

Updates *From the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs*

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Lee Williams, Dean of Students, assists a parent during the Orientation Information Fair on June 12th.

Opening Weekend Volunteers Needed

by Lee Burdette Williams, Dean of Students

The Dean of Students Office invites you to participate and join the fun of welcoming the Class of 2010 as new members of the UConn community on Friday, August 25, 2006 by becoming a member of the "Got Questions? We've Got Answers!" team. Anyone can participate -- individuals or even entire departments!

Each year faculty, staff, administrators, and students have volunteered to reach out and help to make the transition easier for new students and their families, and you know the strong and lasting impact that positive first impressions can make.

This year team members are needed to:

- Greet new students and their families.
- Assist families in watching belongings at curbside while vehicles are being moved.
- Circulate between the residence halls and core campus to assist newcomers.
- Provide helpful information on parking and to answer general questions.
- Provide directions and campus maps.
- Provide written information on local eating establishments and merchants as well as University contact information

We will be focusing on residence halls with the largest numbers of incoming freshmen (i.e., North, Northwest, Towers and Buckley/Shippee.) We will have a table outside of Wilbur Cross for volunteer check-in and for information as well.

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Questions About the Division?

Please email questions about the Division or *Updates* to cynthia.f.jones@uconn.edu We will do our best to answer your query via email or in the next edition of *Updates*.

Besides the satisfaction and reward of helping new students and their families, team members will receive the coveted "Got Questions? We've Got Answers!" t-shirt and 2-for-1 coupons to performances at the Jorgensen Auditorium. The first 25 people to volunteer will receive an added gift at check-in.

Continental breakfast will be provided for the morning shift, and lunch will be provided for the afternoon shift. As an added benefit, this year's volunteers will have their names added to a raffle drawing that includes gift baskets, gift certificates to Jorgensen Auditorium, and gift certificates to local businesses.

If you would like to participate, please contact Lisa Lemaire in the Dean of Students Office no later than Friday, Aug. 11, 2006 at lisa.lemaire@uconn.edu.

In your email, please include your name, department, phone number(s), t-shirt size (M, L, XL, XXL) as well as your first, second, and third choice of shift selection. We will do our best to accommodate all requests. If you like, you may select more than one shift, which are as follows:

1. 8:30 a.m. 'til 11:30 pm
2. 11:00 am 'til 2:00 pm
3. 1:30 pm 'til 4:30 pm

Please consider joining the "Got Questions? We've Got Answers!" team. If you have questions, please call the Dean of Students Office at 6-3426. We look forward to working with you!

Committee Updates Committee Updates

Division Marketing Committee by Tracy Anderson, Committee Chair

The Division of Student Affairs Marketing Committee met on June 9th to discuss usage of the Division logo as well as the website redesign. The Committee has selected a logo to be used for marketing and branding purposes for the Division (please see below). In terms of the website redesign, the Committee discussed ways to utilize the Division website for marketing purposes and will be looking into using the website as a springboard for other initiatives to brand a unified Division to the University Community.



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The Division of Student Affairs

One Division. Multiple Services. Students First.

Capital Assets Planning Committee by Logan Trimble, Committee Chair

Residential Operations is nearing completion of the renovations to the former Physical Therapy area in Student Health. We are converting the space for Counseling and Mental Health Services. Additionally, projects in the mailrooms in Buckley Hall, Towers Center, and the consolidation of four mailrooms in Alumni Quad are on track for completion by the end of summer.

Upcoming Conferences

NACE – www.naceweb.org

National Meeting – New York, New York

May 29th-June 1st, 2007

NASPA – www.naspa.org

Region I Conference – Portland, Maine

November 4th-8th, 2006

ACUI – www.acui.org

Region I Conference – University of Connecticut - Storrs, Connecticut

November 17th-18th, 2006

NACA – www.naca.org

National Conference – Nashville, Tennessee

February 17th - 21st, 2007

ACPA & NASPA Conference – www.myacpa.org www.naspa.org

Joint National Conference - Orlando, Florida

March 31st – April 4th, 2007

New Additions to the Division

Career Services

Rachel Larson joins the UConn Student Affairs team as a career counselor in the Department of Career Services.

