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Greetings from the UCPA Secretary

Thankfully we have made it through one of the snowiest winters in Connecticut’s history. What a winter it was! And now here we are at the end of another academic year.

Let me begin by offering my congratulations to all UConn seniors who will be graduating this May. Congratulations also to the parents of these students. They could not have reached this significant milestone in their lives without your love and support. Truly a job well done. And to the parent of a sophomore, you all make me proud.

And to the parents of freshman, sophomores, and juniors—thank you, too, for supporting your students this past year. These are indeed exciting times at UConn. The University continues to grow and expand, not only in terms of square footage, but also in technology and its cutting-edge scientific research.

I would like to send a message of thanks from all UConn parents to President Phillip Austin. Dr. Austin served as interim president this past year while UConn conducted a national search for its 15th president. This was Dr. Austin’s second time serving as president, and we thank him for his leadership and dedication to the University.

As a die-hard Husky fan, I congratulate all UConn’s sports teams for a magnificent year. Way to go, UConn. What an exciting year you gave us!

Fondly,

Eugenie Williams, Secretary, UConn Parents Association

Susan Herbst named UConn’s 15th president

Michael Kirk, Senior Media Relations Specialist

Susan Herbst will officially begin her term as UConn’s 15th president in June. In December, the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees voted to appoint Herbst, following an intensive six-month search. There were more than 100 applications for the position. Herbst was one of three finalists considered by the 40-member search committee and the Board of Trustees. Herbst is the first woman to be selected as the University’s president since the school’s founding in 1881.

“I’m very pleased with the choice,” remarked Governor Dannel Malloy at the press conference announcing Herbst. Malloy went on to say that, “UConn is one of Connecticut’s best assets and its president needs to be an effective leader, a strategic thinker, and a skilled communicator. It’s clear that we have found that in Susan.”

Following Malloy at the press conference, Herbst said, “I have long admired the University of Connecticut as a beacon of intellectual excellence and model research institution. The opportunity to serve as its president is a tremendous honor ... I’m excited about getting to know the university community and the state of Connecticut in the coming weeks and months.”

Since the December announcement, Herbst has frequently come to Connecticut to meet and work with President Austin and UConn’s constituencies as part of the transition process. Herbst is currently the executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer for The University System of Georgia. It has more than 311,000 students, roughly 10,000 faculty members, and an annual budget of more than $6 billion.
Putting Students First

Whitney O’Donnell
Program Director, Parents Fund, UConn Foundation, Inc.

As parents, we do our best to ensure that all of our children’s needs are met through years of planning and saving. All too frequently though, unforeseen economic hardships derail the best-laid plans. For one UConn student, the generosity of parents and donors helped her overcome that obstacle and kept her on her path to completing her UConn education.

In the spring of 2010, Kim Oates (CLAS ’11) watched as her family was forced to relocate to North Carolina for her mother’s new job. Unfortunately, her father was unable to find work and Kim lost her health insurance. And even though she held a part-time job while attending UConn, sending extra money back to her family to help with their needs exhausted her cash reserves.

Worse, she received news that she would not be receiving the loan she had counted on to complete her senior year. “My world turned upside down,” she says. “I loved being a Husky, and had worked very hard to maintain good grades through everything. My mom and I tried every option to get more money for school, but it wasn’t looking good.”

At the same time, Kim landed a new job. Through a conversation with her supervisor, she learned about the Students First Fund, which provides assistance for students suffering unexpected hardships. She immediately applied. Days later, she was overjoyed to learn she had been awarded a scholarship that covered the balance of her tuition.

Originally created to show concern when a student encountered difficult times, the Students First Fund has become a favorite cause for many who have witnessed its impact.

“We’ve had students who lost belongings in a fire, or had a death in the family. Other students have been the victims of theft or criminal activity. Students may become unable to pay for college because of a parent’s job loss,” says Daniel Doerr, assistant to the vice president for Student Affairs. “As we gained success in fundraising, we were able to broaden the impact of what we were able to do with the fund.”

Kim is grateful. She graduates this year with a communications degree, and has the Students First Fund to thank. Which she does, profusely.

“The Students First Fund has enabled me to finish my undergraduate education,” Kim says. “I want to make sure I say a very clear thank you to all the contributors to the Students First Fund. You really have helped me. Thank you!”

