



Student Life & Enrollment Monthly Newsletter

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Greetings, SLE Colleagues,

The days are getting longer, the snow is melting and our students will be taking midterms soon. In the depths of the spring semester, I find myself incredibly grateful for the dedication and effort each of you has put into ensuring success of our students. There's still so much ahead, and I'm excited for the continued work we'll do together to enhance student success and drive toward our shared goals.

I'm excited to share some important news regarding leadership within our division. I am pleased to announce that **Cyndi Costanzo** has been named the permanent Assistant Vice President for Student Life. Cyndi has been an invaluable member of our team, and her continued leadership and vision will be essential as we move forward. I'm confident she will build on the strong foundation she has already established in this role. I'm also delighted to congratulate **Jay Frain** on his permanent appointment as Executive Director of UConn Recreation. Jay's contributions and forward-thinking approach have already made a significant impact, and I'm confident he will further strengthen UConn Recreation in this new capacity.

On March 1, we will release admissions decisions for Fall 2025 enrollment, marking a significant milestone in our recruitment efforts. This will be an exciting moment for prospective students as they explore the opportunities awaiting them at UConn. Each of us has contributed to the enrollment of another new class, and I want to especially recognize the outstanding work of our Admissions, Financial Aid, and One Stop teams throughout the application process.

As part of our ongoing work to enhance student success, we've now begun actively developing our Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) Plan. We've gathered valuable input from various conversations, including those with the Senate, students, and other campus entities. This input has been instrumental in shaping our goals and objectives, which are closely aligned with the university's broader strategic plan. In some cases, our SEM goals will directly support those overarching university goals, while in others, they will emphasize areas where we anticipate making progress toward those larger objectives. Our target is to have these well-articulated goals in place by the end of March, at which point we'll begin focusing on strategies and tactics that will guide the implementation of the SEM Plan. We'll continue to update you on our progress as the work evolves.

Another exciting development is the progress we're making with Regional Campus Housing Initiatives. Recognizing that student housing plays a critical role in student success, we're working to expand and improve housing options at our regional campuses. This will not only provide students with greater access to resources but will also foster stronger connections to campus life.

Supporting our students remains our top priority, and we are fully committed to staying true to our mission by ensuring they have the resources and assistance they need to succeed. Our dedicated teams and partners, including the Dean of Students, Student Health and Wellness, and many other key units across campuses, are always prepared and ready to support students in every aspect of their academic and personal lives. Whether it's addressing their well-being, helping them navigate challenges, or providing guidance, we are here to make sure every student has the support they need to thrive—because their success is our success.

With only nine weeks left in the spring semester, let's keep the momentum going and continue pushing toward new heights. I'm excited for what's ahead and grateful to work with such an incredible team!

Go Huskies!



Nathan Fuerst

Vice President for Student Life & Enrollment

DIVISIONAL HAPPENINGS

Financial Aid Awarding Updates

As we enter a busy season, we want to keep everyone informed about key awarding timelines for the upcoming months:

Incoming Student Awarding – March 1, 2025

Our team will begin preparing financial aid offers for newly admitted students on March 1. This is an important milestone as we welcome the next class and help them plan for their educational journey.

Summer Awarding – Week of March 31, 2025

Awarding will take place for students enrolling in summer courses during the week of March 31. Timely processing will ensure students can finalize their summer plans with financial aid in place.

Continuing Student Awarding – Week of April 7, 2025

Returning students can expect their financial aid offers to be available the week of April 7, providing them with the necessary information to prepare for the upcoming academic year.

Fall 2025 Admission Decisions – Key Dates and Information

We are excited to announce that UConn has received a record-breaking **61,000 applications** for Fall 2025, making this the largest applicant pool in our history! Admission decisions for all on-time regular decision applicants will be released on **March 1, 2025**. Along with the admission decisions, we will also announce selections for Honors programs, Special Programs, and merit scholarships awarded by Admissions.

Applicants may receive one of the following decisions:

- Admission to a UConn campus (Storrs or regional)
- Waitlist to Storrs, with the option to choose [Verto Huskies Pathway](#) or a regional campus
- Spring Admission to Storrs, with the option to choose Verto Huskies Pathway
- Conditional admission after completing UConn American English Language Institute
- Denial of admission to UConn

Decisions for first-year applicants with a completed application will continue rolling out through the Spring. The Storrs application remains open for late applicants and will be considered on a space-available basis, while students have until May 1 to apply to the regional campuses.