In 2003, Rachel graduated from the University of Nebraska with a Bachelor of Journalism, majoring in advertising. After graduation, she worked in community and public affairs before returning to the University of Nebraska to attend graduate school. In May 2006, she graduated with a Master of Arts in Educational Administration, with a specialization in student affairs. While attending graduate school, Rachel held graduate assistantships in several student affairs offices including Career Services, the Honors Program, and Student Involvement working with the Volunteer/Service Learning department. She also volunteered in the College of Business Administration as an academic advisor. Her research interests consist of experiential learning programs such as service-learning and leadership education and their role in student development. Rachel enjoys reading, watching movies, traveling, and meeting new people. Like any native Nebraskan, she is obsessed with Husker athletics, especially football, volleyball, gymnastics, and baseball. An avid volunteer, she has worked with several nonprofit and leadership organizations, including a domestic violence shelter, LeaderShape, and the Nebraska Leadership Seminar, a leadership conference for incoming high school juniors.

At UConn, Rachel is thrilled to be working with inspiring colleagues and students at such a progressive institution. Her goal is to encourage students to participate in leadership experiences, service activities, and internships in order to develop job-related and life skills that will help them in their future careers. Overall, Rachel is excited to join the UConn Student Affairs team and to make the transition from Husker to Husky.

Residential Life

Ana Seeley joined the Department of Residential Life effective May 26, 2006 as a durational custodian, working in West Complex. She lives in Coventry, Connecticut.

Emilio Rodriguez joined the Department of Residential Life effective May 11, 2006 as a durational custodian, working in West Complex. He lives in Willimantic, Connecticut.

Lynette Ramos-Gonzalez joined the Department of Residential Life effective December 19, 2005 as a durational custodian, working in South Complex. She lives in Willimantic, Connecticut.

Ryan Racicot joined the Department of Residential Life effective May 26, 2006 as a durational custodian, working in North Complex. He lives in Mansfield, Connecticut.

Burney Lopez joined the Department of Residential Life effective May 26, 2006 as a durational custodian, working in the University Apartment Complex. He lives in Willimantic, Connecticut.

Jacqueline LeBlanc joined the Department of Residential Life effective May 26, 2006 as a durational custodian, working in East Complex. She lives in Willington, Connecticut.

Billy Jimenez joined the Department of Residential Life effective April 14, 2006 as a permanent weekend custodian, working in East Complex. He lives in Willimantic, Connecticut.

Dates to Remember

August 2006

August 23rd - 24th

PeerFest 2006

August 25th

Freshmen Move-In

Convocation – 5:00pm

(Gampel Pavilion)

August 26th – 27th

Returning Student Move-In

August 28th

First day of classes

September 2006

September 4th

Labor Day

September 20th – 8:00am

Division-Wide Town Meeting

(Student Union Theatre)

September 29th - TBA

Pivotal Publications Colloquium

October 2006

October 6th-8th

Family Weekend

October 20th – 8:00pm

UConn Football vs. West

Virginia (Homecoming)

Elvin Garcia joined the Department of Residential Life effective May 26, 2006 as a durational custodian, working in the University Apartment Complex. He lives in Willimantic, Connecticut.

Stephen Daugherty joined the Department of Residential Life effective May 26, 2006 as a durational custodian, working in East Complex. He lives in Vernon, Connecticut.

Student Activities

Anna Lugauskas recently joined the Department of Student Activities as Publicity/Marketing Coordinator. Anna majored in advertising and graphic design at Southern New Hampshire University. She has worked with Forbes Marketing Group and has done freelance advertising and design consulting. Anna was a student leader at Southern New Hampshire University and worked in their Student Center and Student Activities Office.

Student Union

Mike Bolduc recently joined the Department of the Student Union as an A.V. Technician. Mike has been an A.V. Systems Installer with H.B. Communications and Crimson Tech since 2001. He previously worked with UCIMT from 1996 – 2000. He brings to the Student Union extensive knowledge and experience in media installations, maintenance, trouble shooting and repairs, as well as hands-on knowledge of the Student Union A. V. systems.

Employment Opportunities Within the Division

Opportunities for employment within the Division of Student Affairs are posted on the Division's website at www.dsa.uconn.edu.

The most recent postings include:

Dining Services Assistant Director (UCP 8) posted 07.11.06

Dining Services Food Service Area Manager (UCP 7) posted 07.11.06

Keep checking the Division's website and UConn HR for the most updated listings.