To make a gift to the Students First Fund, Parents Fund, or to learn more about the UConn Foundation, please visit foundation.uconn.edu, call 860-486-5000, or mail a check. All gifts for the benefit of UConn should be made payable to The University of Connecticut Foundation, Inc. and sent to 2390 Alumni Drive, Unit 3206, Storrs, Connecticut 06269-3206.

The Husky Alumni Network—Huskies Helping Huskies

Fany Hannon, Manager of Student and Young Alumni Relations, UConn Alumni Association

Encourage your son or daughter to experience the power of the Husky Alumni Network, a free service enabling UConn seniors to:

• Search for a job or post a résumé
• Find other Huskies worldwide in an online directory
• Set up a UConn email address that forwards to their personal email address
• Sign up for networking events through UConn’s Events Calendar
• Make career connections through the CareerNet.

Freshman, sophomores, and juniors can connect with UConn alumni who have volunteered to share their career experiences with other Huskies. Students can:

• Find an alumni mentor
• Explore career options
• Get interviewing advice
• Seek job shadowing and internship opportunities.

The University of Connecticut Alumni Association, former students and friends who care about UConn’s future, can help your student reap the benefits of the growing family of 215,000 alumni. Our goals are to connect alumni, support students, and strengthen UConn.

Find out more about how the UConn Alumni Association can help your student; contact Fany at fany.hannon@uconn.edu.
Moving Out

Department of Residential Life

The academic year is ending and although it may feel like you just loaded all those belongings to bring your student to UConn, it’s time to pack them up and move them out. Did you know that students move out up to 40% more belongings than they moved in? Planning the move-out process can cut down on time and stress. Below are some suggestions to help make the process go smoothly.

1. When Does Your Student Need To Be Out Of The Room?
All students must be out of the residence halls no later than 24 hours after their last final exam. Those students participating in the undergraduate graduation ceremonies must move out by 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 8.

2. Follow Check-Out Procedures
Residence hall staff will instruct students on how to vacate their rooms properly. Please be sure that your student follows proper instructions when moving out, such as cleaning the room, assembling furniture correctly, and handing in the key. Checking out with a staff member also gives you the opportunity to discuss any damages and who is responsible.

3. Consider Renting a Van or Truck
Depending upon the quantity of items your student has at school, it may be convenient to rent a moving van or truck. If you are thinking about doing this, arrange to do so early. The month of May can be a busy time to rent a truck since many colleges are concluding the spring semester at the same time.

4. Bring Moving Supplies
Start saving those boxes! Boxes, tape, and even Ziploc bags are very helpful on move-out day. Large garbage bags are one of the best ways to get clothes and blankets home. You may also want to consider packing items that your student needs for school into separate boxes. Label these boxes and put aside for home storage. Hand trucks are a great way to move boxes so be sure to bring one along if you have one.

5. Does Your Student Have Unwanted Items?
As students begin packing, they often come across items they no longer want. Items such as canned goods and clothing can be donated to a charitable organization. Ask your student to check with the residence hall staff in your building for drop-off locations. Other unwanted belongings must be removed from the room or building. Large dumpsters will be located in areas around the residence halls for disposal of large unwanted items such as rugs and furniture. Do not leave large items in the student’s room or near trash receptacles in the residence hall as your student may be charged for improperly disposing of his or her belongings. We greatly appreciate your assistance in this area!

6. Please Keep Vehicles Off the Grass and Sidewalks
Upon your arrival to campus for move-out, please park in a designated parking space or loading area near the residence hall. Please help to keep our campus beautiful by not driving or parking on grass, sidewalks, or landscaped areas.

7. Consider Renting a Local Storage Space
If your student has many large items that will not be needed during the summer, consider renting a storage space. Often a group of students will share a storage space. Personal belongings cannot be stored at the University over the summer and any items left in a room or building will be disposed of after students check out of the residence hall.

8. Travel Safety
As you are packing up your vehicle, be sure to maintain visibility for safe driving. Please tightly secure any items on roofs or trucks to ensure a safe drive home.

9. Prepare For Your Student to Return Home
Over the past few months, your student has changed and matured. Having your student back at home will be somewhat of an adjustment for both the student and the family. Patience and good communication can help to make this transition smooth and enjoyable.

