

# Student Life and Enrollment Monthly Newsletter

September 2025



Greetings, SLE Colleagues,

With the semester now in full swing, I want to recognize the energy and impact we've built together across Student Life and Enrollment. Campus is alive with activity—our students aren't just showing up, they're thriving. Their engagement in programs, events, and everyday campus life is a powerful reminder of the purpose and impact behind our work.

With midterms around the corner, students are balancing added pressure and new demands. This is when your support matters most. Each welcoming interaction, thoughtful conversation, and effort to connect a student with resources sends a clear message: they belong here, and they are supported. Your daily commitment helps turn stress into confidence and uncertainty into resilience, and that impact is invaluable.

Our commitment to students is central, and it's just as valuable to nurture our connections as colleagues. Taking part in community events is a chance to recharge, share in the Husky spirit, and remind ourselves that we're part of something bigger. The UConn Events Calendar is full of opportunities to do just that, and your involvement makes these moments even more meaningful.

The semester is moving quickly, but there is still so much more to look forward to. It's worth pausing to appreciate the incredible students we have the privilege to serve—their energy, their determination, and the unique ways they enrich our community. Each day, your efforts help them feel supported, inspired, and capable of more than they imagined.

Here's to the futures we're shaping—together.

Go Huskies!



Nathan Fuerst

Vice President for Student Life & Enrollment

DIVISIONAL HAPPENINGS

Discover UConn: Fall Campus Visit Days

UConn is opening its doors to prospective students with a series of Fall Campus Visit Days—a prime opportunity to experience everything the University has to offer. These events wouldn't be possible without the support of many SLE units—thank you for helping make them a success!

Fall Campus Visit Days will take place at the Storrs campus on Sunday, October 12, and Saturday, October 25, with additional events at the Avery Point, Hartford, Stamford, and Waterbury campuses.

During their visit, students will:

- Tour campus with UConn ambassadors and explore iconic landmarks like Gampel Pavilion and Homer Babbidge Library.
- Get a feel for student life by visiting residence halls, dining halls, and academic buildings.
- Meet current Huskies eager to share their experiences and favorite campus traditions.
- Connect with faculty and staff to learn about UConn's diverse academic programs, research opportunities, and student support services.

- Attend sessions with Admissions, Financial Aid, and One Stop staff to gain insight into the application process, key deadlines, scholarships, and financial aid options.

Registration is now open! Please encourage prospective students to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to see firsthand what makes UConn one of the nation's top public universities. For questions, please contact Jennifer Griffin at [jennifer.griffin@uconn.edu](mailto:jennifer.griffin@uconn.edu).

## Residential Life Updates

**Building Community:** The Residential Living and Education team is working with RAs to complete Husky Chats (one-on-one check-ins), finalize Huskymate Agreements (roommate agreements), and host community events. These efforts follow the Residential Learning Model, which focuses on community, wellness, and values/beliefs.

**Fall Room Change Process:** The room change process runs weekly from September 8 through October 24. Students can submit applications each week, view available vacancies, and move into new spaces every Friday–Sunday. Thanks to a larger housing inventory this fall, students have more flexibility than in past semesters. Full details are available on the Campus Housing website.

**Start-of-Semester Administrative Processes:** Housing Administration has completed important start-of-semester checks, including following up with students who did not move in and those who faced enrollment challenges. These efforts—carried out in collaboration with One Stop, Financial Aid, and other campus offices—help ensure accurate housing records and up-to-date academic status. Early summer outreach reduced registration barriers compared to past years.

**Spring Housing Cancellation Deadline:** Students moving off campus for spring must cancel housing by September 30 to avoid fees. After that, the fee is \$500 in October and full spring charges in November. Exceptions apply for graduates and EGL participants.

**New Housing at Hartford and Stamford Campuses:** This August, UConn opened its first residential area at the Hartford campus, housing 40 students with support from one Residence Hall Director and three RAs. The Boulevard (“1201”) opened at UConn Stamford this fall with 30 apartments housing 104 students and two RAs. Next year, the entire building will open, adding about 175 more beds.

**Fall Job Fair Draws Big Crowd and New Employers!**

The Student Employment Office kicked off the semester with an outstanding turnout at the annual Fall Job Fair, held on August 27 in the Student Union Grand Ballroom. Twenty employers participated—including three off-campus work-study partners joining for the first time—marking an exciting milestone. Student engagement was also on the rise, with 557 students exploring job opportunities and connecting with potential employers.

With our recent transition to the 12Twenty job board platform, we're now able to host virtual events. We're excited to announce our first-ever Spring Virtual Job Fair—stay tuned for more details in the coming months!

### Hartford Times Café – Now Open!

The Hartford Times Café, located in the Hartford Times Building, officially opened on September 15 to serve the UConn Hartford campus and the local community. Guests can enjoy a daily selection of hot entrées and convenient grab-and-go options, including sandwiches, salads, snacks, and beverages.

