Making Friends and Finding Yourself at UConn

ISSS, Student Activities, AsACC, PRLACC and Middle Eastern Cultural Programs, CCC, CSSA, Tarang, Grad Buddy Program

June 28, 2023

WELCOME! We will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Introduce yourself in the chat. Please tell us your name and where you are joining from.
Hello!

Arthur Galinat, Storrs, ISSS

Dana Foster, Storrs, ISSS

Huong Pham Storrs, IPS
Agenda

- Getting to know you
- Student Activities: Shona Evans, Student Activities Coordinator, Stamford campus
- Asian American Cultural Center (AsACC): Jeff Alton, Assistant Director
- Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center (PRLACC): Fabiola Suarez & Kelly Ruesta
- Cross Cultural Connections (CCC): Paige Dossias
- Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA): Yujie Zhang (Ada)
- Tarang-South Asian Graduate Student Community: Suman Kurami & Gaurav Gupta
- Intercultural Programs and Support (IPS), Grad Buddy Program: Huong Pham
- Important Dates and Information
What degree are you starting at UConn?

Click Present with Slido or install our Chrome extension to activate this poll while presenting.
What UConn campus are you admitted to?

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What country are you joining us from today?

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Hello!

Miguel Colon
Student Activities - Storrs

Shona Evans
Student Activities - Stamford
GET INVOLVED
Involvement Opportunities

UConn Student Activities
http://studentactivities.uconn.edu
Areas in Student Activities

- Community Outreach Programs
- Leadership and Organizational Development
- Major Events and Programs
- Fraternity and Sorority Development
- Trustee Student Organization Support
- Business Services

Student Activities is located on the 3rd floor of the Student Union. Please stop by room 307 and someone will assist or direct you to the different areas.
Community Service

Types of Programs:
- Semester Long programs
  - Education
  - Health
  - Social
- Alternative Break Programs
  - International & Domestic
- One-Time Events and Programs
- Democracy & Political Engagement and Dialogues

https://communityoutreach.uconn.edu/
UConntact.uconn.edu
Leadership Development

- Certificate Series
  - Workshop series
    - Last 9 weeks
    - Can be combined or done on their own
  - Certificate upon completion

https://leadership.uconn.edu/
Major Events

- HUSKY WOW (starts August 26) - [https://huskywow.uconn.edu/](https://huskywow.uconn.edu/)
- LATE NIGHT
- FAMILY WEEKEND
- TRIPS & ROADSHOWS
- HUSKYTHON
- SPRING WEEKEND
Student Orgs

• 750 Student Orgs
• ~85 @ regionals
• 22 Categories
• 3000 Student Org Leaders
• 15,000 Student Org Members

https://uconntact.uconn.edu/
• Academic Business, Healthcare, STEM
• Activism & Advocacy
• Club Sports Teams
• Culture & Community
• Dance, Vocal, Music Performance
• Environment & Agriculture
• Greek Fraternities & Sororities
• Health & Wellness
• Honors
• Learning Communities
• Military
• Political Interest
• Religion & Spirituality
• Service
• Sports and Gaming
• Student Governance, Campus Media, Programming
• Tech Building & Design
Fraternities & Sororities

• 12 Men’s Fraternities
• 15 Intercultural Greek F/S
• 4 Historically African American F/S
• 9 Women’s Sororities

https://greeklife.uconn.edu/
FIND ORGS:

INVOLVEMENT FAIR
- 2nd Wednesday Each Semester (Fall-Sept. 6, 2-6pm)
- 500+ groups/programs to talk with

UCONNTACT:
- https://uconntact.uconn.edu/
Student Activities Stamford Campus

On Campus
- Student organizations
- Leadership opportunities
- Student Government Association (SGA)
- Campus traditions
- Intramural Sports

Off Campus
- Downtown Stamford
- Mill River Park
- Harbor Point
  - Trolley
- Stamford YMCA (free)
- Metro North

