Welcome to the UConn Community from President Susan Herbst

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Welcome to the UConn Community!

It is my pleasure to welcome our new and returning students and their families to the Storrs campus. This is an exciting time to be at the University of Connecticut. UConn now stands among the top national public research universities in the nation. Our students are reaching ever-higher levels of achievement with each passing year, our campus has never been more vibrant, we are in the midst of hiring even more outstanding faculty, and the Storrs Center downtown area is evolving before our eyes, with a variety of shops and restaurants open for business.

A new academic year means fresh opportunities and challenges for students, as well as parents. Attending UConn is an incredibly fulfilling experience – one that students will look back on with fondness and pride for the rest of their lives. As your student comes to you for guidance, I would like to offer some simple pieces of wisdom that I have picked up through my years in higher education as a student, faculty member, and administrator.

Be patient. – Remember, college can be a challenging time for students, but also for you as parents. Be patient as you and your son or daughter figure out how to navigate these challenges together.

Educate yourself. – Familiarize yourself with the University of Connecticut and its wide array of resources for parents. Parent Talk is a great place to start. We also recommend that you register online for the UConn Parents Association LISTSERV so that you can receive important University updates and other information. Visit parents.uconn.edu to sign up.

Stay up-to-date on all the University has to offer for you and your student. – Receive the latest University news for free by subscribing at today.uconn.edu/subscribe.

I am delighted to welcome you to campus. Best wishes for a wonderful semester.

Sincerely,

Susan Herbst
President, University of Connecticut

Greetings from the UCPA President

For many of you this is your first year as UConn parents—I am so excited for all of you. This is the start of my seventh year as a parent here at the University and as the mother of two UConn students I still get excited for the beginning of each new school year. There is so much to do and see on top of the amazing classroom experiences that your students will have. Meeting new friends from 80+ countries, growing from new experiences in and out of classrooms, and belonging to a new community all contribute to our students’ excitement about attending UConn. As families, we get to share in the activities and watch them experience it all. What a perfect place to prepare for their future!

Please mark your calendars for Friday, September 19 to Sunday, September 21, UConn’s annual Family Weekend. Entertainment, food, tours, and exhibits will be happening all weekend to showcase all that happens here at UConn. It is such a fun event and I look forward to seeing you there for this annual tradition.

Caroline Chapman
President, UConn Parents Association

Mission Statement
The UConn Parents Association will support the University by involving parents in the college experience for the purpose of improving and advancing the University of Connecticut.

Executive Board
Caroline Chapman, President
Bob McMahon, Vice President

Meetings
The Executive Board meets two to three times each semester, or more if necessary.

About UConn Parent Talk
UConn Parent Talk is produced by the University of Connecticut Parents Association in conjunction with the Division of Enrollment Planning and Management and the University of Connecticut Foundation, Inc. Parents/Guardians of undergraduate students receive UConn Parent Talk three times each year (August, January, and May.) (May issue is exclusively online).

We welcome your comments and suggestions. Please direct all correspondence to Maria A. Sedotti, Director, Orientation Services/Liaison UConn Parents Association at the following address:

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This issue was mailed and posted on the Parents Association website in August. All UCPA LISTSERV members were notified of the posting. We are not responsible for the late receipt of this newsletter. Parents can join the UCPA LISTSERV at parents.uconn.edu.

Check our website at parents.uconn.edu for campus events and activities throughout the year.
A UConn Student Experience

Rachel Marshall, Associate Director of Annual Giving

This fall, incoming students bring unprecedented abilities in academics, athletics, the arts, sciences and more to UConn. They chose UConn for its exceptional education, state-of-the-art facilities, and renowned faculty. The full UConn experience, however, goes above and beyond what can be learned in the classroom.

UConn students have the opportunity to build character (and their resumes), and enrich their lives and those of others through service projects, cultural experiences, study abroad and more. Through First-Year Experience classes, students learn valuable life skills such as time management, problem solving, and study habits. The Division of Student Affairs supports students through innovative programs that promote student learning, personal development and academic success. Your student has the opportunity to engage in these and many other activities while exploring his or her interests at UConn.

The college years go quickly and it’s important for students to make the most of their time here and take full advantage of all that UConn has to offer.

Your donation to the Parents Fund, to the Division of Student Affairs, or to any other area of the University supports these activities that enhance your child’s UConn education and experience. Your contribution helps bridge the gap between academic programming and the phenomenal co-curricular activities UConn provides. Parents’ support helps us give your student the widest set of opportunities to success, ensuring solid preparation now and in the future.

As parents, I know you want to do everything possible for your children. The Parents Fund offers a unique opportunity to invest in the programs that support students. Best wishes to your student for a successful semester.

Be on the lookout for your Parents Fund appeal this fall.

For more information about the Parents Fund, contact lprause@foundation.uconn.edu
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 messages.

Margaret Selleck, University Bursar

**CHECKLIST***

- **Waive health insurance charges if you already have insurance.** This waiver can be completed by logging into the Student Administration System and going into Student Permissions.
- **Fill out a Title IV Waiver** If you would like financial aid money to pay all UConn charges. Complete this waiver by logging into the Student Administration System and going into Student Permissions.
- **Sign up to have a Refund Directly Deposited.** Why wait in line? Sign up for direct deposit by logging into the Student Administration System and going into Add/Edit Direct Deposit.