The menu is crafted to meet a variety of dietary preferences and needs, offering vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, and Halal options. Throughout the semester, the café will also spotlight select items from local restaurants and food producers.

The café is open to the public—stop by and see what's on the menu today!

### UECS to Join Dining Services in Strategic Realignment

We are excited to announce that University Events & Conference Services (UECS) will become part of the Department of Dining Services in the Division of Student Life & Enrollment. This strategic alignment reflects the University's commitment to shared services, operational efficiency, and sustainable revenue growth.

Through this collaboration, we aim to create a more dynamic and cohesive approach to attracting new business, expanding third-party space usage, and launching innovative initiatives in conference and event management.

Importantly, UECS's current services will remain unchanged. Rather than replacing existing functions, UECS will complement and enhance the broad portfolio of Dining Services, which includes Residential Dining, Retail, Regional Operations, University Catering, Procurement, Commissary, and Bakery operations.

This integration presents a valuable opportunity to align resources, unite stakeholders, and advance a shared vision. To ensure a smooth transition, collaboration and the removal of internal barriers will be essential. Over the course of the semester, we will work closely with partners across the University to identify challenges and co-develop solutions that move us forward.

#### Call for Hearing Officer Volunteers

The Office of Community Standards is recruiting staff members to serve as volunteer Hearing Officers in the administrative hearing process. This process is a cornerstone of the student conduct system, ensuring fairness, due process, and an educational approach to student accountability.

Hearing Officers play an essential role in upholding these values by fostering a respectful and equitable environment for students engaged in the conduct process.

To prepare volunteers, we are offering two training sessions this fall:

- Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Office of Student Care and Concern Conference Room

(Wilbur Cross Building, Suite 029)

- Friday, October 17, 2025, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Via Webex

Staff members interested in serving as Hearing Officers for the 2025–2026 academic year should complete the interest form no later than Friday, October 10, 2025. Upon submission, participants will receive a calendar invitation confirming their training session.

A detailed position description, including responsibilities and time commitment, was shared with division staff on Monday, September 22.

## Technology Updates

### Faster and More Secure NetID Password Resets

ITS has implemented two updates to the NetID password recovery process to enhance security and facilitate self-service. Previously, users without a personal email or mobile number for password recovery had to schedule an appointment with the Technology Support Center. The new updates aim to streamline this process.

- The first update prompts users to add recovery information during Single Sign On (personal email or mobile number) if they haven't already. After 30 days, adding this information becomes mandatory for signing in.
- The second update replaces the manual, technician-assisted password reset process with a new self-service verification process provided by Trusona. Users without recovery options can now use their phone and a secure link to scan a driver's license or passport for verification, allowing them to reset their password without a technician.

Read full details here: <https://its.uconn.edu/2025/08/19/netid-password-recovery-updates/>

### Digital Accessibility Tip: Use Headings to Structure Content

One of the most effective ways to improve accessibility is to use headings to structure content. Proper heading structure helps screen readers and keyboard users understand the layout and flow of your content -- whether it's on a webpage or in a document.

#### How to Apply It:

- On web pages, use headings (H1, H2, H3, etc.) to organize content. Use only one H1 per page (the title), and nest subtopics logically under H2s and H3s. In Aurora the page title is considered H1!
- In Microsoft Word, apply headings using the "Styles" group on the Home tab. These styles not only format your text but also make your document accessible and easy to convert to PDF.

Common Ground:

Whether you're working in Word or WordPress, the principle is the same:

H1 = Main Title

H2 = Section Heading

H3 = Subsection Heading

Avoid skipping heading levels (e.g., jumping from H1 to H4), as this can confuse assistive technologies.

Strategic Planning and Assessment

Transition from Anthology Systems & Upcoming Data Initiatives

For several years, we have used Anthology Baseline and Anthology Planning to support assessment and reporting. Beginning this semester, we will be transitioning away from the Anthology system. Access to Anthology will end on October 31. Please contact me directly with any questions regarding survey development or implementation during this transition.

We are also excited to share that new processes are being developed in partnership with IT-SLE to better leverage existing data and increase visibility into how our work directly contributes to student success. Look out for opportunities to learn more about these initiatives throughout the semester.

Thank you for your continued support!

In Partnership,

Liza Boritz

Director, Planning, Assessment, and Evaluation

Important Dates, Deadlines & Events

September 26-28: Family Weekend, Storrs Campus

October 6: University Senate

October 12: Fall Campus Visit Day, Storrs Campus

October 25: Fall Campus Visit Day, Storrs Campus

2025 Religious & Cultural Important Dates

UConn Events Calendar

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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The logo for the University of Connecticut, featuring the word "UCONN" in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font. The letters are closely spaced, and the "U" and "C" are particularly prominent.

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