



# The Currents

A Newsletter for Student Organizations

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

### Upcoming USG Funding Session:

**Monday, March 16, 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 11 a.m. in SU 221.\*\***

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).

Or stop by the office (SU Room 219)

### ConnPIRG Needs Your Help!

ConnPIRG is currently seeking volunteers for the 25th annual Hunger Cleanup. On **Saturday, April 4, 2009** college students get together and volunteer for the day, helping out local homeless relief agencies. The cleanup is one of the largest national fundraising and community service events in the country! The cleanup raises money for the homeless through volunteer fundraising, and contributes to fix up homeless relief agencies. Last year ConnPIRG raised just over \$15,000. This semester they hope to raise \$20,000. All proceeds will be given to local shelters such as the Tri-Town Shelter in Vernon, which recently had over \$30,000 worth of water damage to its building. If you or your student group is interested in participating, please visit [www.hungercleanup.org](http://www.hungercleanup.org) to sign up or email them at [uconnpirg@gmail.com](mailto:uconnpirg@gmail.com) for more information.



### Featured Advisor of the Week: Stephanie Beron

Stephanie Beron, Program Assistant for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's Office, advises the Archery Club in her spare time. She believes that through campus involvement, students are able to gain experiential learning which creates a bond between students and the University. It also enhances personal and professional growth and promotes engagement in the college experience. Stephanie says that leadership also helps build a solid foundation for academic achievement. Stephanie mostly enjoys being available to provide support as well as seeing students succeed in navigating obstacles and overcoming them. She loves the opportunity to watch them achieve goals and create solutions. She says the most rewarding part of being an advisor is "having the opportunity to facilitate the growth and development of student leaders." Her advice to any other staff member and students who are considering becoming an advisor is "small contributions yield considerable benefits for advisors and students alike! It's a great way to connect with students and form a stronger connection to the University; an opportunity to continue learning while helping others. Why not?!"

### 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](mailto:student0886@ad.uconn.edu).



### Upcoming SOLID Workshops:

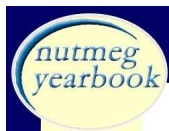
**CFO Workshop:** Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 3 p.m. in SU 321

**COO Workshop:** Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 10 a.m. in SU 318

**Secretary Workshop:** Friday, March 6, 2009 at 11 a.m. in SU 312

### SENIORS! Be a Part of UConn History!

Be in the Nutmeg Yearbook! Every senior receives a Nutmeg Yearbook at no cost in the fall following their graduation. Anyone graduating is welcome to sit for their FREE portrait to be included in the book!! The portrait sessions will be at the Alumni Center during the weeks of **March 2nd, March 16th and March 23rd**. Sign-ups are done online at [www.ouryear.com](http://www.ouryear.com), with School Code #269. The Nutmeg Yearbook will also be offering portrait sessions at the Second Annual Co-Op Grad Fair **Wednesday, March 25th and Thursday, March 26th**.



### Deadline for the next issue of *The Currents*

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

### EcoHusky Co-Sponsors 4th Annual Road Race

On **Sunday, April 5th, 2009** the EcoHusky student group and the Office of Environmental Policy will be hosting the 4th Annual EcoHusky 5k Road Race. The race begins promptly at 11:00 a.m., with registration between 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. Student registration is \$10, and non-student registration \$15 (\$20 after March 26th). The fee covers all race costs and includes an official race day T-shirt. This event is the primary fundraiser for the EcoHusky group and allows the organization to promote environmental education and support a wide variety of outreach efforts on campus. Just a few of these great events include RecycleMania, Earth Day Spring Fling, Mt. Sneaker (sneaker recycling demonstration), and Green Week. These efforts would not be possible without your support! Please visit our website at [www.ecohusky.uconn.edu/ecohusky5000.htm](http://www.ecohusky.uconn.edu/ecohusky5000.htm) and REGISTER TODAY! Pre-registration is now available!

### PanHellenic Council to Sponsor Fashion Show

The PanHellenic Council will be sponsoring its 2nd Annual PanHellenic Fashion Show featuring Ciao Bella Moda International. The show will be on **Saturday, February 28, 2009 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Student Union Ballroom. The admission fee is \$5. The show consists of two fashion shows and informal modeling throughout the day. Jewelry and other accessories will be available beginning at \$5. Proceeds from this event will benefit Dress for Success.

### 2009 Student Life Awards: Nominations!!!

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 5 p.m. today.** Award recipients will be recognized during "Leadership Recognition Week" from Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The 2009 Student Life Awards will be on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.leadership.uconn.edu) (click on 'Student Life Awards'). For more information please E-mail [Elizabeth.Santos@uconn.edu](mailto:Elizabeth.Santos@uconn.edu).



### The Opening Reception for Legacy and Spirit: Ten Years of Community!

Celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of the Rainbow Center at the Art and History exhibit on **Monday, March 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Student Union Art Gallery, in SU310. They will be showcasing artifacts and milestones of the center, the university and the community, as well as original pieces of art created by community members. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there. The Legacy and Spirit exhibit will be on display from the **Monday, March 2, 2009 to Thursday, March 19, 2009**.



### Hillel offers "Extreme Queen Makeover"

Hillel and Nordstrom present, Purim "Extreme Queen Makeover"! FREE makeovers with professional makeup artists from Nordstrom Department Store, including MAC, Estee Lauder, Clinique and Bobbi Brown products. Look like a queen on **Wednesday, March 4, 2009 from 1-4 p.m.** in the SU104. Food and drink will be available. There will be a gift with purchase of makeup, however purchase is optional. It is first come, first served.

### Tip of the Week: Determine Your Approach

A "cookie cutter" approach to presentations just won't hack it. Treating a group of seasoned leaders the same way you treat a group of new members can be disastrous. So, consider these few things as you get to know your audience and the presentation style that may work best for them.

- **Who are they and what are they expecting from this presentation?**  
If they're brimming with questions, they may feel stifled by sessions where information is just thrown at them. If they're less comfortable, listening to a talk before being expected to interact may work better.
- **What style is most comfortable for you?**  
You know yourself best. So, make sure your presentation style matches your comfort level while also meeting the needs of your audience. One without the other makes absolutely no sense.

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*"In a moment of decision the best thing you can do is the right thing. The worst thing you can do is nothing."*

Theodore Roosevelt

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