



## Student Life & Enrollment Monthly Newsletter

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

As the leaves transform into a vibrant tapestry of colors, we find ourselves at the halfway point of the fall semester. Time seems to fly as we embrace the beauty of this season!

We are eagerly anticipating an exciting few weeks ahead. With class registration in full swing, there's a palpable energy as students prepare for the spring semester. As Election Day draws near, our community is coming together to engage in the democratic process, fostering a sense of civic pride.

Early Voting for Storrs residents (including UConn Students) at the UConn Storrs Bookstore officially opened its doors to the public on Monday, October 21, and will continue through November 3. This includes two weekends of accessibility, with voting hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. On October 29 and 31, we will extend our hours to 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to ensure everyone has ample opportunity to cast their vote. While the deadline to register to vote was October 18, residents can still register during the early voting period and on Election Day, making it easier than ever to participate in our democratic process.

Following the completion of the University Strategic Plan, a group of institutional leaders is currently developing a Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Plan that will encompass all of UConn's programs. Similarly, our leaders in Residential Life, UPDC, Finance, and other departments are collaborating on a Housing Improvement Plan designed to enhance our housing program over the next decade and support our growing student population.

As a reminder, the Annual Student Life and Enrollment Appreciation Breakfast is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2024, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in the Rome Ballroom. I look forward to this opportunity to recognize and celebrate the hard work and dedication of our staff. Your contributions are vital to our success, and this event is a chance to express our gratitude for your commitment throughout the year. I hope to see everyone there as we unite to honor our achievements as a division.

With the upcoming holidays fast approaching, I want to emphasize the importance of taking time to unwind, rest, and recharge. This season offers a wonderful opportunity to enjoy quality

moments with family and friends, allowing you to prepare for the spring semester with renewed energy and focus.

Let's prioritize our well-being as we navigate this busy time together. By taking moments to recharge and support one another, we can ensure that we remain effective in our roles and continue to foster a positive atmosphere for our students. Together, we can make the most of the challenges and opportunities ahead. Thank you for your commitment to our shared mission!

**Go Huskies!**



Nathan Fuerst

Vice President for Student Life & Enrollment

## DIVISIONAL HAPPENINGS

### Early Decision Updates for UConn Applicants

We've introduced [Early Decision](#) as an application option for your students, allowing them the opportunity to demonstrate their genuine enthusiasm and dedication to joining the UConn community.

Early Decision applicants must submit their completed application and all supporting materials by November 1. A completed [Self-reported Student Academic Record](#) (SRAR) will be required of Early Decision applicants.

Additionally, November 1 is Application Fee Free Day for Connecticut high school students. As a result, the deadline for students to complete the SRAR is November 8.

Admission decisions for Early Decision applicants will be released in mid-December. Early Decision applicants who receive an admission decision to their first-choice campus and major are required to confirm their enrollment by **January 15**. Note that financial aid packages will not be available until March 1.

Students opting out of Early Decision still have the opportunity to receive consideration for the [Honors Program](#), [merit scholarships](#) (including Stamps, Day of Pride and Nutmeg), and [Special Programs](#). For more details on deadlines and processes, please visit [First-Year Dates & Deadlines](#).

For more information on Early Decision, please visit [Early Decision FAQs](#). If you have questions, contact [One Stop](#).

### One Stop: Upcoming Initiatives and Important Dates

As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance student support, we are collaborating with Financial Aid on the FAFSA Beta test. This initiative involves a select group of institutions nationwide that are testing the FAFSA form to identify and address potential issues before its official rollout on December 1. In conjunction with this, One Stop has invited most of the undergraduate population across all campuses to participate in an early access opportunity beginning November 1.

Students should also be aware that the last day to drop a class or change to/from Pass/No Pass is November 11. It's essential to keep this deadline in mind as you assist students with their academic decisions.

### **Summer 2025 Storrs Orientation Leader Recruitment**

Orientation Services is thrilled to announce the recruitment of our next cohort of Orientation Leaders for Summer 2025! The application will open on December 2, so if you know any students seeking an on-campus summer position, please share these details with them.

The application process consists of an online application, a group interview, and an individual interview. Students must submit a resume, provide contact information for a professional reference, and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25.

Those interested in learning more can visit us at our tables in the Student Union or attend our Fall Open House event. Tabling in the Student Union will occur on November 4, 5, and 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., while the Fall Open House is scheduled for November 8 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Storrs Hall 011.