Questions about moving out? Visit reslife.uconn.edu.
Update on the New Classroom Buildings

Jeffrey von Munkwitz-Smith, Ph.D., University Registrar

Construction of the West Classroom Building, located on Fairfield Way between the Student Union and the Center for Undergraduate Education, is progressing nicely—despite the challenging weather this past winter. The windows are going in, as well as the glass, brick, and copper façade. The building will be the University’s first that is dedicated solely to classrooms, with two large lecture halls and seventeen smaller high-tech rooms. It is scheduled to be completed early this coming summer and will be used for classes in fall 2011. I toured the building and was very pleased to see the progress being made on the classrooms. It will be a terrific place to teach and learn!

Work on the East Classroom Building, located on Fairfield Way next to the Babbidge Library, began last fall. The foundation is underway. Steelworks on the south side of the building began in February. The East Building will contain one large lecture hall and twenty smaller high-tech classrooms, as well as the Departments of Economics, Journalism, Linguistics, Modern and Classical Languages, and Political Science. It is scheduled for completion in late summer 2012.

SAVE THE DATE: Family Weekend 2011

Mark your calendar now, because Family Weekend 2011 is coming! UConn will hold this annual tradition September 23, 24, and 25 with events for the entire family.

In early August, either watch your mail for the Family Weekend registration brochure or visit the Family Weekend website at familyweekend.uconn.edu for a preview of this year’s activities.

Be sure to make your overnight reservations early, as Family Weekend is attended by thousands of UConn families. Area accommodations can be found on the Parents Association website at parents.uconn.edu. Additionally, special meals such as the BBQ, President’s Dinner, and Provost’s Breakfast have a limited capacity and are filled on a first-come, first-reserved basis.
The summer months are a wonderful time to explore what UConn has to offer. The campus is quiet in comparison to the commotion of the 17,000 undergraduate students enrolled during the spring and fall semesters. While returning students are heading to their summer courses and new students are experiencing Orientation, the UConn campus offers so much to see and do!

The UConn Dairy Bar is a must when on campus. Originally named the Dairy Product Salesroom, the Dairy Bar opened sometime between 1953 and 1954 to sell dairy products that were manufactured by UConn’s Creamery. Today, over 200,000 customers visit the Dairy Bar annually to enjoy more than 24 flavors of ice cream, as well as choose from eggs, cheeses, and yogurt. The Dairy Bar is open from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. in May and from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. in June, July, and August. More information can be found at dairybar.uconn.edu or by calling 860-486-2634 or 860-486-1021.

Explore the many collections at the William Benton Museum of Art. Located near the center of campus, the Benton is not only a site of art exhibitions but also includes a gift shop and The Beanery café. The Benton officially opened in 1967 in a former campus dining hall, but its roots go back to the early twentieth century. Admission to the museum is free. The galleries are open Tuesday – Friday from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 – 4:30 p.m. The gift shop and The Beanery are open Tuesday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1– 4 p.m. For more information visit thebenton.org or call 860-486-4520.

If you are interested in the exhibitions at the Benton, you should also visit the Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry. UConn is one of only three universities in the country to offer an undergraduate degree in puppet arts. The Puppetry Museum has a collection of over 2,500 puppets from all over the world. There is an archive of books, manuscripts, posters, drawings, audio-visual materials, and photographs about the history of puppetry. The Ballard Institute curates and produces exhibitions of puppetry, both at the museum and for touring around the

Did you know the cost of summer housing has been reduced?

Summer is a great time for students to take a class at the Storrs campus. Besides enjoying a more intimate experience, students now have an additional reason to stay on campus—half-priced university housing in air-conditioned dorms. For more information please visit the Summer Housing page on reslife.uconn.edu, and see the story on page 11 of this newsletter.
cattle, sheep, and horses. Every day, visitors can see cows being milked using computerized systems at 1 p.m. at the Kellogg Dairy Center. Right across the street from Horsebarn Hill, visitors are welcome in the Floriculture Greenhouse. Visiting hours are Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sale hours occur Monday – Thursday, 12:30 – 4 p.m., and Friday, 12:30 – 3 p.m. More information can be found at cag.uconn.edu.

Take a tour of UConn’s Greenhouses for Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Plant Growth Facilities. With one of the most diverse plant collections in the northeastern United States, these greenhouses are an interesting destination in eastern Connecticut. Located behind the Torrey Life Sciences building, the greenhouses are open to the public Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. More information can be found at titanarum.uconn.edu/visiting.html.

With such an outstanding Department of Athletics, UConn is proud to offer free admission to the J. Robert Donnelly Husky Heritage Sports Museum. Located in the Alumni Center, this museum showcases the sights and sounds of 100+ years of UConn athletic tradition. The museum is open to the general public Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. More information can be found at uconnhuskies.com/trads/museum.html.

