



The Currents

A Newsletter for Student Organizations

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Upcoming USG Funding Session:

Monday, March 23, 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.

Or stop by the office (SU Room 219)



Coffee Hour Series- March- April "Learn about the Cultural Centers"



Wednesdays from 2pm-4pm at The International Center, Student Union, Room 307
Presentations will take place between 2:30pm-3:30pm

March 25, 2009: "Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center" Presentation
Mayté C. Pérez-Franco, Ph.D. Director

April 1, 2009: "Asian American Cultural Center" Presentation
Shella Kukko, Asst. Director

April 8, 2009: "Women's Center" Presentation
Kathy Fischer, Associate Director

April 15, 2009: "African American Cultural Center" Presentation
Dr. Willena Kimpson Price, Director

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REMINDER CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Reserve Space at the Student Union

Requests for Meeting & Event Space for the
Entire 2009 - 2010 Academic Year
for Recognized Student Organizations Accepted

Beginning Monday, 3/30

Submit requests to:
Event Services - Student Union Room 106

For More Information Visit:
www.studentunion.uconn.edu/reservations



Featured Advisor of the Week: Bidya Ranjeet!

Bidya is the Director of Student Support services at the Center for Academic Programs. She is currently the advisor for the Nepali Student Association. Bidya says that campus involvement and leadership are very important to student success because studies show that students who are engaged in extracurricular activities are often successful in the classroom. Students learn vital skills such as: time management, communication, and leadership. Bidya says she most enjoys being able to meet and work with incoming Nepali students, as she too is from Nepal. She likes to observe how the Nepali-American identity has evolved in the 23 years that she's been at UConn. Bidya says that the most rewarding part of being an advisor is being able to see your students grow and develop into community leaders. She says that it is "satisfying to help students move their ideas into action and gain the ability to make good decisions." If you're considering being an advisor to a student organization on campus, Bidya says "do it; it is a rewarding experience. Becoming an advisor is an opportunity for you to work with students who share your interests and gives you the opportunity to genuinely know and see your students flourish.



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, March 27, 2009. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Michelle at student0884@ad.uconn.edu by Thursday, March 26, 2009.

HuskyTHON Now Accepting Director Applications!

Anyone interested in becoming a Director for HuskyTHON should submit their applications by **March 20, 2009**. Please visit www.huskython.uconn.edu for details on positions and to submit your application online. Positions are open to all undergraduate students, including those who are not a part of an organization. HuskyTHON is an 18 hour dance marathon benefiting Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford. For more information please E-mail Jessica Budnick at Jessica.budnick@gmail.com.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Presents a Special Screening of "Darius Goes West"

Sigma Alpha Epsilon will be holding a screening of a documentary called "Darius Goes West" in order to raise money and awareness for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a disease that attacks children between the ages of 2 to 6 at its earliest stages. Those diagnosed with this form of Muscular Dystrophy will not survive past their early 30s. This screening will be taking place on **Monday, March 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** in ITE C80.

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 week of **March 23rd**. Sign-ups are done online at 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**.



Tip of the Week: Things to Keep in Mind When discussing...

- **Family Situations.** Prepare for issues such as sibling rivalry, personal shortcomings, fierce family pride/love, cultural importance of extended families for some and not others, and single-parent families.
- **Eating Disorders.** Prepare for issues such as over-exercising, "traditional" disorders such as anorexia and bulimia, compulsive overeating, body image-related issues, etc.
- **Alcohol.** Prepare for issues such as secondary binge effects, blackouts, DUI, mixing alcohol with meds, self-medicating through alcohol abuse, Spring Break tales, denial, and concern for a friend who is "over doing it".
- **Diversity/Social Justice.** Prepare for issues such as self-identity struggles, socioeconomic factors, sexual orientation, ability, ethnicity, prejudice, coming to terms with what was learned from family members, divisions, connections, poverty, privilege, oppression, gender, awareness, religion and language.
- **Mental Health.** Prepare for issues such as anxiety disorders, suicidal friends, cutting and self-injury, depression, "what does it mean if...?" questions, how to get help, views on the counseling center, concerns about "breaking confidentiality" and knowing personal limitations as a helper.

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

Mother Teresa

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