*In order to complete the above checklist your son/daughter attending UConn needs to designate a parent as an authorized user. This is done by having the student complete the online FERPA waivers that are in the Student Administration System. (FERPA.uconn.edu)

**FAQ’s**

- **How do we receive the bill?**
  
  UConn utilizes electronic billing and does not issue paper statements. Students can view their e-bill, designate an authorized user such as a parent/guardian, or enroll in an installment payment plan on the Student Administration System.

- **How do we pay the bill?**
  
  Students and authorized users can make free Electronic Check (e-check) payments by logging into our e-Bill and Payment Plan Suite. We also accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, and Diners Club Credit card payments through the Student Administration System. You can also mail in a check, or bring in check or cash to the Bursar’s Office. There is also an optional payment plan student’s or authorized users can enroll in each semester they want to participate. There is a $45 enrollment fee and the payment plan divides the balance into four equal installments.

- **What if we do not pay the bill by the due date?**
  
  Unsettled fee bills can result in a late fee and an account “hold” that prevents students from adding/dropping classes, using the recreation center, and other important services. The fee bill is considered settled if your student has paid it in full or if the balance will be covered under the following scenarios: 1) your student is paying through UConn’s installment payment plan and is current; 2) your student had been granted a deferment for an outside scholarship; 3) the student (and you, if applicable) has completely finished the financial aid process with UConn’s financial aid office. Incomplete financial aid is not considered settled.

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**Fall Payment Plan**

- August 1st: Enrollment for Fall Payment Plan Begins
- August 15th: 2nd Installment Due
- September 8th: Last Day to enroll in Fall Payment Plan
- September 15th: 3rd Installment Due
- October 15th: 4th Installment Due

**Spring Payment Plan**

- November 30th: Enrollment for Spring Payment Plan Begins
- December 15th: 1st Installment Due
- January 15th: 2nd Installment Due
- February 2nd: Last Day to enroll in Spring Payment Plan
- February 15th: 3rd Installment Due
- March 15th: 4th Installment Due

**TRIVIA**

What code is needed in order to talk to the University on your student’s behalf?

**CHECKLIST**

- 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 messages.

Join the UConn Parents Association LISTSERV at parents.uconn.edu.
As summer winds down, the Office of Student Financial Aid Services (OSFAS) is preparing to welcome new and continuing students as they arrive in Storrs. In an effort to provide a smooth transition, we urge all students and families to ensure that financial aid awards have been processed and fee bill arrangements have been finalized with the University prior to arrival.

**STUDENT TO-DO LIST**

- Log into the Student Administration System to determine financial aid status and take action on awards.
- **Financial Aid Recipients**
  - Verify status of any outstanding required items and submit all required documents.
  - Accept or decline awards.
  - Enter anticipated credits per semester.
  - Enter information on any awards such as scholarships, tuition waivers, etc. expected from outside sources.
- **UConn Scholarship Recipients**
  - Review the type and amount of scholarship(s) awarded, and accept applicable terms and conditions.
- **First-Time Federal Direct Stafford Loan Borrowers**
  - Complete required Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note (MPN) for Federal Direct Stafford Loans at studentloans.gov.
- **All Federal Perkins Loan Borrowers**
  - Obtain information regarding the completion of the required Master Promissory Note for Federal Perkins Loans at http://bursar.uconn.edu/perkins-loan-office/.
- Maintain compliance with the University’s Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy. Details regarding the SAP policy can be found at financialaid.uconn.edu/sap

**All Financial Aid and UConn Scholarship Recipients**

- Continuing students who are not in compliance with the University’s Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy are ineligible for the aid programs governed by the guidelines. Details regarding the SAP policy can be found at financialaid.uconn.edu/sap.

**PARENT TO-DO LIST**

- If you are interested in applying for a Federal Direct PLUS Loan to help pay for your student’s education, obtain additional information at financialaid.uconn.edu/plus.
- Remind your student to check both his/her University email account and the Student Administration (SA) System regularly. Whenever a change is made to a student’s financial aid award, or if action is required on their part, students are notified via University email accounts.
- Encourage your student to respond promptly to all requests for required documentation. If the student’s Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is selected by the federal processor for verification, the final value of the financial aid award package is contingent upon the verification of his/her financial aid application. Visit http://financialaid.uconn.edu/verification for details.
- The preferred method of submitting documents to the OSFAS is through fax to 860-486-6629. Information regarding alternative methods of submitting documentation is available at http://financialaid.uconn.edu/guidelines/. Please include your student’s name and student ID number on each page to ensure timely processing.
- Before calling on behalf of a student, please ensure that the student has identified you as a designee via the Online FERPA Privacy Waiver in the Student Administration System, and that you have your assigned access code available. Our office will not be able to speak with parents about their student’s financial aid record without this access code.
- Determine if additional resources are required to meet any outstanding balance due to the University. The Financial Aid Worksheet, available at financialaid.uconn.edu/cost, can help in estimating the amount needed. Information regarding a variety of financing options is available at http://financialaid.uconn.edu/financing-options/

Questions? Please visit the OSFAS website at financialaid.uconn.edu, or contact our client services staff at financialaid@uconn.edu or (860) 486-2819.