StamfordActivities@uconn.edu
Graduate Student Opportunities

On Campus

- Student organizations
  - Graduate Business Association
  - Toastmasters International
  - UConn Graduate Consulting
  - UConn Net Impact, Graduate Chapter
  - Graduate Entrepreneurship Society
  - Graduate Finance Association
- Case Competitions
- Cultural Events
  - Diwali
  - Chinese New Year
  - Holi
  - ...and more...
Graduate Student Opportunities

Off Campus
- Arts & Entertainment
- Food & Drink
- Sporting Events
- Outdoor Activities
- Professional and Recreational Meetups

For more information visit:
- Hartford.com
- Stamford-downtown.com

Husky One Card offers discounts at some local partners.
Student Activities Hartford Campus

- [https://events.uconn.edu](https://events.uconn.edu), choose Hartford campus calendar
- Hartford Today Digest
- [https://parking-upass.uconn.edu/](https://parking-upass.uconn.edu/)
- [https://Hartford.com](https://Hartford.com)

Questions:
[hartford.studentactivities@uconn.edu](mailto:hartford.studentactivities@uconn.edu)
UConn Toastmasters Club

- Open for all. Great experience for International students
- Club meetings every Tuesday @ GBLC504
- Activity
  - Table Topic
  - 2 minute speech
- Pathway -
  - Leadership
  - Communication
  - Management
  - Public Speaking
  - Confidence
- Email us at uconntmhusky@gmail.com
- Website - https://www.toastmasters.org/
Cultural Centers/Programs at UConn

- African American Cultural Center,
- Asian American Cultural Center (AsACC),
- Puerto Rican & Latin American Cultural Center (PRLACC),
- Rainbow Center,
- Native American Cultural Programs,
- Middle Eastern Cultural Programs.

They are located on the 4th Floor of the Student Union.
GETTING TO KNOW THE ASIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

Jeff Alton
Assistant Director
THE 1987 INCIDENT

- 8 ASIAN AMERICAN STUDENTS, 4 MALE AND 4 FEMALE IDENTIFIED STUDENTS SET OUT TO ATTEND AN OFF CAMPUS SEMI-FORMAL.
- ON THE BUS RIDE TO THE FORMAL, THE STUDENTS REALIZED THEY WERE BEING SPIT ON WITH CHEWING TOBACCO BY A GROUP OF WHITE MALE STUDENTS
- THE HOSTILITY CONTINUED AT THE FORMAL, TO THE POINT WHERE SOME OF THE STUDENTS HID IN A CLOSET
- UPON RETURNING TO THE CAMPUS, THE STUDENTS SOUGHT HELP FROM THE UCONN AND TOLLAND POLICE, BUT TO NO AVAIL- NO ARRESTS OR ACTIONS WERE MADE
- THE STUDENTS TURNED TO A PROFESSOR, DR. PAUL BOK, TO GET SUPPORT AND HELP
- AFTER YEARS OF PROTESTS FROM CAMPUS, ALUMNI, AND PARENTS, THE ASACC OPENED IN 1993
The Asian American Cultural Center (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 beyond. Central to all its programming, the ASACC assists students in exploring and defining their cultural identity in multicultural America. The ASACC provides a supportive environment for students, faculty, and staff that encourages academic excellence, personal development, community engagement, and professional leadership.
VISION

THE ASIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER (ASACC) STRIVES TO CREATE AND PROVIDE A BRAVE SPACE FOR STUDENTS, STAFF, FACULTY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS TO FEEL HEARD, BE SEEN, AND FIND VALIDATION IN THEIR IDENTITIES. ASACC ALSO AIMS TO EMPOWER STUDENTS OF ASIAN DESCENT TO CHALLENGE AND DISMANTLE STRUCTURES WHICH IMPEDE THEIR HOLISTIC PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. THROUGH OUR INTENTIONAL AND COLLABORATIVE ACADEMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMING WE ENDEAVOR TO BE A ROLE MODEL FOR OTHER CULTURAL CENTERS AND PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.
Asian American Cultural Center

PHYSICAL SPACE
WHY DO STUDENTS VISIT US?