First-choice applicants from Storrs and regional campuses will receive an email notifying them of an update in their applicant portal. Students can log in with their NetID to view their decision and any financial aid or scholarship offers, with the online decision available before the hard copy is mailed. Admitted students must confirm enrollment by **May 1** and pay the \$400 non-refundable enrollment fee through the applicant portal.

Please note that all first-year applicants who wish to appeal their admission decision or request a change of major or campus must complete the [Admission Decision Appeal and Change Request Form](#) found in their applicant portal in Slate. Students will receive notification regarding the outcome of their appeal in late spring.

Spring Semester Housing Updates

Room Change Process:

The spring room change process began the week of February 3 and will continue weekly through March 14. Students can submit a room change application each week and participate in an online process to view available vacancies on campus. Once a new room is selected, students can pick up their new keys on Friday and use the weekend to move. This allows the vacated rooms to be available for the following week, giving more students the opportunity to make a room change.

Fall Application Deadline:

The 2025-2026 housing application deadline for current students was February 14. Applications submitted after the deadline will be reviewed alongside available spaces, and students will be notified of their housing status and eligibility for housing selection by the end of February.

Waiting List Information:

The housing application will remain open after February 14 throughout the spring and summer. Students may apply and be placed on a waiting list if spaces become available. Those on the waiting list will receive periodic updates from Reslife about their status and potential housing availability. However, they are not eligible for the housing selection process.

Campus Change Housing Application Deadline:

Students requesting a campus change have until March 1 to submit their housing application and have their campus change approved. Reslife will review these applications alongside others, prioritizing this group for housing eligibility as long as they meet the deadlines.

RA Hiring Process:

The Department of Residential Life is currently interviewing candidates for Resident Assistant (RA) positions for the 2025-2026 academic year. With nearly 900 applicants, the position is highly competitive, with 343 candidates considered for approximately 140 spots. The role begins in August. The returning RA selection has already been completed, with 148 returners hired. All candidates have been screened based on academic performance, conduct, and application quality. We look forward to building a dynamic team to support our residential communities.

Student Health and Wellness (SHaW) Achieves AAAHC Re-accreditation!

We are pleased to announce that SHaW has been reaccredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) through November 2027. This prestigious recognition highlights SHaW's commitment to providing high-quality, patient-centered care to our UConn students.

In October 2024, SHaW hosted an AAAHC surveyor for a two-day, on-site review of medical services at Hilda May Williams and mental health services at Arjona to assess compliance with 205 AAAHC standards. The standards are represented within 17 categories of review, including administrative function, care management and coordination, clinical records, emergency management, governance, infection prevention, quality and safety, primary care, laboratory, radiology, pharmacy, drug control, and behavioral health. SHaW demonstrated compliance with all 205 AAAHC standards, which is an exceptional outcome representing SHaW's commitment to the highest standards of care, safety, and professionalism.

The AAAHC accreditation is a symbol of excellence, recognizing ongoing efforts to provide accessible, compassionate, and effective healthcare services and demonstrating dedication

to continuous improvement and delivering exceptional care. This achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of the entire SHaW team.

InTune Migration Update

Approximately 500 machines have been successfully migrated to Intune across Student Life departments. If your department has not yet been migrated, you can expect to hear from IT-SLE soon with scheduling options.

Changes to Remote Applications Access

This month, Student Life's remote application infrastructure is being upgraded and migrated. This infrastructure enables users to access enterprise applications from anywhere on the web. The upgrade will provide improved application support, enhanced security, and a unified login experience that aligns with the UConn Domain.

Updated NetID Login Page

An updated NetID Single Sign On (SSO) page will be available on February 18, 2025. This design features updated UConn branding and images. It also includes backend improvements that will enable future capabilities. Information and screenshots can be found in the [IT Knowledgebase](#).

Strategic Planning and Assessment

Leadership-Focused Workshops: Share your Ideas!

I'm collaborating with Nathan and the OVPSLE team to plan a series of leadership-focused workshops and activities for SLE staff. While we've already outlined some great ideas, we'd love to hear from you! Please take a moment to complete this [brief survey](#) and share your thoughts and suggestions to help shape our planning. Stay tuned for more details on this exciting opportunity coming soon!

In Partnership,

Liza Boritz

Director, Planning, Assessment, and Evaluation

Important Dates, Deadlines & Events

February 24-March 14: Mid-Semester Grading Period

February 28: Black History Month Closing Ceremony

March 1: Admission Decisions Release

March 3: University Senate Meeting

March 16-23: Spring Recess

March 24: Registration for the Summer 2025 and Fall 2025 semester via Student Administration System begins

2025 Religious & Cultural [Important Dates](#)

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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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