**Husky Week of Welcome**

An extension of Orientation, Husky WOW helps new students transition to campus. Husky WOW events for students begin on Friday, August 22nd after they move in and ends on Sunday, August 24th. For more information about Husky WOW access huskywow.uconn.edu

Check out the OSFAS website at financialaid.uconn.edu.
Greetings from UConn’s Cultural Centers. The missions, constituencies, and programmatic initiatives vary from Center to Center, but all are committed to supporting the mission of the University to promote academic excellence and support ALL students in developing to their fullest potential. The Cultural Centers provide many opportunities for exposing the University community to widely diverse people, cultures, ideas, and viewpoints and to an increasingly globalized workplace and society. Most Cultural Centers are located on the 4th floor of the Student Union. We invite you to visit us early in the fall semester.

H. Fred Simons African American Cultural Center (AACC)
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Established on the Storrs campus in 1968, the mission of the AACC is to promote academic excellence, cultural preservation, and quality leadership through a unique approach to cultural advocacy, academic support, and community outreach to middle schools, high schools, and community organizations and institutions in the State of Connecticut and across the region. The Center assists students in navigating the many resources of the University and accessing information and assistance in academic support, financial aid, career services, mental health/counseling services, student employment, Office of Student Services and Advocacy, the Office of Student Activities, and other campus offices, schools, and departments.

Asian American Cultural Center (AsACC)
Angela Rola, Director
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The Asian American Cultural Center (AsACC) was established on the Storrs campus on April 8, 1993. The AsACC provides resources to enhance the University’s diversity commitment through its recruitment and retention efforts, teaching, service, and outreach to the Asian American community on campus and efforts, to Central to all its programming, the AsACC assists students in exploring and defining their cultural identity in multicultural America. The AsACC provides year-long programming for the entire campus through a variety of workshops, guest lectures, art exhibits, and student conferences with the Asian American Mentoring Program (AMP) for incoming and transfer students its signature program. Employment and volunteer opportunities are also available for undergraduate and graduate students.

Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center (PRLACC)
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Established in 1972, PRLACC is the place for anyone who wants to be part of the Latino experience at the University of Connecticut. By making it possible for students to better understand their past, present, and future, PRLACC provides them with a more pronounced path to becoming one of the Latino/a leaders of tomorrow. Our mission is to improve the status of Latinos and to promote awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the richness and diversity of Latinos, Latin American and Caribbean cultures. We also work to educate the entire campus community on these issues. This cultural center is an ideal place to learn, study, relax between classes, or visit with friends. Students are encouraged to come by and see why we are the place to connect with who they are, and who they will become.

Rainbow Center
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The Rainbow Center serves UConn’s diverse community of gender identities, gender expressions and sexualities by fostering student personal growth, leadership development, and community engagement; and providing resources, services, education, training and advocacy. The community includes but is not limited to those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, questioning, non-gender conforming, pansexual, asexual, genderqueer, cisgender, intersex, bi-curious, transgender and heterosexual. Some of our most popular events are the weekly discussion groups, the Out to Lunch lecture series, Lavender Graduation, the annual drag show, Husky Ally Safe Zone Training and the FAMILLE mentoring program. UConn hosts both the True Colors Conference (Storrs campus) and the Transgender Lives conference (Farmington campus). We collaborate with various entities on campus to affirm equity and social justice, inclusive of gender and sexuality. Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression!

Women’s Center
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The mission of the Women’s Center is to advocate, educate, and provide support services for the achievement of gender equity at the University and within the community at large. Our major activities are concentrated in these three core, yet interconnected, areas: education (programs focused on raising awareness on issues related to gender); advocacy (assisting individuals who experience violence and/or discrimination and assisting various campus departments in creating more equitable and inclusive policies and practices); and support services (referrals and crisis intervention.) Our Violence Against Women Prevention Program addresses issues of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking. Through our employment/internship/volunteer opportunities, our library, and our educational programs and collaborations, the Center provides a unique environment in which people are encouraged to explore the connections between what they learn in the classroom and how they can make a difference in the world.

International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS)
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International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS), located in McMahon Hall, provides a supportive environment for international students, scholars, and their dependents who are experiencing cultural adjustment issues as well as handling their visa issues to study at UConn. Coupled with these support services, ISSS provides a wide array of activities to promote UConn’s intercultural and global awareness ranging from educational outreach programs to international coffee hours. Both international students and American students have networking opportunities through these events and workshops to learn about each other’s cultures.
Off-Campus Student Services (OCSS) offers resources and advocacy for UConn students living off-campus or who commute from home. As a parent or family member, your support and involvement is critical to your student’s experience. Here is some information to help your student make a successful transition.

Our website, [www.offcampus.uconn.edu](http://www.offcampus.uconn.edu), provides information about programs, services, and resources students and their families may find helpful. It’s also home to our Off Campus Housing Database. The housing database provides information on available housing options as well as message boards for communicating about roommates, furniture listings and sublet opportunities.

If your student moves off campus or commutes to UConn from home, OCSS can serve as an advocate and guide to ensure they have a positive experience. Our office can also assist your student in searching for off-campus housing, lease review, and offer tips for moving into the community. The Off-Campus Housing Guide also provides comprehensive information about how to search for and lease an apartment in the area.

Understanding Responsibilities
Leasing or renting a place to live off-campus can be very exciting for students. However, the responsibilities associated with the newfound freedom can be confusing and overwhelming. As a parent or family member, you can help your student better understand and prepare for new responsibilities by discussing topics such as paying bills and communicating with their property manager. It’s also important to understand that living off-campus is no different than living at home with neighbors in regard to community expectations. Part of their expectations include being responsible for the UConn Student Code of Conduct and local town ordinances/laws.