- COMMUNITY BUILDING
- SENSE OF BELONGING/IDENTITY DEVELOPMENT
- LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- SPACE WHERE STUDENTS CAN BE THEIR GENUINE SELVES
AFFILIATED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

ASHA FOR EDUCATION
BANGLADESHI STUDENT ASSOCIATION (BSA)
CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLUB
CHINESE STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION (CSSA)
CHINESE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (CUSA)
DELTAS EPISILON PSI (FRATERNITY)
DELTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
FILIPINO AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION (FASA)
HINDU STUDENTS COUNCIL (HSC)
HINDU URDU LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION (HULA)
HUSKY BHANGRA (HB)
HUSKY HUNGAMA
INDIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (ISA)

Japanese Student Association (JSA)
Kappa Phi Lambda (Sorority)
Korean Student Association (KSA)
Lambda Phi Epsilon (Fraternity)
Thai, Lao, & Cambodian Student Association (TLC)
Nepali Student Association (NSA)
Pakistani Community at UConn (PCUC)
Pi Delta Psi (Fraternity)
Sanskriti
Shah Ru Conn
UConn Muslim Student Association
UConn ThundeRaas
UConn Surya
UConn Taiko
Vietnamese Student Association (VSA)
Asian American Cultural Center

Semester Hours

Administrative Offices:
Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Center:
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday - Sunday: CLOSED
(except for special events)

Summer Hours:
Offices & Center
Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location & Hours
University of Connecticut
AsACC
2110 Hillside Road, Unit 3186
Student Union 4th Floor
Storrs, CT 06269-3186

Contact Us!
Phone: 860-486-0830
Fax: 860-486-1606
Email: asacc@uconn.edu
www.asacc.uconn.edu
THANK YOU!

Any Questions?
Meet PRLACC
Your Home Away from Home

Presented by: Fabiola Suarez and Kelly Ruesta
Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center

- Founded in December 1971
  - First known as La Casa Borinqueña (The Puerto Rican House)
  - Intention to address inequality and racism at UConn
- Main Purpose is to serve students of Latinx backgrounds and roots
  - While it is Latinx based it is not Latinx exclusive
  - Students come to study, relax, and spend time with friends
Mission
- Improve the status of Latinx students
- Promote awareness, understanding, and appreciation of Latinx and Latin American cultures

Vision
- Student Retention
- Student Engagement
- Student Development
Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center

Annual Programming

- Latinx Heritage Month
- Illuminating the Path
- Homecoming
- Noche Latina
- Passing the Torch
- Recognition Banquet
- METAS Kickoff
Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center

METAS
- Mentoring, Educating, and Transforming to Achieve Success
- Pairs first year/transfer students with an upperclassmen mentor
  - Aid their transition to UConn
- Mentees receive academic, personal, emotional, and social support. And everyone builds strong friendships, connects with the UConn Latinx community, and gains a family.

LxSLC
- Latinx Student Leadership Council
  - Support and bring together student organizations (educational, cultural, and greek) to help build a sense of belonging for students.
  - Program events for the Center to foster our community among PRLACCians.
Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center

Affiliated Student Organizations

- **Cultural**
  - Brazilian Student Association (BraSA)
  - Central American Student Association (CASA)
  - Colombian Student Association (PorColombia)
  - Dominican Student Association (DSA)
  - Ecuadorian Student Association (ECSA)
  - Haitian Student Association (HSA)
  - Mexican Student Association (MexSA)
  - MIXED
  - Peruvian Student Association (PerSA)
  - Puerto Rican Student Association (PuRSA)

- **Educational**
  - Bringing Awareness into Latino Ethnicities (B.A.I.L.E.)
  - Comidas Of Our Kitchen (C.O.O.K.)
  - Distinguished And Motivated Academic Scholars (D.A.M.A.S)
  - Medicine, Education, and Development for Low Income Families Everywhere (M.E.D.L.I.F.E.)
  - Latino Medical Student Association Plus (LMSA+)
  - Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (S.H.P.E.)
  - Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science (S.A.C.N.A.S.)
  - Bad Bunny Club
  - DeColores

- **Cultural Based Greek**
  - Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.
  - Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc.
  - La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.
  - Sigma Lambda Upsilon, Señoritas Latinas Unidas, Sorority, Inc
  - Mu Sigma Upsilon Sorority, Inc.
  - Latino America Unida, Lambda Alpha Upsilon Fraternity, Inc.
Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center
Connect with Us!