The Student Union is home to a theater, food court, six cultural centers, a restaurant, ice cream shop, and a game room. Stop by Chuck and Augie’s Restaurant, named in honor of the benefactors of the University of Connecticut, Charles and Augustus Storrs. Grab some ice cream at the Blue Cow for dessert, Monday – Friday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Go mini-bowling in the Doug Bernstein Game Room and follow that with any one of the summer programs. Event information is available at summer-programs.uconn.edu. Visit all of our cultural centers, located on the 3rd and 4th floors of the Student Union. Find more information at studentunion.uconn.edu.

From ice cream, to museums, to agriculture, UConn is constantly full of life. Whether a quick visit, a day trip, or an overnight stay, you can always find something to do at the University. And of course, don’t forget to stop by our so-much-more-than-a-bookstore, the UConn Co-op, before you leave!

Visit summer-programs.uconn.edu for more information.
This issue, we’re pleased to continue our series: “Inside the...” Each issue we’re taking a look at one of UConn’s gems. There are many places to explore, so be sure to check out uconn.edu/attractions.php for more information.

Throughout 2011, the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History is presenting a new special series: The Natural History of Play. Come discover how physical and biological processes occurring around us shape play behavior in animals. Through lectures, programs, and workshops, the series also explores what human expressions of play may reveal about our changing relationship to the environment.

The Museum’s permanent exhibit is Human’s Nature: Looking Closer at the Relationships between People and the Environment. It explores how the natural history of southern New England has shaped the lives of the people who live here and how people, in turn, have shaped the environment. In meaningful and engaging ways, the exhibit weaves together original video featuring UConn faculty, historic images and documents, artifacts, and biological specimens in four different story-stations. People of all ages will discover something interesting within The Natural History of Work, The Natural History of Comfort, The Natural History of Shopping, and/or The Natural History of Health.

The Connecticut State Museum of Natural History and Connecticut Archaeology Center are part of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS). By promoting an understanding and appreciation of our natural and cultural world, especially as related to New England, experts from UConn and beyond serve the University and the public. The Museum also offers multidisciplinary educational programs, showcasing the teaching, research, and resources of the University, so students and the public may interact with and learn from leading scholars.

Additionally, the Museum continues to offer exciting workshops, family activities, field learning programs, and notable presentations that help us look closer at New England’s natural and cultural history.

When on campus, stop by the Museum of Natural History located on Hillside Road between the UConn Co-op and McMahon Hall.
Changes to the Federal Pell Grant Program
Changes to the law allow students to potentially receive up to 200% of their scheduled Federal Pell Grant award during a single award year to help them accelerate progress toward a degree. A student who is enrolled for at least 25 credits during the award year, which for 2010-2011 includes: fall 2010, spring 2011, and summer 2011, is considered to be accelerating progress toward his/her degree. Generally, students who are not enrolled for at least 25 credits during the award year will not be eligible for any portion of their second Pell Grant award.

To qualify for proceeds from a second Pell Grant award for summer 2011, students must also:

• Be Pell Grant eligible
• Be making satisfactory academic progress
• Be enrolled at least half-time (6 credits or more) during the summer semester

Eligible students who are enrolled at UConn for summer 2011 will automatically be awarded Federal Pell Grant funds. Additional details are available at: financialaid.uconn.edu/Pell.

ACG & SMART Grants to be Discontinued
Federal funding for both the Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) and National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant (SMART) will be discontinued starting with the 2011-2012 award year.

New Satisfactory Academic Progress Regulations
Federal regulations require the Office of Student Financial Aid Services (OSFAS) to review the academic progress of each continuing student applying for aid and to determine each student’s compliance with the University’s satisfactory academic progress guidelines. Applicants found to be in violation of the standards are ineligible for the aid programs governed by the guidelines. Recent changes to these regulations require that beginning this coming fall, the OSFAS review a student’s satisfactory academic progress at the end of each semester, rather than at the end of each academic year. Additional information is available at financialaid.uconn.edu/sap.

2011-2012 Financial Aid Process
A change in federal regulations now requires that students and their parent/s must have submitted a 2011-2012 FAFSA before a parent can borrow a Federal Direct PLUS Loan. Additionally, the parent borrower will need to complete a PLUS application at studentloans.gov.

