



### **Greetings, SLE Colleagues,**

As we wrap up the first month of the academic year, I want to take a moment to celebrate the remarkable start we've had in the Division of Student Life and Enrollment. The campus is alive with energy and activity, and it has been a joy to witness our students fully embracing their return. Their enthusiastic participation in events, engagement with peers, and dedication to their studies have truly revitalized our community, reminding us of the purpose behind our work.

The month of September is an anniversary for us, as it marks a year since the consolidation of a large share of the Division of Student Affairs and the Division of Enrollment Planning and Management. Reflecting on this past year fills me with immense gratitude to you for the myriad opportunities that have arisen, the meaningful relationships that have blossomed, and the enhanced support we can now extend to our students.

Our commitment is clear: **to support our students' holistic development and foster an inclusive environment where they can evolve into empowered leaders.** Each event you organize, every interaction you have, and all the services and resources you provide are integral to shaping meaningful experiences for our students. It is inspiring to see how our collective efforts are making a tangible impact on their lives.

I also want to take a moment to celebrate the significant [ribbon-cutting ceremony](#) for Connecticut Hall that took place earlier this month. As President Maric aptly noted, it represents not only a remarkable achievement for the University of Connecticut but also a proud moment for our entire state. This new facility will undoubtedly enhance our

community and provide invaluable resources, enriching the student experience for years to come.

Looking ahead, I encourage you to explore the many upcoming events on UConn's Events [Calendar](#). These opportunities allow our staff to engage with our vibrant community in meaningful ways. I invite you to consider how you can participate and contribute, as your involvement truly enhances our shared mission and strengthens our connections.

As always, thank you for your unwavering dedication and hard work. Together, we are cultivating a dynamic and enriching environment for our students, and I am excited to see all that the rest of this semester will bring!

**Go Huskies!**



Nathan Fuerst  
Vice President for Student Life & Enrollment

## DIVISIONAL HAPPENINGS

### Fall Campus Visit Days

This fall, UConn is opening its doors to prospective students with a series of [Fall Campus Visit Days](#)—a fantastic opportunity to explore everything the university has to offer. These events will take place at the Storrs campus on Sunday, October 13, and Saturday, October 26. Additionally, Fall Campus Visit Days will take place at the [Avery Point](#), [Hartford](#), [Stamford](#), and [Waterbury](#) campuses.

Fall Campus Visit Days offer a unique opportunity for students to experience the UConn campus firsthand. Participants will tour the campus with UConn ambassadors, visit iconic landmarks like Gampel Pavilion and the Homer Babbidge Library, and gain valuable insights into student life as they explore residence halls, dining facilities, and academic buildings.

But Fall Campus Visit Days offer more than just tours. Students will have the opportunity to engage with UConn faculty and staff from various disciplines. Whether their interests lie in STEM, the arts, business, or the humanities, attendees can discover UConn's diverse academic programs, innovative research opportunities, and robust student support services designed to ensure their success.

During each Fall Campus Visit Day, students will meet current Huskies eager to share their experiences. From balancing coursework with extracurricular activities to discussing favorite campus traditions, these students offer valuable insights into life within the UConn community.

We understand that the admissions and financial aid processes can seem overwhelming, but UConn's Admissions and Student Financial Aid teams, along with our dedicated One Stop team, will be available to assist. Attendees can participate in informative sessions covering the admissions process, important deadlines, and available scholarships and financial aid options, empowering them to navigate the application process with confidence.

Registration is now open for Fall Campus Visit Days, so please encourage students not to miss this fantastic opportunity to discover what makes UConn one of the nation's top public universities. If you have any questions about the events, please contact Jennifer Griffin at [jennifer.griffin@uconn.edu](mailto:jennifer.griffin@uconn.edu).

### **Exciting Renovations Ahead for One Stop!**

The renovation of One Stop's future home is set to begin the week of October 7 and will continue through the end of December 2024. We are excited about the improvements on the way! Be sure to mark your calendars for our next major event: **registration for Winter and Spring 2025**, starting the week of October 21. Stay tuned for more updates as we enhance our space to better serve you!

### **Residential Learning Model Updates: Curricular Approach to Learning in the Residence Halls**

#### **Husky Chats**

Our Resident Assistants (RAs) continue to engage with residents through Husky Chats—conversations designed to foster community and support throughout the year.

The second Husky Chat is scheduled for October 13, focusing on adjustment to campus life, academic challenges, and building relationships.

### **Huskymate Agreements**

We strongly encourage all residents to complete Huskymate Agreements with their roommates. These agreements are a valuable resource and help establish clear expectations for sharing and living in the same space. If you encounter a student facing a roommate conflict, remind them that this is a great first step and suggest they speak with their RA. Remember, a conflict doesn't always mean a room change.

### **Residential Life Housing Services Processes**

#### **Room Change Process (6 Weeks)**

The fall room change process began on September 9 and will run weekly through October 25. Students can submit room change applications weekly and check for new vacancies online. Once a new space is selected, keys will be available every Friday, allowing students the weekend to move. This process ensures that vacated spaces are visible the following week, providing more opportunities for those looking to change.

#### **Start of Semester Processes (No Shows and Not Enrolled)**

ResLife has recently completed essential administrative processes at the start of the semester, including follow-ups with students who did not move into their assigned housing and those experiencing enrollment difficulties. Contact was made with students whenever possible, and information was gathered in collaboration with various campus offices. These efforts are crucial for maintaining accurate records of who is living on campus and for ensuring that students' academic statuses are current.

#### **Spring Housing Cancellation Deadline**

Students wishing to move off-campus for the spring semester can cancel their housing without a fee until September 30. After that, a cancellation fee of \$500 will apply in October, increasing to 100% of spring room fees starting in November. Please note that these fees do not apply to students who are graduating or participating in EGL programs.

#### **Status Update: Windows 11 Upgrade**

To date, 80 computers within the division have been successfully upgraded to Windows 11. This includes devices that received the automatic upgrade and self-

installs. We are making steady progress and are on track to meet our project timeline. For more information, please visit [Windows 11 Upgrade](#).

### **SHaW Wellness in Motion Van**

SHaW is thrilled to announce the launch of our new “Wellness in Motion” mobile health and wellness van! This innovative van will provide outreach programming and increase awareness of SHaW resources for UConn students across all five campuses. The Wellness in Motion van will travel to campus events, visit less-frequented areas, and appear at various UConn venues, enhancing visibility and accessibility to SHaW programs and services.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Travelers Corporation, this initiative is now a reality. Keep an eye out for the van on campus throughout the year, and don’t hesitate to reach out if you want SHaW to be a part of your event!



## **Strategic Planning and Assessment**

### **Regional Campus and Campus Change Assessment Project**

This summer, I drafted a plan for an assessment project aimed at better understanding the SLE-related needs of our undergraduate Huskies at Regional Campuses, as well as

those transitioning to the Storrs Campus through the Campus Change process. The project will utilize surveys and interviews/focus groups. If you are interested in learning more about the plan or have suggestions for the information you would like me to collect, please email me at [liza.boritz@uconn.edu](mailto:liza.boritz@uconn.edu).

In Partnership,

[Liza Boritz](#)

Director, Planning, Assessment, and Evaluation

### Important Dates, Deadlines & Events

**September 25:** Board of Trustees Meeting

**September 26:** [Fostering Civic and Democratic Engagement](#): A Bipartisan Conversation with Former Members of Congress

**October 7:** University Senate

**October 13, 2024:** Fall Campus Visit Day, Storrs

**October 26, 2024:** Fall Campus Visit Day, Storrs

**2024 Religious & Cultural [Important Dates](#)**

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