- Instagram: @UConnPRLACC/
  @METASprlacc
- Email: prlacc@uconn.edu
- METAS: metas@uconn.edu
- LxSLC: lxslc@uconn.edu
- Website: latinx.uconn.edu

Want to Reach the PRLACC Pro-Stuff?

- Interim Director, Michael Vidal:
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- Assistant Director, Jennifer Morenus:
  jennifer.morenus@uconn.edu
- Graduate Assistant, Ulises Garcia:
  ulises.garcia_jr@uconn.edu
Cross Cultural Connections

- **Goals:**
  - Strengthen English language skills
  - Become more familiar with American culture and student life at the University of Connecticut

- **What You Will Do:**
  - Meet with your fluent English speaking conversation partner
  - Attend monthly meetings
  - Make new friends and have fun!

- **How to Sign Up:**
  - Submit an interest form
    - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRppMUswkyy08lc2HM3F-8Z8w38gmmg7dw7WelTEXrw-sT6g/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRppMUswkyy08lc2HM3F-8Z8w38gmmg7dw7WelTEXrw-sT6g/viewform)
  - To contact us with questions:
    - [uconn.co.cccconnections@gmail.com](mailto:uconn.co.cccconnections@gmail.com)
    - [https://uconncontact.uconn.edu/organization/cocccconnections](https://uconncontact.uconn.edu/organization/cocccconnections)
Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA)

Check us out on UConntact: https://uconntact.uconn.edu/organization/cssa
Instagram: uconncssa
Wechat:

The Largest Non-Profit Chinese Organization

Mission:
Promote Chinese culture and bring diversity to the UConn student body

CSSA Sports Club:
C-Union Basketball, G.E.D. Dance Team, Soccer Team

Activities: (30+)
Mid-Autumn Festival, Spring Festival
Pre-Departure Orientation, Graduation Party

Mid-Autumn and Spring Festival
UCONN CSSA

Who are we and what do we do?

- University of Connecticut Chinese Student & Scholar Association
- Nonprofit student organization supported by the New York Consulate
- Organize various activities to enrich students' campus life
- Committed to providing services and assistance to UConn students
Events and groups

C-Union:
Male/ Female basketball team

G.E.D Dance Crew

Mid-Autumn Festival

Halloween Party

Chinese New Year Events
As a student organization, we warmly and sincerely welcome all students to join us to explore Chinese culture and entertainment.

Email: uconn.cssa.storrs@gmail.com

- Follow us on
  Instagram: @uconncssa
  Wechat Official Account: 留学在康涅狄格大学
  抖音: UConn-CSSA
  RED: 留学在康涅狄格大学
Tarang

• South Asian community of Graduate Students
• Cultural Organization: Promote awareness, understanding, and appreciation of South Asian Culture among members of the UCONN community
• Storrs Campus: Open for all graduate students
Glimpse of Tarang events
To hear about our upcoming events
- Serv list:
  - https://tarang.rso.uconn.edu/contact-us/
  - UConn Graduate Announcements, Daily Digest, News for International Students

For membership, join us
- https://uconntact.uconn.edu/organization/tarang

Follow us on Facebook/Instagram
- @uconntarang

For any questions reach out to us
- Email: uconntarang@gmail.com
Intercultural Programs & Support (IPS)

Jeannie Slayton
Director of IPS and UCAELI

Huong Pham
International Programs Coordinator
Grad Buddy Program

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International Programs Coordinator

Arthur Galinat
Director ISSS

Neena Kapoor
International Advisor for all Hartford

Lulu Dong
International Advisor for all Stamford & Waterbury
New international students can connect with other UConn students via a variety of mentorship programs: [https://isss.uconn.edu/getinvolved/](https://isss.uconn.edu/getinvolved/)

