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Check out this week's announcements !!!

Upcoming USG Funding Session:

Monday, February 9, 2009

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.

Or stop by the office (SU Room 219)

International Center Presents: Coffee Hour Series!

The schedule is Wednesdays from 2 - 4 p.m. at The International Center

- **February 11, 2009** - "Food Safety"
Presentation by: Cheryl Lebeau, R.S., C.F.S.P.
- **February 18, 2009** - "Where the Student Body Develops"
Presentation by: Jay Frain, Nigel Roberts & Sylvia Chan Dept. of Recreation Services
- **February 25, 2009** - "Public Safety"
Presentation by: Officer Ryba UConn Police Department

For information contact: laurie.tompkins@uconn.edu

UCC UConn hosts Valentine's Day fundraiser!

On February 14, 2009, UCC UConn will be hosting a Valentine's Day Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction to raise funds for their Alternative Spring Break trip to the New Orleans area where they will help with Hurricane Relief. The dinner is an elegant four-course meal, with the entree being your choice of either Surf & Turf or a Stuffed Portabella Mushroom. Seatings are at 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Students pay only \$15.00 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance as they will not be available at the door. The dinner will be at the Storrs Congregational Church in the Parish House & Auditorium. For more information or if you wish to order tickets, E-mail uccuconnasb@gmail.com or call **Richie at 860-427-2862**.

Advisor of the Week: LTC Christine Harvey

As a professor of Military Science in the Military Science Department, Christine is the advisor for the Nathan Hale Club. She believes that leadership opportunities are vital to student success because they provide the means through which to effectively communicate, coordinate, and execute group events. According to her, "campus involvement provides the framework for student groups to do that." She enjoys advising the group for the opportunity it provides to inspire and motivate, while developing a sense of pride in the student organization. The most rewarding part of being an advisor is watching students learn through experience and giving them praise for a job well-done. She sincerely recommends becoming an advisor, because watching the students learn from their mistakes makes her very proud of them.



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 student0886@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 13, 2009. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Michelle at student0884@ad.uconn.edu by Thursday, February 12, 2009.



2009 Student Life Awards: Nominations Open Now!!!

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.

Valentine's Day is coming! Got plans?

Enjoy Valentine's afternoon at the Benton Museum with your Valentine, family or friends. The Benton will be offering plenty of excitement for all students including:

- Meringue lessons with Latin dance instructor Oswaldo Tirano. Free of charge, 2 p.m.
- MERENGUE! VISUAL RHYTHMS, an incredible exhibition of art from the Dominican Republic. Free of charge, 1 p.m.
- Make your Valentine a special one-of-a-kind card, using our paper, glitter, stickers, fabric swatches, laces, and glue and your creative talent! This will be held at The Store at the Benton. Cost is \$3.50 per card.

These events are open to everyone!

V-Day Co-Sponsors Vagina Monologues.

Co-sponsored with the Women's Center and SUBOG, V-Day is bringing the Vagina Monologues to UConn! Opportunities to listen to these mind-blowing poems are: **Saturday, February 14 and Sunday, February 15 at 7 p.m.** It will be followed by a new show "A Monologue, A Rant and a Prayer: Writings to Stop Violence Against Women and Girls" on **Monday, February 16 at 7 p.m.** Tickets are \$10 for students and \$12 for non-students and can be purchased next week: Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Student Union or Wednesday and Thursday in the Women's Center. For more information about V-Day visit www.vday.org.

Tip of the Week: Shake It Up!

Routine can be comforting and familiar, yet it can also feel boring and rigid. While the thought of change can be intimidating, it can also elicit excitement and foster growth. It's a way to rejuvenate others while giving yourself a boost of energy too! To stretch yourself and be innovative...

- **Retool the Same Old Idea.** Think about how you can take the concept and reinterpret it in a new and different way.
- **Throw Out the Box.** Don't limit yourself by trying to stay within certain guidelines.
- **Be Original.** Start with a whole new vision rather than relying on what has been done in the past.
- **Brainstorm and Free Associate.** Throw out all ideas without evaluating the feasibility of them. Once you have a great idea, then mold it to meet your needs.
- **Get Online.** In this age of technology you have a vast resource at your fingertips. Check out what others are doing and adapt ideas to your community.
- **Dream.** Encourage each member of your group to write down something they think would be an amazing idea, no matter how crazy or wild, and turn them in. Then read through each idea and have the group expand on the concept or use it to foster new ideas and branch off from there.

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"I'd rather regret the things that I have done than the things that I have not done."

Lucille Ball

University of Connecticut

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