Utilizing Resources
There are many services on campus that are available to off-campus and commuter students. Dining Services offers a meal plan that is flexible and convenient. Student Health Services provides medical care, and HuskyTech offers computer technical assistance. The Commuter Lounge, located on the first floor of the Student Union includes a television, day lockers, a refrigerator, and a lounge area. Encourage your student to take advantage of these and many other resources to help them be successful.

Exploring Opportunities
OCSS offers resources and support for UConn students’ off-campus living and/or commuting experience. If you or your student has a question or concern about living off campus and/or commuting, please visit our office in the Wilbur Cross Building or our website for more information.

Campus Safety

Officer Robert Allen, University of Connecticut Police Dept.

Being the father of four boys, two of whom are away at college, I know firsthand the stress and anxiety of leaving your child for the first time in a college environment. I know the questions that were running through my own head as I drove home from dropping my son off were: “Did I teach him enough life lessons?” “Is he going to keep making good decisions?” “Is there any possibility he’s going to figure out how to use a washing machine?” I only wish there was a manual to read or a guarantee from the university I could buy.

Being a police officer at UConn, I also see firsthand how young adults find their way during their first few years on their own. Most students coming to UConn are hardworking, focused, goal oriented students who do not think that there could be people in our community with ulterior motives. The number one reported crime on campus is larceny (theft). Yet every day, officers walking through the residence halls and academic buildings, report seeing doors propped open and valuable computers, books and cell phones left unattended in study rooms. Far too often we see students struggling after they’ve fallen victim to a thief.

So how do we keep our child from being the next victim of theft? On our website, [police.uconn.edu](http://police.uconn.edu), you can find crime prevention tips under the Community Police Unit tab. These tips include common sense advice such as having your child keep their door locked even if they’re only leaving for a short time, recording the serial numbers of valuable property and reporting suspicious activity to the police. This information is stressed to students who visit the police department during their First Year Experience class. Of course education is only one part of the equation. Reinforcing that training from home can help to keep our children safe. Before you know it they may even figure out how to use that washing machine.
Consider these travel options when planning travel to and from the University of Connecticut’s Storrs campus.

**Hertz on Demand**: Hertz On Demand is a car rental option available on the Storrs Campus. There are four rental cars available on the Storrs campus, available at affordable hourly and daily rates. Drivers must be at least 18 years old with a valid U.S. or international driver’s license. For more information go to www.hertzondemand.com/uconn.

**Windham Regional Transit District (WRTD)**: The WRTD bus provides transportation between Storrs and neighboring Willimantic, CT. Upon showing their UConn ID, UConn student, staff and faculty may ride for free. To see routes and schedules go to www.wrtd.net/.

**Peter Pan Bus Lines**: Peter Pan Bus Lines offers express service to and from New York City or Boston, with connections in Hartford. The Storrs campus Peter Pan bus stop is located between the UConn Co-op and Connecticut Commons Residence Hall. To check our schedules and Peter Pan’s other stop locations go to www.peterpanbus.com/

**Bradley International Airport**: Located 45 minutes away from Storrs, Bradley International Airport offers flights to locations across the country and the world. To travel from Bradley International Airport to Storrs, UConn Transportation Services provides an on-demand airport shuttle service to and from the airport for students. For more information on the Bradley Airport Shuttle go to transpo.uconn.edu/#shuttleAirport.

**Amtrak**: Hartford’s Union Station is located just 30 minutes away from the Storrs Campus. The station services Amtrak’s Northeast Regional and Vermonter routes. UConn Transportation Services provides an on-demand Union Station shuttle service that goes to and from the Storrs campus. Check out transpo.uconn.edu/#shuttleUnion for more information.

**Cross Sound Ferry**: The ferry offers transportation from New London, CT to Orient Point, NY on Long Island. UConn Transportation Services offers an on-demand New London Fairy shuttle service for those looking to travel between New London and Storrs. For more information on the New London Ferry Shuttle go to transpo.uconn.edu/#shuttleNewLondon.

**CTrides**: CTrides is a free service that provides assistance and information about commuting options in Connecticut. For additional information about commuting options from specific areas go to www.ctrides.com/.

**Enterprise Car Rental**: From its Willimantic location, Enterprise offers daily car rental service. To get more information about rentals, and rates go to www.enterprise.com/car_rental/home.do.

You may find lots of UConn transportation news to “Like” on our Facebook page: facebook.com/uconntranspo.
What’s There To Do On Campus?

Christine M. Wilson, Ph.D., Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs & Director of Student Activities

What does it mean to be involved? UConn is full of life! Students just have to take a little initiative to open the many doors there are to involvement here in Storrs.

What does “involvement” mean? Being involved means engaging in campus life. It means taking advantage of the myriad of opportunities available, from athletics to fine arts to student-run organizations. It means having places to go and people to see, finding people who have similar interests, and interacting with folks who disagree about some topics. Involvement means getting to know professors who are passionate about their disciplines and seeking out staff for support and guidance. It means fully living while earning a degree at UConn. There are many ways to get involved.

How can students get involved? Attend the Involvement Fair. The Involvement Fair this fall is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, 2014 in the Greer Field House. Most of our 600+ student clubs and organizations will be there. Students can drop by between 2 and 7 p.m.

