



The Currents

A Newsletter for Student Organizations

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Check out this week's announcements !!!

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.



Upcoming USG Funding Session:

Monday, September 21, 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)

Community Service Days Opportunity!

Interested in getting involved but don't have much time?

Then **Community Service Days** is for you!

One time projects for individuals & groups

Saturdays & Sundays

throughout the semester!

SIGN UP TODAY!

www.volunteer.uconn.edu

If you are a member of a student organization or club, you can E-mail **Gina Devivo-Brassaw** directly at gina.devivo-brassaw@uconn.edu.

Featured Advisor of the Week: Terrence Abney

Mr. Abney is a Hall Director for Residence Life. He is very active in student groups on campus as he advises the Garrigus Suites Area Council and RunUC Cross Country/Track Club! Terrence says that campus involvement and leadership are important because it gives people the opportunity to become involved and interact with others. He says, "finding a group on campus to be involved in is sometimes what creates a bridge between academic classes and the critical thinking needed to progress beyond the classroom." Advising a student group can be very joyous. Terrence realized he was able to share the activities he enjoys most with students he's had the opportunity to meet by becoming one! This is by far the most rewarding aspect of being an advisor for him. To any faculty and staff members out there who are curious about advising a student group, Terrence says, "if you have the passion and are willing to spare the time, it is an experience that helps you get connected to students and the campus."

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.

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? Volunteer 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.



Tip of the Week: Ice Breakers

Talk Topics! Consider the following for conversation starters:

- If you were stranded on a bus somewhere in Texas with (name two people in the room), what do you think you'd end up talking about?
- If you could take a month off to work for any cause or organization, what would you choose? Why?
- If you were waiting in line at the grocery store and ran into (name a well-known person), what would you say?
- What's the real story behind the whole Elvis thing, in your estimation?
- What is one of the icons that symbolizes our generation (i.e. peace sign for the '60s)?

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"The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place."

George Bernard Shaw

University of Connecticut

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International Christian Fellowship

Invites you to an evening of Fun, Fellowship, Food, & Friendship

Date: Today!

Venue: St Thomas Aquinas Chapel - Basement
46 North Eagleville Road

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Visit www.uconnicf.org for more information!

Delta Chi Hosts 2nd Annual Chocolate Pudding Tug o' War!

On **Friday, September 18, 2009** at 2 p.m. on North Field, Delta Chi will be holding the 2nd Annual Chocolate Pudding Tug O' War. It is a 6 on 6 tug o' war tournament open to every organization and the public. There will be 1000 pounds of pudding in the middle that the losing opponent will be dragged through. We encourage everyone to come watch and participate. Participants are encouraged to create teams. There will be music, food, and great prizes.

All proceeds will go the V Foundation for Cancer Research. Check us out on Facebook! Please Contact Eric Phillips with any questions at Eric.m.phillips@uconn.edu

UConn Dance Team Auditions!

The UConn Dance Team is a competitive dance team that focuses on jazz, hip hop, and pom technique. The team dances at athletic events such as football, basketball, and volleyball games. For the past two seasons, the team has traveled in January to Orlando, Florida to compete at the UDA College Dance Team Nationals.

Fall 2009 Audition Information:

Date: Sunday, September 13th, 2009

Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location: Guyer Gym (Located in Greer Field House - access to the facility should be through the Field House front doors located adjacent to the newly repaved parking area). Registration begins at 9 a.m. and auditions begin at 9:30. Candidates should wear dark, fitted clothing (no sweats) and bring appropriate footwear. Hair should be up and out of the face; and no jewelry. Candidates should bring their \$15 application fee (cash or check made payable to the UConn Dance Team), a copy of class schedule, and a valid student ID. Tryouts are closed to the public.

Attention Sports Teams!

If your team is looking for a local community service opportunity, this weekend you can help out with various areas at Mansfield's Festival on the Green. Also, be sure to stop by and support your fellow club sport athletes who will be in the dunk tank - Wrestling, Women's Rugby, and Paintball!! Volunteers are needed in four major areas:

Saturday, September 12

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Task: Cleaning the area and laying sod out for the "greens"
Details: We will provide gloves, trash bags, and brooms. Laying the sod out can get messy, so we suggest wearing clothes that can get dirty.

Sunday, September 13

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Task: Set-up

Details: Helping the vendors set up tables, tents, and chairs; Helping to set-up the stage and games; May involve heavy lifting.

Time: 11:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Task: Parade Traffic Control

Details: Staff entrances/exits to parking lots along Storrs Road; Alert motorists that Storrs Road will close at 11:30 am; Ensure no vehicles exit onto Storrs Road during Parade.

Time: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Task: Clean-up

All volunteer activities take place at the Partnership office (1244 Storrs Road - behind People's United Bank).

Deadline for the next issue of The Currents

The next issue of the Fall 2009 semester will be released on Friday, September 18, 2009. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Michelle at student0884@ad.uconn.edu by Thursday, September 17, 2009.