Brick of the Week Awards by Kellie Kirby

Nominations

Brick of the Week nominations are continuing to trickle in. In order to make this an easier and more streamlined process, the Brick Committee would like to ask that nominations include the following:

1. Name, department, and campus address of the person nominated. This will ensure that their brick is delivered in an accurate and timely fashion.
2. Include *what* Guiding Principle(s) they demonstrated and *how* they demonstrated it in just a few sentences. These comments will be included in their award letter that accompanies their brick.

All nominators will remain anonymous unless they choose to inform the recipient. The Division's Guiding Principles can be found on the second page of this newsletter and on the Strategic Planning Task Force website at

<http://www.committees.sa.uconn.edu/saplan/>. Please email Kellie Kirby at kellie.kirby@uconn.edu to nominate someone for a Brick of the Week award or if you have any questions about the nomination process.

Division of Student Affairs Guiding Principles

Collaboration

Our strength and impact on this campus as a coordinated team can and will be extraordinary.

Credibility & Confidence through Competence

Students, staff, and faculty gravitate to organizations and individuals who are knowledgeable and thoughtful in affairs.

Initiative

We create opportunities that encourage and reward new ideas.

Integrity

Play by the Rules

Individually and collectively, we meet the expectations and guidelines of our colleagues and the University.

Transparency

Our staff and constituents must know and understand the “what” and “why” of what we do. We are inclusive of those we serve in our planning and our operations.

Stewardship

Appropriately maintain and manage our resources.

Reliability

There is no greater compliment than being that person or team others can count on in both good and challenging times.

Excellent Services

Offer what we do in the best way possible, while thoughtfully balancing educational needs and customer service.

Brick Recipients

The following individuals have been recognized as making contributions to both the Division and UConn by their peers.

Career Services

Tracy Anderson Larry Druckenbrod Carol Isakson

Center for Students with Disabilities

Donna Korbel

Dean of Students Office

Cathy Cocks Chip Reinhart

Residential Life

Laura Beltran

Student Affairs Information Technology

James Dempsey

Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs

Kellie Kirby

Outside the Division of Student Affairs

Greg Bouquot, Office of the Registrar

Division-Wide Events & Announcements

Summer Reading

Do you find that copies of the Chronicle pile up in your office without being read? Are you looking for an opportunity to meet with colleagues in an informal setting to talk about current issues in student affairs or interesting articles and books related to our work? With the summer underway, it is a great time to bring together interested people for discussions over lunch. Division members who are interested in participating in this professional development opportunity should contact maureen.armstrong@uconn.edu.

Rich Selection of Training Opportunities

Please take the time to review the many in-service training opportunities offered through the University of Connecticut Department of Human Resources. There are numerous opportunities to improve existing skills or learn new ones to enhance your professional development. Please click on the link below for more detailed information.

www.training.uconn.edu/inserann.doc.

Pivotal Publications Colloquium

On September 29th, the Division of Student Affairs and the Higher Education and Student Affairs Master's Program are hosting our inaugural Pivotal Publications Colloquium, a professional development program for UConn staff and graduate students and others.

Please:

- 1) Save the date on your calendar;
- 2) Go to the website (available at www.dsa.uconn.edu) for more information and to register (under "News and Announcements");
- 3) Encourage colleagues from other campuses to join us.

There is no cost to attend so please join us for this exciting event!

Division-Wide Town Meeting

Mark your calendars! The Division-Wide Town Meeting is scheduled for September 20th, 2006, in the Student Union Theatre. Refreshments will be served beginning at 8:00am, and the meeting will begin at 8:30am. Please join us as we kick off the Fall semester with our annual meeting!

Kudos to Kellie Kirby by Cynthia F. Jones

The Vice President's Office wishes to thank Kellie Kirby for her hard work and dedicated editorial and reporting expertise as the coordinator of content for *Updates*. Although many individuals have contributed articles to this publication, it was Kellie who served in the role of "shepherd" to insure that materials were submitted for timely release in *Updates*. Please join us in acknowledging the immense contribution that Ms. Kirby made to the Division of Student Affairs with her work on *Updates*. Kellie will be leaving the Vice President's office to take a temporary position as a Housing Assignments Specialist in the Department of Residential Life. Ms. Kirby will be missed in the Office of the Vice President.

Photos from Around the Division

In an effort to increase communication and the sense of community throughout the Division, the Vice President for Student Affairs office has hired a current undergraduate student to take photos of Division events. As a new standing feature in *Updates*, we would like to include several photos that "capture" Division staff and others working and enjoying our various events.

These photos were taken at the Ice Cream Social sponsored by Summer Programs on July 18, 2006.



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