



The Currents

A Newsletter for Student Organizations

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Check out this week's announcements !!!

Upcoming USG Funding Session: Monday, November 2, 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.



Leadership Program Seeking New Members!

Interested in gaining leadership experience? Enjoy working with high school students? Apply to become a member of HOLDUP! HOLDUP! (Husky Outreach for Leadership Development, Understanding and Pride) provides UConn students with the opportunity to work directly with area high school students to enhance their leadership skills and self-awareness. HOLDUP! members gain valuable experience working together to develop and present workshop material and mentor high school students while preparing them for a life of leadership beyond high school. HOLDUP! is currently seeking new members! For more information, go to:

http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/leadership_holdup.html or contact UConnHOLDUP@gmail.com. Applications are due by **Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 5 p.m.!**

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"In my day, we didn't have self-esteem, we had self-respect, and no more of it than we had earned."

Jane Haddam

University of Connecticut

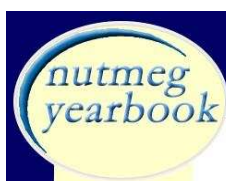
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Attention Seniors: Yearbook Photos This Month!

All seniors are asked to schedule a yearbook photo shoot for the Nutmeg Yearbook this month from **10 a.m.—4:30 p.m.** in the Alumni Center Lounge. If you haven't scheduled an appointment yet, go to www.ouryear.com, enter school code: 269 and follow the steps accordingly. For more information, E-mail the Nutmeg Yearbook at nutmegyearbook@gmail.com or call (860) 486-5244.

Featured Advisor of the Week:

Lauren Knoll

Ms. Knoll, who serves as an Academic Advisor in the Undergraduate Programs Office of the School of Business, is also a student organization advisor of two clubs on campus: Business Leadership Council, and the Freshman Sophomore Business Society. She firmly believes that a student's success can be a result of the campus involvement and leadership level they participate in. She figured out what she wanted to do as a career based on her involvement as a Student Ambassador for Admissions in college. She realized talking with students about potential majors and opportunities offered at the college level had become her passion, and now her career. She says that, "finding something to get involved in that can relate to your major is a great way to apply what you learn and make yourself more well-rounded." Lauren especially enjoys being engaged with students and helping them develop their groups while creating new ideas to move forward. Her favorite part of being an advisor is observing when students are opened up to ideas and opportunities that they didn't know exist and seeing them excited about a field of study or a new curriculum. Her advice to anyone considering becoming an advisor is, "it's personally rewarding if you love the college experience and seeing students flourish personally, emotionally, and academically. Working with college students is exciting and keeps you energized. It's a time in their life when they are learning so much about themselves, others, and the world. I can't imagine a better environment in which to work."



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.

UConn Performance Groups Coming Together!

Join multiple organizations such as: Agents of Improv, Molotov Improv, Horse Lincoln Improv, and Reckless Gents as they come together to bring you a variety show on **Tuesday, November 3, 2009 from 8 p.m.—10 p.m.** in the Student Union Theater. Enjoy a sneak peek of Dr. Horrible's Sing-A-Long Blog! This event is open to all students and is free of charge. Any donations collected will benefit Face AIDS.

Coming Soon to a Union Near You: Involvement Fair!

The Spring Involvement Fair will be held on Wednesday, **January 27, 2010 from 3 p.m.—8 p.m.** Student organizations who wish to be in the fair should plan to reserve space by **Friday, December 11, 2009**. All SOLID workshops must be completed by **Wednesday, January 20, 2010**. Workshops that must be completed include: COO, CFO, and Secretary Workshops! If you have any questions or concerns, please E-mail us at dsasos@uconn.edu or visit the website at getinvolved.uconn.edu!

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Dodging for Dollars Benefits Special Olympics!

The second annual Dodging for Dollars dodge ball tournament will be taking place this **Saturday, October 24, 2009** at the E.O. Smith Gymnasium. Dodging for Dollars is a fundraising event that directly benefits Special Olympics CT. We are still looking for a few more teams to sign up to compete against other university students and local law enforcement officers in our Men's, Women's and Co-Rec Divisions. For more information please contact Brittni Pallotta at uconn.co.sododgeball@gmail.com or visit http://soct.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=2170&pg=entry.

Celebrate "Green Week" with EcoHusky!

On **Monday, October 19, 2009**, EcoHusky's "Green Week" is a weeklong celebration of sustainability and environmental outreach, all culminating to a synchronized worldwide event on Saturday called "350." The focus is on reducing the CO₂ in the atmosphere to 350 ppm, parts per million, a number that conservative science has stated will enable them to preserve our planet in its current state of climate. Unfortunately, the world is actually approaching 350 ppm. EcoHusky is planning a walk to raise awareness about all climate issues, but this one in particular is where they need your help. Volunteers are asked to sign up and walk for this mission. The first 350 people to show up will receive free t-shirts commemorating this event. Since the minimum is 350 people, they are asking that you can specify how many people will attend. The event takes place **Saturday, October 24, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.** The walk will begin the walk at Fairfield Way. Check in will be at noon. Please inform them by Friday, October 23, as to whether you and other group members will attend. If so, include the names, emails, and phone numbers of the volunteers. For more information or questions, E-mail ecohusky@gmail.com.



Students Needed for 2010 Summer Orientation Staff!

Orientation Services is looking to hire new 2010 Summer Orientation Leaders. Orientation leaders perform a critical service for the University and work closely with a variety of faculty, staff, and administrators. As an orientation leader you will work harder than you ever did before with the goal of helping new UConn students and parents. There will be ten information sessions for the distribution of orientation leader applications. *All prospective applicants must attend one information session to obtain an application.* **October** is the only time of the year that they recruit applicants for the orientation leader positions. Other criteria necessary to apply for this position include being at least a second semester undergraduate by spring 2010 with a minimum GPA of 2.2.



Honoring and Remembering Jasper Howard

On **Saturday, October 24, 2009**, the UConn football team will be traveling to West Virginia to play their first game since the loss of their teammate and friend, Jasper Howard. In honor of his memory, students are invited to view the game in the Student Union Theater, the food court, and every lounge in the Union at noon.

Deadline for the next issue of *The Currents*

The next issue of the Fall 2009 semester will be released on Friday, October 30, 2009. Please have all inclusions for the next issue sent to Michelle at student0884@ad.uconn.edu by **Thursday, October 29, 2009** at noon.

Tip of the Week: Risk Management!

Any group who holds an event or takes activities off campus should be well-versed in risk management. What is risk management? It's learning how to mitigate potential risks to groups or individuals in your groups. Here are some tips to do just that:

- **Student Code of Conduct.** Make sure that you and your members are well aware of the UConn Student Code of Conduct. The code can be found on the University of Connecticut website.
- **Explain Potential Risks to Participants.** Make sure that everyone knows of the potential risks for the activity they are signing up for. The risks should be explained clearly and in detail so as to cause no confusion. Participants should also know that any risky activity is optional. A group should never require a member to participate in something that can cause harm to his/herself or to others.