Check out all the student organizations on UCONNACT, our student organization database. Anyone can browse the list and descriptions of clubs and organizations at uconnect.uconn.edu. In each organization description, there is a place to send a message to the primary contact. Encourage your student to be bold—to go ahead and contact the leader of the group, to find out more about the group or when the next meeting is scheduled.

Ask a friend…bring a friend…go with a friend. A lot of students get involved because friends encourage them to check out an organization activity. It’s always easier to go with a group to something new, so encourage your student to ask some friends to come along and see what a place or an event is like. Conversely, encourage your student to go along if someone asks them…nothing ventured, nothing gained, right?

What is there to do on the weekends in Storrs? Campus is alive on the weekends with safe, fun activities. Encourage your student to go to the Student Union for everything from movies to karaoke to live music. Many of these activities are planned by our student programming board, SUBOG. The Student Union schedule is listed at www.studentunion.uconn.edu/calendar.html, and SUBOG’s schedule is at www.subog.uconn.edu. There are also plenty of athletic events, many of them are free and right here on campus. The schedules of all the sports teams can be found at www.uconnhuskies.com. Several theatres on campus host student performances as well as Broadway shows, check out their calendars at www.jorgensen.uconn.edu and www.crt.uconn.edu. One thing is for sure—students won’t be bored because there is always something to do!

I am afraid involvement will have a negative effect on my student’s grades? Involvement can have a positive effect on students’ grades and satisfaction. Students who are involved learn to manage their time and handle multiple priorities. They are also happier with themselves and their overall college experiences. But over-involvement can be problematic. Students who are over-involved don’t always take care of themselves; they don’t eat as well and start sleeping less. This can lead to poor health and slipping grades. Help your student understand that being a college student is like having a full time job. First priority is academics: attending class, keeping up with homework, studying for tests (not cramming—actually absorbing material over time) and taking plenty of time to draft and revise papers. Next, add on “integrated” activities. Meet people and make friends by creating study groups. Join clubs or participate in service projects that are related to their majors. Next, stretch beyond. Attend athletic events, concerts, and movies, and join a club just for fun. Don’t forget to make good choices at the dining halls (nutrition information is available at www.dining.uconn.edu/nutrition.html) and to work out (recreation has an extensive list of classes; information is available at www.recreation.uconn.edu/).

Involvement, if managed well, will make your student’s UConn experience healthy and productive. If you have questions, call us at 860-486-6855. If we’re not open, leave us a message and we’ll get back to you!
Student Health Services is an accredited and licensed ambulatory care facility, employing licensed and fully-credentialed, board certified healthcare professionals. We recognize that this may be the first time your student will be in charge of managing his/her own healthcare. Not only do we partner with your student to ensure access to the healthcare and services that may be needed during his/her academic career, but we hope to ultimately help him/her become a responsible healthcare consumer when it is time to venture out into the “real world.” While we also value our partnership with parents and families, please realize that in compliance with applicable privacy regulations and standards, students control access to their medical information. Therefore, if you wish to discuss your student’s specific medical treatment with a member of our staff, you should first consult with your student so he/she can sign a release to allow us to discuss his/her care with you. Ideally, it is best for you to encourage your student to discuss issues directly with his/her healthcare provider so that he/she can be actively involved with his/her health and medical care. Student Health Services offers a wide range of services, including primary healthcare, immediate care (non-life threatening), counseling and mental health, in-patient care, laboratory, radiology, and pharmacy. Specialized services include a women’s clinic, allergy and travel medicine clinic, nutritional counseling, physical activity counseling and sports medicine. Since many of the services provided by Student Health Services are on a fee-for-service basis, it is important that you discuss any insurance limitations or prior authorization requirements with your student prior to his/her arrival on campus. This will help expedite the decisions regarding accessing cost-effective care and facilitating any referrals. Please remember that while Student Health Services provides a variety of excellent healthcare services, our focus is primary care. If your student has serious or chronic medical conditions, please note them on the submitted health history form. Also, please maintain existing relationships with your medical specialists. We will work in conjunction with them to provide coordinated care while your student is at UConn and will help collaborate with any healthcare resources or support services that are needed on campus or within the local community. While the University runs ambulances staffed by EMTs that will transport to hospitals for emergencies, it is important to realize that if your student requires non-emergency medical transportation to an offsite provider, Storrs is a rural area with limited public transportation.

Counseling and Mental Health Services (CMHS) also provides an array of prevention, outreach and treatment services. Services include 24 hour crisis intervention, individual treatment, group treatment, assessment and medication management provided by psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, family therapists, nurse practitioners and alcohol and drug treatment specialists. CMHS can be reached by calling 860-486-4705.

If you have any questions regarding our services or any special circumstances regarding your incoming student, please feel free to call us at 860-486-4700 or access our website at www.shs.uconn.edu. We are here to help.
Your family is embarking on an exciting journey—a year filled with enjoyable opportunities, coupled with personal challenges and growth. Your student will live near a Resident Assistant (RA), an experienced UConn student-staff member who will be most familiar with and closest to your student. RAs assist residents’ transition through floor and residence hall community programming, and by encouraging students to take advantage of opportunities to merge curricular, co-curricular, and residential experiences. We encourage students to get involved in their community and to give staff input by participating in area councils and various residential programs and committees.

