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Check out this week's announcements !!!

2009 Student Life Awards: Nominations Open January 30th!!!

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to nominate fellow students, graduate assistants, advisors, student organizations, and other programs for one or more of the 2009 Student Life Awards. These awards have been developed to recognize student contribution to, and leadership of the University community and beyond. Many awards have been specifically designed to recognize the contributions of undergraduate students at the Storrs campus. The nomination process is simple! Provide the information about you and your nominee, step through the rest of the application, and then click submit! The nominee will be automatically notified of their nomination. **The deadline for nominations is February 27th.** Award recipients will be recognized during "Leadership Recognition Week" from April 13th–April 17th, 2009. The 2009 Student Life Awards will be on April 13th at 4:00 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. To find out more about the 2009 Student Life Awards and to make a nomination visit www.leadership.uconn.edu (click on 'Student Life Awards'). For more information please E-mail Elizabeth.Santos@uconn.edu.



SUBOG Elections Open! SUBOG is currently taking applications! Application deadlines are: February 6th for Executive Positions and February 20th for board positions. If you have questions about SUBOG please view their website at www.subog.uconn.edu. Those who would like an application, can pick them up in the programs office, SU room 204, or at this link [SUBOG 2009-2010 Application](#).

Advisor of the Week: Kimberly DUBY

Kimberly DUBY is a Program Assistant II in the Undergraduate Programs Office in the School of Engineering. She's the advisor of Phi Sigma Rho, which is a social engineering sorority. Kimberly believes that it is important for students to stay connected and to bond with their peers who may share a similar interest or goal. She says that campus involvement and leadership is a part of a student's full learning experience. Students will learn skills that they can take with them outside of UConn. Kimberly says that the best part of being an advisor is knowing she can make a difference to them as well as watching them develop into young adults. Her advice to anyone who is considering being a faculty advisor is "advising a student organization is a wonderful experience. I'm always learning something new and love that aspect."



Upcoming SOLID Workshops:

February 2, 2009—Secretary Workshop at 2 p.m. in SU 312

February 3, 2009—Organizational Financial Management at 11 a.m. in SU 312

February 4, 2009—Leading an Organization at 3 p.m. in SU 318

Former ACLU President Comes to Speak to Students!

Nadine Strossen, former American Civil Liberties Union President will be on campus on Thursday, February 5, 2009 to speak to students about civil liberties today. During the event, Nadine will discuss the current state of civil liberties in our country as well as specific implications of recent administrative and judicial decisions impacting constitutional law, civil liberties and international human rights. Possible areas to be addressed include, questions about abortion, affirmative action, the criminal justice system, the death penalty, freedom of speech and press, gay rights, racial justice, separation of church and state, voting rights, the War on Drugs and women's rights. Questions about abortion, affirmative action, the criminal justice system, the death penalty, freedom of speech and press, gay rights, racial justice, separation of church and state, voting rights, the War on Drugs and women's rights.



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 student0884@ad.uconn.edu.

Deadline for the next issue of The Currents

The next issue of the Spring 2009 semester will be released on Friday, February 6, 2009. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Michelle at student0884@ad.uconn.edu by Thursday, February 5, 2009.

PRLACC Presents Dr. Carlos Decena and Tierra Mestiza!

Dr. Carlos Decena, Professor from Rutgers University, will be giving a lecture to be followed by a performance from Tierra Mestiza. This exciting event will be held on Thursday, February 5 at the Benton Museum of Art from 4-7 p.m. This event is in conjunction with Benton Museum exhibit ¡Merengue! And is co-sponsored by CLACS, PRLS, and the Benton Museum.

Tip of the Week: The Preparation Process

Ready to put together an event? Here's a planning checklist:

- **Assess Students' Needs/Wants.** Instead of just putting on events that sound good to you, assess what's important and interesting to students. Survey them.
- **Budget.** Once you know your financial picture you can begin the planning process. Don't forget to plan for the unknown and set aside some emergency funds.
- **Figure the Format.** Is this going to be a panel discussion or a one-person performance? Know the flow so you can determine how long the event will last and what will go into it.
- **Publicize.** People need to know about your event! Spread the word through mediums that students tap into (i.e. Facebook, posters, flyers).
- **Manage Logistics.** Keep notes and stay organized. Keep a checklist for each event to help you handle the details.
- **Don't Scramble.** On the day/night of your event, build in enough time so you're not running back from class, with only 10 minutes to pull things together. Be there to greet speakers, and don't be afraid to ask for help.
- **Follow Up.** Write thank yous within 48 hours of an event. Keep the space clean.

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