For additional inquiries, students can visit us in person at Room 017 of the Wilbur Cross Building, visit our website at [orientation.uconn.edu](http://orientation.uconn.edu), email [orientation.storrs@uconn.edu](mailto:orientation.storrs@uconn.edu), call 860-486-4866, or reach out via Instagram at [@uconnorientation\\_storrs](https://www.instagram.com/uconnorientation_storrs).

### **Spring Housing & Campus Change Information**

The Spring 2025 Housing Application is now available for new spring residents, students returning from off-campus programs (EGL), Spring to Storrs students, and approved campus change students. Other students interested in living on campus in the spring are also welcome to apply. The deadline to submit the application for timely consideration is November 15.

Students seeking a campus change must submit their housing application and have their campus change approved by November 15 to be eligible for housing at Storrs. Spring to Storrs students are required to live on campus for the spring as part of their commitment to UConn and will receive reminders to submit their applications.

### **Husky Run & Ruck**

UConn Recreation, in collaboration with UConn Veterans and Military Programs and in partnership with the Hartford Marathon Foundation, is hosting the second annual Husky Run &

Ruck on Sunday, November 10. Last year's race raised over **\$16,000** for UConn Veterans causes, thanks to generous contributions from sponsors and the participation of over **700** runners, which sold out the event. This year, we aim to exceed that total while honoring the service of our UConn Veterans, including former UConn student-athlete and Navy SEAL Kyle Milliken, whose memory inspired this event.

We offer 10K, 5K, 1 Mile, and Kids Run options to welcome and accommodate participants of all levels. We encourage you to join us, bring your families, and enjoy a beautiful fall day in support of this great cause! For more information, please visit [Road Dogs](#) or [Husky Run & Ruck](#).

## **IT Student Life & Enrollment (IT-SLE)**

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

To date, 317 computers in the Division of Student Life and Enrollment 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](#).

### **Data Analytics Service**

IT-SLE offers comprehensive data analytics and tailored software solutions to enhance the business operations of the Division of Student Life & Enrollment. Take advantage of insightful statistical analysis, detailed reports, and interactive dashboards to empower data-driven decision-making. For more information, please visit: [Data Analytics Service](#).

### **Changes to NetID Single Sign On (SSO)**

NetID Single Sign On (SSO) offers secure authentication for various University web applications. The UConn community has traditionally used their NetID and NetID password to log in. However, as of October 11, 2024, ITS has introduced an additional option: users can now enter either their NetID or UConn email address in the username field for authentication.

## **UConn Suicide Prevention Week**

Student Health and Wellness (SHaW), in collaboration with over 30 UConn offices, academic departments, and student groups, organized events for National Suicide Prevention Week to raise awareness about suicide, reduce stigma, and encourage support for those at risk. From September 8-14, we hosted a series of activities across all five UConn campuses focused on suicide prevention, awareness, resources, and support.

One of the most impactful events was the Fields of Memories, which honors college students who have died by suicide and raises awareness about mental health. This activity involved students writing encouraging messages on small yellow flags and placing them around campus to create a visual representation of the impact of suicide. Other events on the Storrs and Regional campuses included the Stomp Out the Stigma Walk, a social media campaign, painting the Spirit Rock (hosted by Active Minds), lighting the Recreation Center in yellow, tabling events, mental health screenings, additional Let's Talk drop-in sessions, movie nights, and more.



The UConn Suicide Prevention Committee works year-round to plan events, share important information, train faculty, staff, and students, and engage the campus in conversations about suicide and prevention. The committee hosts events on mental health topics throughout the academic year to emphasize UConn's commitment to fostering hope, help, and healing. For more information or to get involved, visit [SHaW Suicide Prevention Resources](#) or email [Kristina Stevens](#), Director of Mental Health.

## Strategic Planning and Assessment

### Focus Group and Interview Facilitator Network

Focus groups and interviews are crucial for increasing a nuanced understanding of the diverse perspectives of our stakeholders. High-quality facilitation of these strategies allows us to engage with our community and ensure their voices are heard and valued. I am working to establish a facilitator network within the Division. If you are interested in increasing your skillset as a facilitator and/or participating in this network, please complete [this interest survey](#). More details soon!

In Partnership,

*Liza Boritz*

Director, Planning, Assessment, and Evaluation

## Important Dates, Deadlines & Events

**October 30:** Board of Trustees Meeting

**November 4:** University Senate Meeting

**November 5:** Election Day

**November 19:** Annual Student Life and Enrollment Appreciation Breakfast

**November 24-30:** Thanksgiving Recess “Fall Break”

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

**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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