Residential Areas
All of UConn’s residence halls have unique and special environments based on facilities, traditions, and resident populations. Students can have a successful and enjoyable on-campus living experience in any hall where they are assigned. The most important housing issue relates to how residents adjust and adapt to their roommates. Residential Life provides support and resources to all resident students to help facilitate this process, including the opportunity to complete a HuskyMate Agreement very early in the semester. This is an important first step in laying the foundation for a successful roommate relationship. We encourage you to talk with your student about using all of the resources that will be available to them in developing their roommate relationship.

Moving-in Advice
Move-in day is both exciting and emotional for you and your student. Moving 12,000+ students to campus is well-planned; please follow the move-in directions your student receives in the Housing Assignment email in August. Upon arrival, unload your car in the designated area. While you move your car to the parking lot, your student can check in and someone from your group can wait with the belongings. Following these steps will allow another family to begin unloading, as well as help keep traffic flowing. Try to be flexible in the time you allot to the move-in process—no matter how much the University prepares, there will be a wait given the large number of students who are moving in. Just remember that you will make it through the day...everyone always does.

Roommates
Roommates are strongly encouraged to make a connection with each other so they can set a communication pattern to work together on common concerns. If roommates are having trouble, they are encouraged to discuss the matter with their RA or a professional hall director.

Safety and Security
Safety is a shared community responsibility. Residents should always lock room doors, carry their keys and ID, and register overnight guests with hall staff. No one should leave personal belongings unattended in lounges or laundry rooms, or let strangers into the buildings and rooms. The Husky Rides Service is available to students at night to provide safe transportation.

Room Amenities
All rooms include study desks and chairs, a bed, and mattress for each resident. These furnishings must remain in the room throughout the year.

What to Bring
Packing for college requires some preparation; do not let your student bring every possession. A residence hall room has shared, limited space. For a list of what to do and what to bring visit reslife.uconn.edu

Connecticut State Laws
Any student residing in on-campus housing must be vaccinated against meningitis. Proof of vaccination must be provided before occupying a room on-campus during the academic year. Smoking is prohibited in state-owned buildings and is not permitted near entrances/exits and windows of any on-campus housing. Every UConn residential student must abide by the on-campus housing contract’s rules and regulations regarding alcohol (part 4, reslife.uconn.edu/housing contract forms).

More Questions?
Your student’s hall director can provide you with valuable resources about residence hall living and campus life. Equally important, we want you to know that if you ever have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us. Our email address is livingoncampus@uconn.edu.

An extensive list of what to bring to UConn and what to leave home can be found at reslife.uconn.edu.
Husky One Card: A Parent’s Perspective

Stephanie Kernozicky, One Card Office

When a student receives their Husky One Card, also known as the official UConn ID, they have received their key to campus. This card grants them access to many significant services, such as entry into their residence hall, dining halls, the recreation facility, Student Health Services, services at the library, and access to the Husky Bucks account already active on their card.

One of the many things that may be on a parent’s mind is “Does my son or daughter have enough money for food and incidentals?” Although a call home, even if it includes asking for money, is always nice, there is an easier way. Your son or daughter can set you up as a guest on their account and for Husky Bucks low balance notifications.

For guest accounts a variety of things can be done, such as:

- View account activity - transactions and balances on meal plans and Husky Bucks, as well as, recent deposits
- Make a Husky Bucks deposit with a debit/credit card
- Set up low balance notification emails

Guest access can be granted by the student by logging into their account at www.onecard.uconn.edu and clicking on the “Give Guests Access” link.

Another peace of mind tool is the low balance notification. A student or one of their authorized guests can set up a minimum threshold, such as $20, for their Husky Bucks account, along with the email(s) they want the notification to go to. When the Husky Bucks account falls below the threshold, an automated email will be sent. This is an easy way to be alerted when a Husky Bucks account balance is low without having to log-in and look.

Husky Bucks is a convenient, controlled way to supply your son or daughter with funds for food, services, and incidentals. Husky Bucks can only be spent at UConn-approved locations on and around campus and cannot be used to purchase alcohol. Do you have additional questions on Husky Bucks or the differences between Husky Bucks and points? Visit our parent section at www.onecard.uconn.edu to learn more.

To contact the One Card Office, please call 860-486-3129 or email onecard@uconn.edu.

Introducing Your Title IX Coordinator

Elizabeth Conklin, Associate Vice President and Title IX Coordinator

The safety of all members of our University community is of the utmost importance. We are all aware that sexual violence is something that no community is immune from. And that its prevalence and impact are often misunderstood, and can be difficult to discuss. However, one of the more important tools in combating sexual assault is knowledge. National surveys report that one in five women, and one in sixteen men, is sexually assaulted while in college. These appalling numbers are consistent across institutions, from small liberal arts colleges to large universities. Our highest priority is the safety and welfare of all members of our University community, as well as ensuring that we are a respectful learning and working environment. We must do everything we can to combat sexual violence in our society – and our University.

UConn takes issues of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual violence very seriously. The University provides support and resources to students, faculty, and staff to address concerns related to sex discrimination, and has appointed Elizabeth Conklin as its Title IX Coordinator to address these issues. Many people think that Title IX is a law that applies only to athletic programs. However, Title IX is a federal law that prohibits discrimination based on the sex (gender) of employees and students in all educational programs and activities. Title IX’s prohibition of sex discrimination includes prohibition of sexual harassment and sexual violence.

