduation. Past experiences have included special **guest speakers, outdoor adventures, outreach/mentoring opportunities** and much more! The 2009 Leadership Legacy Experience cohort will begin their experience in January, 2009. For more information about this exciting leadership experience and to obtain information/nomination material, please visit [www.leadership.uconn.edu](http://www.leadership.uconn.edu) and click on "Legacy Experience" on the left.

### Be an Orientation Leader—Summer 2009!

The Office of Orientation Services is currently looking to hire Orientation leaders for summer 2009. Orientation leaders serve as the first point of contact for new undergraduate students and their families and help them make the transition to UConn a positive and smooth one. To apply, you must be at least a 2nd semester student by Spring 2009 with a minimum 2.0 GPA and not on Academic/Disciplinary Probation. All interested applicants are required to attend a 45 minute information session to pick up an application. 19 selected students will work from Monday May 11 – Saturday July 11, 2009, and will enroll in EDLR 282-01: "The College Freshman" for 3 credits in the spring semester. All questions concerning these job positions should be referred to Maria A. Sedotti, Coordinator Orientation Services at 860-486-4866 or [maria.sedotti@uconn.edu](mailto:maria.sedotti@uconn.edu)

### Deadline for the next issue of The Currents

The next issue of the Fall 2008 semester will be released on October 17, 2008. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Andrea at [student0785@ad.uconn.edu](mailto:student0785@ad.uconn.edu) by next Thursday.

### Become a Peer Leadership Instructor!

Experienced student leaders are invited to apply to become a Peer Leadership Instructor (PLI) for this Spring (2009). Peer Leadership Instructors have the unique opportunity to co-facilitate a 1-credit INTD Leadership Seminar course! They also enroll in a 3-credit course that will train them on relevant theories and principles of leadership as well as techniques for effective facilitation. *This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and experience as veteran student leaders with first and second year students and at the same time gain valuable experience.* APPLY TODAY! The PLI Application is available online: [www.leadership.uconn.edu](http://www.leadership.uconn.edu) (click on "Peer Leadership Instructors") or pick up a copy in the Involvement Office in Student Union Room 302. Applications are due by October 31<sup>st</sup>! Contact [Marisa.Sullivan@uconn.edu](mailto:Marisa.Sullivan@uconn.edu) with questions.



**The Rock is Back!** You may have noticed a rock sitting at the corner of North Hillside Road and Alumni Drive. The rock is to be painted by individuals and student organizations. It was first painted in the 1940s and became a coveted tradition among students. The original rock was removed for construction of the Life Sciences building in 1958, but a portion of it was relocated to North Hillside Drive where it was painted for the next 40 years, then moved to storage after the UConn 200 construction project. During Homecoming, The Rock will officially be welcomed back to campus with a special ceremony. This is a time to learn more about this tradition, hear stories of its past, and paint The Rock. The Rock Ceremony will be on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-4:30pm at the corner of North Hillside Road and Alumni Drive. After the ceremony, all are invited to the Alumni Center for hot chocolate.

### Advisor of the Week: Miguel Colon

Miguel A. Colón advises the UConn Habitat for Humanity group, a great program that builds houses for the less fortunate. His view on campus involvement and leadership's influence on student success is that campus involvement and leadership are vital to the student's success. This is because he/she will learn skills that can be applied to anything in life. He enjoys connecting with the students on a regular basis, and he believes that the most rewarding part of being an advisor is seeing how the students grow over time. He would tell people thinking of becoming an advisor that if you have the time it is worth becoming an advisor and working with students at a different level.



### Tip of the Week: Put Your Best Foot Forward

Students will be looking to you for cues regarding what its acceptable behavior on your particular campus. They'll be watching your actions and how you interact with others. So, here are some things to consider as you put your best foot forward.

- **Attitude:** Are you approachable? Do you have a positive attitude toward your school and position?
- **Body Language:** Do your postures and gestures match what your words are trying to convey? Is your body language open or closed off?
- **Appropriate Messages:** Are your messages delivered in a proper tone, and with appropriate, not derogatory humor? Do any jokes poke fun at an ethnicity, group or gender? Do you tell "tall tales" to get easy laughs?
- **Confident Decision-Making:** Do you make decisions with ease? Do you come across as confident?
- **Questionable Behaviors:** When you engage in a questionable behavior, you not only impact your own reputations but that of student leaders in general.
- **Loyalty:** Do you ever sell out your advisor or a fellow group member in order to make yourself look good? Sometimes this comes across as disloyal and a bit self-serving.
- **Respect:** Do you make a point to treat others respectfully?
- **Communication Style:** Do you go directly to the source when you have a problem or do you talk around it, with people who shouldn't necessarily be involved? Is talking about people a form of small talk that you engage in?

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