



The Currents

A Newsletter for Student Organizations

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Check out this week's announcements !!!

Last USG Funding Session:

Monday, April 20, 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)

Get Ready, Get Set, Involvement Fair!

Does your organization want in the Involvement Fair? It's time to start preparing! In order to be accepted into the Involvement Fair, student groups will need to re-register. To re-register your organization, visit http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/inv_fair.html and fill out the form. The Student Activities website will not reflect the changes until July 1, 2009.



Reservations for the fall Involvement Fair have begun! Reservation requests must be received by **Friday, August 14, 2009 at 5 p.m.** to be considered. Any groups that have not completed their SOLID training will be waitlisted. All new executive officers need to complete their respective SOLID workshops by **Sunday, August 30, 2009** for their group to be allowed into the fair.

International Relations Associations Hosts Colin Powell's Chief of Staff Lecture!

International Relations Association is sponsoring Colonel Lawrence Wilkerson's Talk on **Wednesday, April 22, 2009** in the Dodd Center at **4:00 p.m.** Col. Lawrence Wilkerson had served as Chief of Staff to Colin Powell and was responsible for making the presentation used in the United Nations to defend the Iraq war. Currently, he is teaching at Georgetown University and is one of the biggest critics of the war. The topic for the event is "National Security State and the New President."

EcoHusky Sponsors: Give & Go Program!

The University of Connecticut is running a move-out program, "Give & Go." This program will capture gently used materials that would have otherwise been discarded by students vacating the residence halls and donate them to a range of local non-profit organizations and town agencies. In past years, the University has generated an additional 60-80 tons of solid waste during move-out week and this waste carries significant environmental impacts in addition to being socially irresponsible and wasteful. We're looking for lots of volunteers! Volunteers will be responsible for staffing collection locations during the program and logging in donations as they come. We need volunteers from **Tuesday, May 5, 2009 to Sunday, May 10, 2009 from 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.** Volunteer shifts are in two hour time blocks but we'd encourage you to consider volunteering for multiple blocks if you can! You can sign up to volunteer at: http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/co_csd_individual.php. If you are part of a group and group members would like to sign up together, please call **Gina DeVivo-Brassaw** at 486-2806. General inquiries can also be directed to **Jennifer Sayers** at 486-5773.

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"Synergy - the bonus that is achieved when things work together harmoniously."

Mark Twain

Fun Run Registration Now Online!

Club Sports Council will be hosting the 5th Annual Fun Run on **Sunday, May 3, 2009 from 10 a.m.—11 a.m.** Registration starts at **9 a.m.** in the Student Union Lobby. Costs include: \$10 for students; \$12 for non-students; and race day registration is \$15. Prizes will be given out to the first five male finishes and first five female finishers at 11 a.m. Proceeds will go to Gaylord Rehabilitation Center and Connecticut Sports Foundation. To register, visit <http://www.clubsports.uconn.edu/>.



Attention Chief Organization Officers!

You and your advisor are invited to the 2009 Student Organization Advisor Recognition Luncheon. The Department of Student Activities is hosting this luncheon for student organization advisors so please invite your organization's advisor to attend this as a way to recognize them for their dedication and support to your organization. The event will take place on **Wednesday, April 22, 2009 from 12 p.m.—1p.m.** in the Student Union Ballroom (Room 331). RSVP with your name, your advisor's name, and your organization's name to heather.strunk@uconn.edu **TODAY!**

David Mamet's "Oleanna" is coming to UConn!!!

"Oleanna" is a two-character play by David Mamet about the power struggle between a university professor and one of his female students who accuses him of sexual harassment. UConn Dramatic PAWS will be presenting this show today and **Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 7 p.m.** in the Konover Auditorium, Dodd Center. Tickets are \$5 at the door. For more information, contact director Josh Young at joshua.young@uconn.edu

Featured Advisor of the Week: Kari Adamsons

Kari is an Assistant Professor in the Human Development and Family Studies Department and she also serves as advisor to the Family Studies Undergraduate Committee. She says that campus involvement and leadership skills are critical for undergraduates that they can take with them into their careers and whichever personal paths they follow. Involvement creates an opportunity for students to identify interests they are passionate about and leadership skills come in handy no matter what you do in life. Kari particularly enjoys interacting with students, meeting new ones, and mentoring them. She feels the most rewarded as an advisor when she's able to mentor students and share the passion for helping children and families. Her advice to anyone considering an advisor position is, "take it on—it will be an incredibly rewarding experience for both you and your students".



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 advisor's 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, April 24, 2009**. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Michelle at student0884@ad.uconn.edu by **Thursday, April 23, 2009**.

Tip of the Week: Include Them & Embrace Them

- Want to offer your constituents some valuable experiences? Involve faculty and staff members to be part of your efforts.
- Consider faculty and staff at all levels, from maintenance to support staff to VPs to Hall Directors. Everyone has something to contribute, whether they realize it or not!
- Look beyond their role as "just faculty/staff members" and ask them what their hobbies and interests are. Encourage them to share these with students.
- Invite them into "student spaces" where they may never have been, such as residence halls, the dining hall and the campus pub, to help them feel more at ease.
- Ask them to meet with student leaders for an informal roundtable discussion.
- Invite them to be on a panel during a workshop.
- Encourage them to share a favorite game or icebreaker with your group.
- Understand that they're used to interacting with students one way and getting involved is encouraging them to step outside of their comfort zone.
- Work with your advisor to suggest faculty/staff who might present workshops. Tap into their specialties!
- Offer to assist faculty and staff members with some of their future projects in return for their involvement in your community.

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