As the Title IX Coordinator, Elizabeth monitors compliance with Title IX and ensures that reports of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual violence are investigated and addressed by the University. She also coordinates the University’s response to reports of sexual assault and works collaboratively with on and off-campus partners on sexual assault and harassment prevention, as well as education efforts. For more information and resources about sexual violence and sexual assault, please visit www.sexualviolence.uconn.edu. This website was designed to provide awareness, resources, and education for students, employees, parents, and visitors concerning sexual violence - what it is, what to do if it happens, where to go for support, and much more. Any student, faculty, or staff member who believes that he or she has been the victim of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, or sexual violence is encouraged to contact the University’s Title IX Coordinator (860-486-2943 or elizabeth.conklin@uconn.edu).
Although your student has already signed up for a fall 2014 meal plan with Residential Life/Housing, students have until Friday, September 12 to downgrade from the option that has been selected. If your student is considering changing his or her meal plan decision, the following information may help. If you or your student have questions about the meal plans, please visit the main Dining Services office at One Bishop Center or call 860-486-3128 (Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm). We’ll be happy to talk to you.

Resident Meal Plans
There are three resident meal plans to choose from: Ultimate Plan, Value Plan, or Custom Plan. These meal plans are priced per semester and are active only when school is in session. All UConn resident students living in undergraduate and graduate housing are required to have a meal plan. (Students living in on-campus apartments are not required to have a meal plan.) All three plans allow for unlimited meals each day in any of the eight dining units. Takeout, however, is limited to one piece of fruit OR one beverage OR one ice cream. This helps keep our costs in line.

Resident meal plans come with flex passes and/or points. One flex pass = one meal. Flex passes can only be used in the eight residential dining units and to purchase a value meal at the Grab & Go’s. One point = $1. Points are used for purchases in the retail operations: UC Cafes, Café Co-op, Union Street Market Food Court, Le Petit Marche Café, The Blue Cow, and after 3 p.m. at Chuck & Augie’s Restaurant. They may also be used to purchase baked goods from our UConn “Not Just Desserts” bakery. Points are not accepted at Subway, Dunkin Donuts, or Panda Express in the Student Union Food Court since those restaurants are not run by Dining Services. If your student thinks he or she may want to supplement meals at the cafés and the Food Court, encourage your student to choose a meal plan with more points. If the dining units seem a better choice for your student, choose a plan with more flex passes. Students may also use flex passes to pay for a friend or relative’s meal. (Note: If they aren’t used up by the end of the semester, your student loses the flex passes and points that come with residential meal plans.)

Custom Meal Plan
If your student is not sure which residential meal plan to choose, they can always start with the Custom Meal Plan and then upgrade during the semester to a higher plan with more points. Students can purchase additional points at any time during the semester if it turns out he or she stops at the cafés or retail operations more than anticipated. Points are purchased for $1 per point. There is no minimum purchase and, unlike points that come with the other meal plans, these points do roll over from semester to semester and can be refunded once your student graduates and/or leaves the University. You can also purchase Husky Bucks for your student in addition to the student’s resident meal plan. For information about Husky Bucks, go to onecard.uconn.edu or call 860-486-3129.

Non-Resident Meal Plans
Meal options for students living off-campus include the three resident meal plans: Ultimate, Value, or Custom. Non-residents can also choose the Community Meal Plan, or Husky Bucks combined with the Community Meal Plan.

Community Meal Plan
Your student may purchase a block of 25 meals. These meals may be used in any of our eight dining units and they carry over from semester to semester. There is no limit to the number of meals that can be used each day and your student may bring a guest(s) by simply debiting a meal(s). Your student may purchase additional blocks of meals or additional points at $1 per point any time. Unused meals are refunded only when the student graduates or leaves the University. When students purchase a valid Community Meal Plan (25 meals) for use in the residential dining units and pay for food purchases in retail operations with Husky Bucks, students will receive a five percent discount off each retail purchase. Please note that this discount is applied only to purchases in Union Street Market and any of our five UC Café coffee shops. Off-campus locations are not included in this offer. For more information about Husky Bucks and how to purchase them, visit onecard.uconn.edu or call 860-486-3129.

Cash Point Account
Also available is the Cash Point Account. This is a declining balance account which stays open year-round. Cash points are purchased at $1 per point at any time and may be used at all eight dining units and most retail operations.
**FERPA: What’s the Difference Between K-12 and Post-secondary Education?**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), originally passed in 1974, applies to both K-12 and post-secondary education, but there is a key difference. In K-12, the rights under the law belong to the student’s parents, not the student, until the student turns 18. In post-secondary education, including the University of Connecticut, the rights always belong to the student, regardless of the student’s age or dependency status. While your student’s high school could freely share information with you about your student’s grades and other information—that was your right under the law—the University cannot. To do so without your student’s permission would be a violation of the law. A few years ago, the University developed a mechanism for students to give the University permission to share various types of information with their parents or guardians. The Online FERPA Waiver allows students to indicate the types of information to be shared, with whom information can be shared, and allows students to assign an access code to be used to identify the approved recipient(s). More information on this process and on the law itself can be found on the University’s FERPA website: ferpa.uconn.edu.

