



Student Life & Enrollment Monthly Newsletter

APRIL 2024

Greetings SLE Colleagues,

It's a proud moment to be a Husky! Congratulations to our Women's team for their incredible performance in the Final Four. Despite facing significant challenges posed by injuries, they demonstrated remarkable resilience, determination, and teamwork. Our Men's team has once again outdone themselves, securing back-to-back National Championship victories! We extend our warmest congratulations to the entire team on this incredible accomplishment. We should also recognize and celebrate the various sports teams, such as the Women's Ice Hockey team, for their outstanding seasons.

I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude to all the members of our teams who worked tirelessly to provide our students with productive and positive opportunities to express their enthusiasm for our basketball teams' achievements in the Final Four. Whether you led the advisory committee, were present at the EOC, served on duty, or sustained service during stressful moments, I appreciate those who went the extra mile.

I'm pleased to share that the university saw record-breaking numbers during this year's UConn Bound Days! I say record-breaking because there was a 20% increase in attendance over 2023, and our highest attendance on record with 10,117 total attendees and guests. UConn Bound Days are designed for admitted students and families to learn more about UConn's programs and campuses as they consider joining us in the fall. The success of this event is due to the collaborative effort and contributions from across the institution. The coordinating committee and admissions leaders play vital roles in leading this undertaking.

Over the past month, the University has faced some unfortunate incidents, including tragic losses among our student community. However, we are grateful for the dedicated and steady support of our colleagues in Student Health and Wellness, Residential Life, the Dean of Students Office, and others during these difficult times. As we all know, every individual in our community impacts the lives of those around them, especially our students. As Suzanne Onorato reminds me, [Recognize, Respond and Refer](#) when you engage with students, especially during these moments.

The ongoing student activism around the global conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza, and Israel continues to present us with challenges. We are mindful that these conflicts hit too close to home for some of

our students, who may have lost loved ones. As we guide our students on appropriate behavior and outlets for making a positive impact in the world, we are committed to extending our compassion to those students who are bearing an extra burden during these difficult times.

We have concluded our scheduled budget town halls. I appreciate your active participation during the sessions. For those who were unable to attend or wish to revisit the discussions, [recordings are available online](#). I continue to have conversations with each SLE director as we shape the future of our division, but our emphasis remains on prioritizing students first, keeping an eye on the goals laid forth in the University's Strategic Plan. We remain optimistic about the ongoing budgeting process and will continue to share updates as new developments arise.

As we approach the end of the academic year, it's important to prioritize taking care of yourself. This means celebrating your accomplishments and giving yourself the time you need to recharge. I am incredibly grateful to all of you for your commitment to our students, our mission, and the University of Connecticut.

Go Huskies!



Nathan Fuerst
Vice President for Student Life & Enrollment

DIVISIONAL HAPPENINGS

Undergraduate Admissions: Admitted Student Updates

The applications were read, admission decisions entered, and letters stuffed. As a reminder, the Admissions Office released just under 50,000 on-time, first-year Storrs decisions, including first-choice regional campus applicants, on March 1st. We will continue to process and review late Storrs and on-time regional campus applications over the next several weeks.

The university has been hosting various admitted student yield events across our campuses, the country, and the world, including UConn Bound Days and admitted student receptions. More information on these programs can be found on the [admitted student page](#).

To help ensure that students who have been admitted to UConn can make an informed decision about enrolling, we have extended our confirmation deadline to June 1st. We recognize that the significant delays in receiving FAFSA data may result in students not receiving financial aid offers in a timely manner.

2024-2025 FAFSA Update

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) is currently working to resolve data issues in order to provide institutions with the necessary financial aid information so that financial aid offers can

be released. Due to these issues, a portion of the FAFSAs will need to be reprocessed. The ED expects to send updated information and make student corrections available during the week of April 15th.

Our goal is to begin releasing financial aid offers to admitted undergraduate students in late April, followed by releasing financial aid offers to continuing undergraduate students in early May. Financial aid offers for our graduate, PharmD, medical, dental, Law, and Master of Law students have been released.

One Stop Student Services

One Stop is excited to announce that we have successfully completed three months of operation! During this time, we have efficiently managed four peak periods, including semester opening, Admission Decision release, Fall and Summer registration pick times, and the Withdrawal/Pass/No Pass deadline. On a weekly average, we receive almost 2,000 emails, 1,400 phone calls, 140 drop-ins, and resolve over 300 Jira tickets. Currently, our staff is preparing for the release of aid offers and continuing with summer and fall registration. We are also proud to share that Eileen Kapinos has won the Behind the Scenes Individual Spirit Award for 2023-2024!

Residence Education Update

Great news! We have successfully completed the hiring process for a total of 320 Storrs RAs and 13 Stamford RAs! We are excited to welcome these individuals to our team and we are confident that they will help make our community a better place.

Storrs Application Numbers: 1,018 total applications including RAs returning to the position.

Stamford Application Numbers: 65 total applications including RAs returning to the position.

The qualities we look for in our RA staff at both campuses are:

1. Positive attitude and work ethic.
2. Leadership ability.
3. Ability to facilitate both individual and group conversations.
4. Willingness to learn and grow in the position.
5. Ability to challenge and help others.

Strategic Planning and Assessment

New Tool to Help Understand IRB

As practitioners, it can be challenging to know when to plan for consultation with the [Institutional Review Board](#), the body with oversight responsibility for research conducted with human participants. Most assessment projects conducted within the Division are for internal planning purposes only. Projects to collect information to inform program development or

improvement are usually not required to go through the IRB approval process. However, there are certain projects which may necessitate communication with or approval by IRB.

Staff in the Division of SLE can [Click here](#) to complete a brief questionnaire that will determine the likelihood of needing IRB oversight. *Please note: this form is intended to be used as a guide for planning purposes and does not substitute or replace the IRB determination process.*

Survey of All Undergraduates: SERU 2024

UConn is a member of the [Student Experience in the Research University \(SERU\) Consortium](#). As a result of this affiliation, UConn implements a SERU survey in the spring each year. The [Undergraduate SERU](#) is administered in even years, and the [Graduate SERU](#) is administered in odd years. This spring, SERU will be open to undergraduates at all UConn campuses from **March 25th-May 19th**. Please encourage students you interact with to complete this important survey.

To support a high response rate, we are asked not to administer large-scale surveys to undergraduate students during the SERU timeframe. If you have questions about whether or not a planned assessment activity conflicts with SERU, please reach out to me at liza.boritz@uconn.edu.

In Partnership,

Liza Boritz

Director, [Planning, Assessment, and Evaluation](#)

Important Dates, Deadlines & Events

April 17: [Metanoia Kick-off](#): Pathways to Productive Civil Discourse

April 17: [UConn Resources Wellness Fair](#)

April 17-18: [UConn Gives](#)

April 22-30: Passover (Please click [here](#) for information on Passover Meals)

April 26: Last day of classes

April 27-April 28: Reading Days

April 29-May 4: Final Exams

May 4-May 6: Commencement Ceremonies

UConn is a great university.

But it's more than that. A top-ranked Land and Sea Grant research institution, with campuses and staff across Connecticut, built to inspire the global community that is UConn Nation. UConn's talented students exceed expectations. Our expert researchers, faculty, and alumni drive Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship (CIE) for a better tomorrow. We fuel the State's economy and are committed to inclusion with emotional intelligence in benefiting the greater good. **This is UConn.**

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