To ensure that your student’s financial aid is applied to his or her fee bills in a timely manner, please encourage him or her to complete the following items:

• Log into the Student Administration System to accept or decline their financial aid
• Provide all requested documents

The OSFAS may request documentation to verify information reported on the FAFSA. Financial aid award packages for incoming students who are selected for verification may be revised after the documentation is received and reviewed. Continuing students who are selected for verification will not receive a financial aid award package until all requested information is received and reviewed. Funding is limited and financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

If the information requested by our office is not submitted early enough, the student may miss an opportunity for financial aid funds that become depleted as the awarding cycle continues.

• First-time Stafford Loan borrowers must also complete a Federal Direct Stafford Loan MPN, and Stafford Loan Entrance Counseling.
• First time Federal Perkins Loan borrowers must also complete the Perkins Master Promissory Note (PM PN), and the Confidential Federal Perkins Loan Data form.

Private (Alternative) Loan Process
Federal regulations require the completion of a series of additional disclosures, including a Self-Certification form for all private (alternative) education loans. Student borrowers are required to obtain the form, and the information needed to complete it, from their institution, sign the form, and submit it to their lender. The private (alternative) loan application and disbursement process will not be completed until the signed Self-Certification form has been received by the lender.

These additional disclosure requirements will lengthen the amount of time it will take to complete the process to borrow a private (alternative) loan. We suggest that students begin the process in June to ensure that their University fee bill is paid in a timely manner.

Please remind your student to check their HuskyMail over the summer. Several University departments correspond with students by email only.
This fall, when you are settling your young adult into a residence hall, mixed feelings may make the transition to college life a bit unsettling for both parent and student. If your son or daughter has a food allergy or sensitivity, this adjustment can be a bit more challenging.

If you have concerns about your student’s special food needs, schedule a meeting with our Dining Services team. Typically, our team includes Denise Beal, assistant director of dining operations, Amy Dunham, registered dietician, Rob Landolphi, manager of culinary development, and a dining unit area manager and production chef. This meeting gives us a chance to talk one-on-one with the student about his or her individual needs and explain how we can best accommodate them. It also provides an opportunity to ask questions, and for parents to be reassured that their student will be adequately fed throughout their stay at UConn.

In our dining units, it is of utmost importance to label foods clearly and in plain sight at all food stations and on each serving line. Students have given us feedback that this is very helpful and important; they use the labels daily to find safe choices throughout the dining facilities.

Each dish is displayed in the case with a legible sign stating the name of the item and the calorie/protein/carbohydrate/fat content of the dish. The sign also lists any of the top eight allergens the dish contains (i.e., wheat, dairy, soy, egg, fish, shellfish, peanuts, tree nuts).

The labels specify “contains gluten” if an item has wheat, barley, or rye or if there’s a possibility of cross-contamination. Dining Services has multiple gluten-free and dairy-free options available at every meal and in every dining facility. Our coffee shops also offer some gluten-free options including gluten-free brownies and chocolate chip cookies.

If for some reason your student doesn’t like the entrée offered in their dining unit, they may talk to the manager on duty. All of our managers are willing to make food to order or have other safe options on hand. Students can either wait while the food is being prepared or call ahead so that it’s ready when they arrive. This includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner at all eight residential dining facilities, as well as Union Street Market Food Court and Chuck & Augie’s Restaurant.

With the rate of allergies and sensitivities increasing, UConn Dining Services is ready to meet the challenge to provide a safe, nutritious, and enjoyable college dining experience for your student.

Read All About It

The UConn Parents Association LISTSERV provides important updates via emails from our Association and from the UConn administration. We hope you want to receive these emails; please sign up at parents.uconn.edu. You may also remove your email address when you no longer wish to receive these very important messages.

For allergen information about daily menu items, visit nutritionanalysis.dds.uconn.edu/location.asp.
Summer Courses Provide Academic and Economic Benefits

Jeffrey von Munkwitz-Smith, Ph.D., University Registrar

Beginning this year, students will have a new incentive to stay on campus and take classes during the summer. UConn now offers university housing at half price during summer sessions—all in air-conditioned residence halls. Dining fees are also reduced.