**Important Tips from HuskyTech  Jonathan Moore, HuskyTech Manager**

HuskyTech is the free technology support service provided by the University. We can help any UConn student with their technology-related questions and we support their digital life. Technology has become an integral part of the college experience and we understand that it can also be frustrating at times. Our mission is to make the transition as seamless as possible for both parents and students. The first question that may come to a parent’s mind is, “What technology will my student need for their college experience?” UConn does not require a specific computer; however we do have several recommendations. Students can use either Mac or Windows-based computers. When looking to purchase a computer, a good approach is to find the best warranty offered for a computer that can fit your budget. It is often worth paying a little extra for that extended protection and better specifications so that the computer will last the full four years. The University provides the latest version of Microsoft Office for all students. They are also given a UConn Gmail account with full access to Google Apps which includes cloud storage, calendars, and video chat.

Course-specific software is available through our virtual PC program called SkyBox. -skybox.uconn.edu A complete list of additional freeware can be found at huskytech.uconn.edu, including options for free antivirus software. HuskyTech recommends bringing backup devices for your student’s files. This may be anything from a flash drive (for documents and pictures) to an external hard drive that can back up an entire computer. Too often we see students lose a semester’s worth of work because their system crashed and there was no way to recover the files. Secure wired and wireless networking is available to students using personal computers, smart phones, tablets, and gaming consoles. Networks can be found in all residence halls and academic buildings. Wireless printing is available in the library and other select locations. Before connecting to the network at UConn, students should ensure their computers are up-to-date and protected with antivirus software. All computers go through a registration process that includes agreeing to network policies. We understand that this process may be daunting; however we are here to help. Visit huskytech.uconn.edu to find contact information, the latest updates, technology guides, FAQs, and info for troubleshooting. We will also be available in most residence halls during move-in weekend assisting all incoming students.

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Welcome from the Dean of Students Office

Welcome to our community! We are proud to serve UConn and its students, and we look forward to meeting our incoming class. For those of you familiar with UConn, we are the office that for the last five years was known as the Office of Student Services and Advocacy. We have gone back to our roots and are once again the Dean of Students Office. We are thrilled to have Eleanor JB Daugherty joining us as our new Associate Vice President/Dean of Students.

We serve as the primary advocates for students, and assist students and their families in navigating this sometimes-large university. We serve as the central place to find answers to those tough college-life questions or problems that you or your student may have. In addition, we serve in other roles such as helping students with decision-making in several different areas: withdrawing or canceling attendance at UConn; readmission to UConn after an absence; assistance with a short-term loan in some personal financial emergencies; assistance with academic or health support; assistance with complicated University business issues (Bursars, Financial Aid, etc.); helping with off-campus living issues; and rescheduling finals.

Finals? Isn’t it a bit early to be thinking about finals? Not necessarily. The Division of Student Affairs’ Dean of Students Office is charged with the responsibility of granting permission to reschedule a final. If a student is ill, dealing with a serious crisis or some other unavoidable circumstance, we are the ones that can give the student permission to reschedule a final with the instructor.

The finals period, and the days leading up to that period, is very stressful for most students. Frequently, students come to our office stressed because their families have scheduled a party, a family reunion, travel or a vacation during exam time and expect the student to attend. Unfortunately, these are not reasons that we can reschedule a final. A student who does not take a final and has been denied permission to reschedule will most likely fail the class. The finals period for any semester is posted in advance in the catalog and on the University website. Please be aware of the dates of your student’s finals week so that you can help avoid putting your student in the awkward and stressful position of trying to choose between fulfilling family obligations and successfully completing classes.

This fall 2014 semester, finals week is from Monday, December 8th through Sunday, December 14th, 2014. Should there be a closing for the day, due to snow or other emergency, the finals for the day of the closing may be postponed until Monday, December 15th. Each year, nearly thousands of finals have been given on the last day of finals, so it likely that your student will have a final that day.

Our desire is to help students manage their stress as much as possible, and your assistance in this matter will be very helpful. We are pleased to have an opportunity to work with you on this and any other issue.

On-Campus Address Formats:

- **Traditional Residence Halls, Suites, Charter Oak & Hilltop Apartments**
  - Student’s Name
  - Room# Building Name
  - Storrs, CT 06269

- **Mansfield Apartments**
  - Student’s Name
  - 1 South Eagleville Road, Apt. XX
  - Storrs, CT 06268

- **Northwood Apartments**
  - Student’s Name
  - 1 Northwood Road, Apt XX
  - Storrs, CT 06268
This annual UConn tradition is September 19, 20, and 21 with events for the entire family. For more information visit the Family Weekend website at familyweekend.uconn.edu.

Be sure to make your overnight reservations early, and remember special meals, such as the BBQ and Family Weekend Dinner, have a limited capacity and are reserved on a first-come, first-reserved basis.

From family medicine and cardiology, to sports medicine and urgent care, UConn Health is proud to introduce our new medical offices in Storrs Center. Medical services are provided by licensed, board-certified health care professionals who provide health and wellness care to UConn students, staff, and the surrounding community.

**UConn Health Medical Office:**
One Royce Circle, 860-487-9200 or 800-535-6232

**Accepting new patients for all services:**
Primary Care/Family Medicine, Orthopedics/Sports Medicine, Ob/Gyn, Cardiology, Occupational Medicine, Blood Drawing Station, General Surgery, Plastic Surgery

**Urgent Care Center:**
One Royce Circle, 860-487-9300 or 800-535-6232
Open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Walk-in care for non-life threatening emergency care for conditions such as:**
Sprains and breaks, Flu, colds, Cuts requiring stitches, Strep throat

Learn more at storrscenter.uchc.edu