



The Currents

A Newsletter for Student Organizations

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Check out this week's announcements !!!

Get Ready, Get Set, Involvement Fair!

The Involvement Fair is coming! On Wednesday, September 9, 2009, over 200 student groups will converge on the Student Union to recruit members for the upcoming year. The Involvement Fair is the prime time for student organizations to host a table and get the word out about their respective groups. Organizations who will be in at-

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tendance range from performance groups such as Capoeira to political groups like the UConn College Democrats and everything in between! Clubs should plan to set up at 2 p.m. and the fair will run until 8 p.m. Performances begin at 5 p.m. in the Student Union Lobby, so be sure to catch a glimpse. Some groups will have displays outside on Fairfield Way between the Student Union and the Business School. We'll see you on Wednesday!

Conversation Partners Needed!

The University of Connecticut American English Language Institute (UCAELI) seeks volunteers to act as conversation partners for our Intensive English Program! UCAELI has students who come from all different countries to study English. As part of their coursework they have conversation classes which volunteers join. During the session, volunteers are placed in small groups with students; instructors give topics for discussion or an activity and remain in the class to facilitate as needed. No advance preparation is needed, but volunteers should just be ready to talk and participate! Our Fall session will be held **Fridays from 10 - 11 a.m.** on the Storrs campus. Dates are **September 4 - December 11**. Volunteers are not required to commit to a full session. Come for one day or more! To register or for more information, please contact **Neena** at neena.kapoor@uconn.edu.

Homecoming 2009—Spoonful of Fun!!!

The first Homecoming Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 8, 2009** at 3:30 p.m. in Room 303. If you and/or your student organization is interested in participating in Homecoming, plan on attending this meeting. After September 8th, all meetings will take place on Mondays at 3 p.m. in room 303 on the following dates:

- September 14
- September 21
- September 28
- October 5
- October 12

If you have any questions, feel free to stop by the **SUBOG** Office in the **Student Union Room 204**.

Featured Advisor of the Week: John Alexopoulos

John works in the Department of Plant Science and works with the Program of Landscape Architecture when he's not advising the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). John believes that campus involvement and leadership are vital to student success because it results in connections. He says the student club is associated with professionals in the landscaping area on both state and national levels. The leadership students gain through volunteerism is often rewarded by scholarships. One of the aspects of advising that John enjoys most is watching individuals mature into leadership roles in the club. He says the most rewarding part of being an advisor is having the opportunity to watch students become aware of the world outside of the university. His advice to others who are considering being an advisor is that it is "very much worth the effort."



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 Fall 2009 semester will be released on Friday, September 11, 2009. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Michelle at student0884@ad.uconn.edu by Thursday, September 10, 2009.

Upcoming USG Funding Session:

Tuesday, September 8, 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. Monday and Thursday sessions are at 11 a.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday sessions are at 2 p.m. All sessions are 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)



Mansfield Sixth Annual Festival On the Green Needs You!

Is your organization looking for a fun way to connect with the local community? Have you been searching for an opportunity to fulfill community service hours? Volun-

teer at the Sixth Annual *Festival on the Green*! The Mansfield Downtown Partnership is looking for volunteers to help with the *Festival on the Green*. This event will be **Sunday, September 13, 2009**, from noon to 5:00 p.m. in the parking lots of the Storrs Center commercial plazas (behind Starbucks). There are a variety of ways that your organization can help out, from the Celebrate Mansfield Parade to the pie-eating contest to clean-up. The Partnership can accommodate individuals or groups. You may volunteer for an hour or all day. They can provide a signed letter confirming your service, if needed.

If you would like to volunteer at the *Festival on the Green* or if you would like additional information about this great community event, please contact **Kathleen Paterson** at the Mansfield Downtown Partnership at 860-429-2740 or patersonkm@mansfieldct.org.

Be Aware, Show You Care!

The University of Connecticut and Eastern Connecticut State University will be hosting their 2nd Annual Suicide



Prevention Week from **Sunday, September 13, 2009 to Sunday, September 20, 2009**. Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among college students. UConn, ECSU, and the surrounding communities have not been immune from this terrible tragedy. With efforts like Suicide Prevention Week, we can all make a positive impact to prevent the irreplaceable loss that is suicide. Suicide Prevention Week is a series of thought *provoking, celebratory, informative, and inspiring* events. Everyone is invited to attend every event! Information, location, and times for all events can be found at: www.suicideprevention.uconn.edu. By raising awareness, increasing sensitivity, and providing tools and resources, Suicide Prevention Week is a step for our communities to actively take care of its own members when they are having their most difficult time. For more information, contact **Barry Schreier, UConn Counseling and Mental Health Services** at 860-486-4705 or barry.schreier@uconn.edu.

Tip of the Week: College Relationships

Students in college engage in all different types of relationships and strive to maintain the ones from back home. As each year progresses, those relationships will grow and change.

- **Family.** When students live away from home their relationship with family may change as they gain independence and autonomy. Encourage your members to talk with their families and make sure they are on the same page.
- **Friends.** Once students leave home and move away, old friendships may change. Talk with your peers to help them make the right decisions.
- **Roommates.** Many students expect to have a perfect roommate experience in college. This unrealistic expectation can doom a roommate relationship from the start. Talk with them about developing a good roommate relationship. Communication is key.
- **Significant Others.** Long distance relationships can be challenging, but they can provide space for the student to grow in new and different ways.

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"Much learning does not teach understanding."

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