Our summer session program gives students the opportunity to earn college credits in a variety of accelerated courses without sacrificing their summer plans. Classes are offered May-August and can be completed in three- or six-week intervals. Course offerings include many of the general education, writing, and math courses that are required for graduation. Some majors also offer upper-division courses. Weighing the costs, a few summer session courses are more affordable than paying for an extra year at UConn. Our summer courses offer the same University of Connecticut quality, but at a real savings. Instead of paying the expenses associated with an additional semester or two of full tuition to meet graduation requirements, summer session courses are charged on a per-credit basis. And the rate is fixed, regardless of a student's residency status.

Many students enjoy the flexibility that summer session offers. Classes are offered at a variety of times during the day and allow students to still pursue summer internships and other plans. The abbreviated class terms also leave plenty of time for summer vacations and work.

Our accelerated summer classes are a convenient way for students to catch up while focusing on a lighter academic course load. For students not on track to graduate in four years, a few summer session courses are often more affordable than an additional semester or two of tuition.

Summer sessions can also be seen as an opportunity to get ahead. For many students, the chance to get ahead is of great value and importance. Summer session is a convenient alternative to heavy course loads during the fall and spring semesters. This summer the School of Business is offering many of the courses that count toward the Business minor, expanding the opportunities for students to complete that popular minor.

And summer is one of the best times to be in Storrs. Campus is a smaller, more intimate place so it’s a fun, relaxed time to be here and take classes. There’s a misconception that campus shuts down when students leave in May, but in reality the campus gyms and swimming pool are open, the “Front Desk” service is running, and student activities continue. Check out the story on pages 6-7 of this newsletter for info about many other things to do during the summer at UConn.

In addition to being offered at our main campus in Storrs, summer session courses are scheduled at each of our five regional campuses. Students can take courses at a location that’s convenient to them regardless of the campus they attend during the academic year. Parents, there’s added cost saving if your student takes summer courses at a regional campus and lives at home.

Online Summer Course Options

Some students will not be able to take advantage of the courses that UConn offers at a variety of times at our main campus in Storrs or at regional campuses across the state. For those students, taking UConn courses online may be a good alternative. UConn’s online courses offer the same high academic quality as our in-person offerings. They cover the same material and count toward the same academic requirements as in-person counterparts.

More than 40 courses are currently offered online for Summer Session 2011 in a variety of academic disciplines. Many of these courses count toward the University’s General Education requirements and the others count toward major requirements.

I hope you will seize the opportunity to discuss the benefits of summer session with your student. Although it may seem too early to begin thinking about summer, it’s closer than you think. Registration began in February and your student recently received more information about our summer session program in their HuskyMail email accounts. Together we can help your student achieve academic goals.

Cut & Save

UConn now offers university housing at half price during summer sessions

To learn more about Summer Session at UConn, visit us online at summersession.uconn.edu.
The Department of Student Activities supports students in their co-curricular endeavors. Here are a few points of pride from this past academic year:

**Student Organizations**
UConn has a very involved student body. Our students run 500 student organizations, from academic clubs to political to fitness to performing arts. Student organizations serve as a true “lab” setting for leadership development, as students are responsible for all aspects of group operations. The staff members in the Department of Student Activities provide training for organization officers. This year, we facilitated over 200 workshops for over 1,500 student leaders.

**Club Sports**
What is a Club Sport? It is a sports team that is led and managed by students for students who play for the love of their sports. UConn boasts 42 Club Sports teams that compete with other collegiate teams. Over the past five years, over a dozen teams have won national championships. In Spring 2010, UConn magazine featured club sports: [uconnmagazine.uconn.edu/sprg2010/feature2.html](http://uconnmagazine.uconn.edu/sprg2010/feature2.html)

**Volunteering**
UConn students are service oriented. Over 2,500 students participated in service programs this year, and their involvement totaled over 50,000 hours. These students engaged with over 130 community-based organizations, primarily in Connecticut. Students also traveled to make a difference. Students served in 17 communities around the country as part of UConn’s “Alternative Break” program. These students spent a weekend or winter/spring break in a community addressing local needs, including AIDS/HIV outreach in New York City, rebuilding houses in New Orleans, and environmental restoration in West Virginia.

**Things to Do**
UConn’s student-run programming board, SUBOG, plans over 100 social events for students each year, such as movies, comedians, concerts, trips, and travel to sporting events. SUBOG also sponsors Homecoming events for students. One of the most popular events is Lip Sync. Every year, dozens of organizations participate in this exciting event and thousands of students fill Gampel Pavilion to watch.

Your student can see what Student Activities has to offer by visiting [studentactivities.uconn.edu](http://studentactivities.uconn.edu).