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“Like success, failure is many things to many people. With positive mental attitude, failure is a learning experience, a rung on the ladder, a plateau at which to get your thoughts in order and prepare to try again.”

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Check out this week's announcements !!!

Upcoming USG Funding Session:

Monday, November 17, 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 6 p.m. 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.

HuskyTHON Pasta Dinner!

The Annual HuskyTHON Pasta Dinner is tonight, to celebrate the end of Dancer Week and 100 days until HuskyTHON! The entire campus community is invited for our campus' top philanthropy's annual event. This event will be held from 5-7 p.m. at St. Mark's. It will feature all-you-can-eat pasta for \$5! Please contact Executive Director Jessica Budnick at jessica.budnick@uconn.edu with questions or to get involved with HuskyTHON!



Relay for Life!

Relay For Life is an overnight on-campus walk put on by Colleges Against Cancer in April, complete with entertainment and activities throughout the night. Teams of 8-10 people make an individual goal of raising money for the American Cancer Society. Last year, the Relay had over 700 participants and raised over \$98,000! The Relay For Life Team Captains Rally will be on Tuesday, November 18th at 7pm in the Student Union room 304A. Colleges Against Cancer invites anyone who is interested in forming a team, joining a team, or volunteering at the Relay For Life to attend. At the meeting, team captain's packets with all the information about the Relay For Life at UConn will be distributed. Computers will also be available for people to sign up. The actual Relay will be held on April 17th and 18th, 2009 on the CLAS quad. Please visit <http://www.relayforlife.org/uconn> or email relayforlifeU-CONN@gmail.com for more information.

WorldFest2008!

We hope you can join us this year to celebrate and support our rich cultural diversity international community. *UConn Worldfest 2008* will include performances from the UConn Taiko, Albanian dance, Irish Step Dance, African Student Association dance, Italian Dance Group, UConn Surya, UConn BAILE, Laotian Dance Team, as well as a Cultural Fashion Show, and food and beverages that attendees can sample from around the world! There will be African, European, Latin American, Mediterranean, Caribbean, Asian, Middle Eastern, and American delights to enjoy. Many UConn international student food will have exhibits as well. This educational and fun event will be held on Saturday November 15th in the Student Union Ballroom, sponsored by the Department of International Services and Programs, the International Relations Association, the Student Union Board of Governors, and the Office of International Affairs. Worldfest 2008 will begin at noon and end at 5:00pm. Everyone is welcome! **Admission is free!** Dining Services student meal swipes and/or small fee will be charged for food and beverages. Please contact 486-3855 if you have any further questions.

Spring 2009 Involvement Fair! 1/28/09 from 3-8 p.m.

- 1) Request a table until December 4th at http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/inv_fair.html
 - 2) Complete all SOLID by December 19th
 - 3) Check your email!
- Email student0785@ad.uconn.edu with questions.

Deadline for the next issue of The Currents

The next issue of the Fall 2008 semester will be released on November 21, 2008. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Andrea at student0785@ad.uconn.edu by next Thursday.



Advisor of the Week: Maryann Morris

Maryann Morris, an Allied Health Sciences lecturer, is the advisor of the Allied Health Sciences Club. Maryann believes that being a student leader promotes student success and allows students to acquire important skills such

as team building and leadership skills. She loves being an advisor because it allows her to take on many roles. As an advisor, she is a preceptor, a supporter, and a resource. She says the most rewarding part of being an advisor is seeing the students do community service which in turn gives them a great learning experience. She also enjoys watching students achieve their goals. For anyone who's thinking about becoming an advisor, Maryann says that you need to set aside time for the students and be open to ideas. Keep up the great work, Maryann!

Showcase Your Advisor!

The Currents is looking to highlight exceptional advisors. If you would like to feature your advisor in *The Currents* please send your advisors name to student0785@ad.uconn.edu.

The Vagina Monologues!

The Women's Center is holding auditions for the 2008-2009 *The Vagina Monologues* and *A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer*. The auditions will be held on Tuesday, November 18th from 7-10 p.m. and on Wednesday, November 19th from 7-10 p.m. at the Women's Center, SU 421. *The Vagina Monologue's* auditions are open to female students of the University or students living as women. The auditions for *A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer* are open to BOTH male and female students. Please note that students wishing to audition can only audition for up to two monologues TOTAL. This is a really great opportunity to get members of your organization involved with a program involving sexual expression and the Women's Center! Please contact Mindy Brown at Mindy.Brown@uconn.edu for further information.

Career Services for Your Student Org!

Career Services is seeking to work more closely with clubs and organizations on career planning, decision-making, job search strategies and other activities related to career development. They hope to work with student leaders to develop an outreach program for clubs and organizations on campus. This program would provide career services and information about goals and current programming for student organizations. If interested, please take a few minutes to complete the very short survey at the link below. In doing so, you would be assisting in helping your club or organization in a more intentional way: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=zWTSe8k6_2fx013EQgMO1EUQ_3d_3d. Career Services appreciates your help! Please contact Career Services for more information at 860-486-3013.

Tip of the Week: Learning from Mistakes and Criticism

Constructive feedback can be difficult to hear and to give. Yet it is a gift given to help someone improve and become a better leader and person. And while success is nice, mistakes are often our best learning tools. Remember, no one learned to walk the first time they tried—there were many falls before they mastered that skill. Most people clearly remember the mistakes they made and what they learned from the experience. Stay open to the lessons they contain, as well as any criticism that may be thrown your way, by:

- Not taking it personally.
- Asking for clarification or examples.
- Thinking about what you can do to address the concern/mistake.
- Not letting one criticism taint all the positive things you do.
- Embracing mistakes.
- Refusing to turn around and assign blame.

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