

Student Life & Enrollment Monthly Newsletter November 2025



Greetings, SLE Colleagues,

As we move through the final weeks of the fall semester, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the outstanding work happening across the Division of Student Life and Enrollment, as well as the exciting momentum that is carrying us forward. This has been a semester marked by collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to enhancing the student experience. Every day, your efforts make UConn a more connected, supportive, and inspiring place to learn, live, and grow.

Together, we've strengthened partnerships across campuses, expanded opportunities for engagement, and continued to enhance the services that help students succeed. The energy and creativity within our division are fueling real progress, and as we look ahead, that same spirit will guide us into an even more impactful chapter for Student Life and Enrollment.

I'm also excited to share that our division will expand effective December 1, 2025, as part of UConn's continued effort to align resources and strengthen student-centered support. With the addition of the Dean of Students Office, Student Activities, Cultural Centers and Programs, the Center for Students with Disabilities, and the Center for Career Readiness & Life Skills, we are once again growing, bringing together areas that are deeply connected to student success and belonging.

This next chapter represents another opportunity for us to build on the momentum we've created together. I am deeply grateful for the professionalism, creativity, and care each of you brings to your work. It's because of your commitment that our division continues to evolve with purpose and make a lasting impact on the lives of our students.

As we continue through the remainder of the semester, I am filled with pride and excitement for what lies ahead. Our collective effort and shared vision are what make Student Life and Enrollment so special, and together, we are shaping the future of the UConn experience.

Our momentum is strong—and the *best is yet to come*.

Go Huskies!



Nathan Fuerst
Vice President for Student Life & Enrollment

DIVISIONAL HAPPENINGS

FAFSA for Academic Year 2026-2027 is Available Now

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the 2026–2027 academic year is now open and available to complete. Students can complete their application online at studentaid.gov. The Institutional Aid Application for Undocumented Students is also available online for students to complete, Undocumented Students - All Students Welcome at UConn | Office of Student Financial Aid Services. The on-time priority deadline is February 15, 2026. Please encourage students to apply early to maximize their financial aid opportunities!

Spring 2026 Registration and Key Deadlines

Although class registration appointments concluded on November 5, students can still adjust their schedules. **Today, November 10, is the last day to drop a class with a “W” or change a course to Pass/No Pass.** All students will receive reminders in October and November that they must be registered for classes by December 5 to maintain their Spring 2026 housing assignment; those who are not registered by that date will have their housing assignment canceled.

To support students in registering for spring classes, the Dean of Students Office, One Stop, Campus Housing, Bursar, Undergraduate Advising, and SHaW are partnering to host a Solutions Lab, an in-person opportunity for students to receive help resolving holds and identifying next steps.

📍 **Student Union Ballroom**

- **Tuesday, November 11 | 12:00–4:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, November 12 | 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**

Campus Housing Highlights

The **Spring 2026 housing application** is now available for new spring residents and admits, students returning from off-campus programs (EGL), Spring into Storrs students, and approved campus change students. Any other student interested in living on campus for the spring semester is also welcome to apply. The deadline to submit the application and being considered on time is **November 14**.

Campus change students must submit their housing application **and** have their campus change approved by **November 14** to be eligible for housing at Storrs. *Spring into Storrs* students are required to live on campus for the spring semester as part of their commitment to UConn and will receive reminders to submit their application.

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Team provides resources and professional development opportunities that strengthen the department's work with staff and students. This semester, the team led sessions on bias awareness, conduct meetings, and social justice programming, and hosted a Unity Day event featuring Dr. Candace Reese, who spoke about Juneteenth and cultural growth. The DEI Team will continue offering programs that celebrate and support UConn's diverse community.

Test your Limits at the 2025 New England DEKA FIT Roadshow!

On Saturday, November 22, UConn Recreation will proudly host the New England DEKA FIT Roadshow at the Student Recreation Center. This high-energy stop on the national DEKA tour is presented by DEKA and UConn Rec, transforming training into *fitness gamified* for all levels.

DEKA FIT features 10 functional fitness zones, each preceded by a 500-meter run (totaling 5K). Participants can test their fitness, earn their DEKA Mark, and compete for a spot on the Global Leaderboard—with the chance to qualify for the 2026 DEKA World Championships.

Event Heats:

- **Age Group Heat** – Open to all levels; eligible for Age Group recognition.
- **Elite Heat** – For competitive athletes seeking podium honors.
- **Ruck Heat** – Complete the course with a ruck or backpack.
- **Team Heat** – Teams of two (adult, youth, or mixed) divide and conquer the DEKA FIT arena.

Spectators are welcome — come cheer on athletes and experience the excitement! Every finisher receives a DEKA FIT tee, medal, and wedge, with podium awards for top finishers.

Technology Updates

New SLE Software Purchase Workflow: What You Need to Know

IT Student Life & Enrollment (IT-SLE) has introduced a streamlined approval process for all software purchases. From your supervisor to the VP's office, every step is now clearly defined. [Learn More at IT-SLE](#)

Accessibility Tip: Accessible PDFs Start with Source Documents

The most common PDF accessibility error? Missing document titles. The fix? Start in Word or PowerPoint before you hit "Save as PDF." Learn how to set titles, authors, and run accessibility checks to make your documents screen-reader friendly and compliant. [Read the Quick Steps at IT-SLE](#)

Big Projects? Get Strategic Oversight With IT-SLE

IT-SLE's new Project Management Oversight service is here to help your department tackle large initiatives with confidence. We provide tools, templates, and high-level guidance while you keep day-to-day control. Submit a request early and make your next project a success. [Learn more at IT-SLE](#)

UConn Brand Website Gets Upgrade

Need official logos, color palettes, or presentation templates? The updated UConn brand site now offers a SharePoint hub for all downloadable assets. Plus, you can request training to master visual identity standards. Explore the new resources at brand.uconn.edu.

Strategic Planning and Assessment

Preparing for the 2026 SERU Survey Launch

The Student Experience in the Research University (SERU) survey will launch in mid-March 2026. This important assessment helps us better understand and enhance the student experience. To maximize its reach and impact, I've been working with a cross-campus team of students, faculty, and staff. You will hear more about these efforts soon. Your support will be essential in accomplishing our goal of increasing the number of undergraduate participants in this survey.

To help ensure the success of this initiative, I ask that you:

1. Support distribution efforts to boost student response rates. Details on how you can contribute will be shared shortly.
2. Avoid sending large-scale student surveys during the SERU administration period.

While some overlap may be unavoidable, please review your spring survey plans now and contact me promptly if coordination is needed.

Thank you for your collaboration in advancing this vital assessment effort!

In Partnership,

Liza Boritz

Director, Planning, Assessment, and Evaluation

Important Dates, Deadlines & Events

November 10: Last day to withdraw from a course

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November 11: Veteran's Day

November 23-29: Thanksgiving Recess

December 1: University Senate Meeting

December 3: Board of Trustees Meeting

December 5: Last day of fall semester classes

December 6-7: Reading Days

December 8: Final examinations begin

December 11: Reading Day

December 14: Final examinations end

2025 Religious & Cultural [Important Dates](#)

[UConn Events Calendar](#)

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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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