ISSS Grad Buddy program is a new program coordinated by ISSS [https://isss.uconn.edu/grad-buddy-program/](https://isss.uconn.edu/grad-buddy-program/)

ISSS matches current UConn student “Buddies” with new international students to ease transition to life as a UConn graduate student

**Program Details:**
- Buddies will be paired with up to 3 new international graduate students
- New student applications are accepted until **June 18, 2023**. The link to the application can be found on the ISSS website: [https://isss.uconn.edu/grad-buddy-program/](https://isss.uconn.edu/grad-buddy-program/)
ISSS Grad Buddy Program

- **Buddy expectations:**
  - Reach out to their new student(s) once before they arrive to the U.S.
  - Meet with their new student(s) at least three times during the Fall semester (attending events together is encouraged)

- **New student expectations:**
  - Meet with your Buddy three times during the semester
  - Be responsive to and respect your Grad Buddy’s time and effort
  - Notify your Grad Buddy and the ISSS if your situation changes and you no longer wish to participate in the program
ISSS Grad Buddy Program

Similar Programs for Undergraduate Students

■ Huskies International-Husky Mates program pairs exchange/international students with domestic students to personalize and improve each individual’s experience at UConn
https://uconntact.uconn.edu/organization/huskiesinternational

■ Cross Cultural Connections: Cross Cultural Connections is a program through UConn Community Outreach to pair international students with domestic students as conversation partners, to share cultures and practice English.
https://uconntact.uconn.edu/organization/coccconnections

■ Asian/Asian American Mentoring Program (AMP): AMP is an award winning peer-education program through UConn’s Asian American Cultural Center to help incoming Asian and Asian American students adjust to their first year on campus.
https://asacc.uconn.edu/programs/asiantation-mentoring-program-amp/
ISSS Grad Buddy Program

If you have any questions about the program or the registration process, please feel free to contact us:

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Hartford Campus: Neena Kapoor neena.kapoor@uconn.edu

Stamford Campus: Lulu Dong lulu.dong@uconn.edu
UConn Badminton Club

- No experience required, welcome to casual and competitive alike!
- Club meetings every Saturday @ the Rec
  - Rackets and feathered birdies provided to members
  - Come play for fun, make friends, and improve!
- Team tryouts beginning of semester, more details later
  - We travel to tournaments in Boston and Philadelphia
  - Scrimmages with other schools, on Uconn Campus or other schools’ campus
- Check us out on
  - UConntact: https://uconntact.uconn.edu/organization/uconnbadminton
  - Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/uconnbadminton/?hl=en
  - Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/UConnBadminton/
- Involvement Fair
- Email us at ubchuskies@gmail.com
Important Information and Upcoming Dates

Review ISSS Pre-Arrival Information and “International Student Welcome Guide”
https://isss.uconn.edu/prepare-for-arrival/

Saturday, July 7, 2023 - Deadline to submit Health History Form
Tuesday, August 1, 2023 - Deadline to pay fee bill for Undergraduate students
Monday, August 14, 2023 - ITA Orientation (International Teaching Assistant who never taught in the U.S.)
Sunday, August 20, 2023 - Immigration Check-in for Undergraduate students
Monday & Tuesday, August 21-22, 2023 - “CISS Welcome & Support Program” for Undergraduate students (includes Student Health & Wellness Screening) who signed up for UConn “International Orientation Program”
Monday, August 21, 2023 - Mandatory International Graduate Student Orientation for Storrs campus students
Thursday, August 24, 2023 - Student Health & Wellness Screening for Graduates students
Friday & Saturday, August 25-26, 2023 - Mandatory Exchange Student Orientation (includes Student Health & Wellness Screening)
Friday, August 25, 2023 - Deadline to pay fee bill for GRAD, LAW, LLM
Friday, August 11, 2023 - Early Move-in Date for Graduate Students (additional fee)

Friday, August 18, 2023 - Early Move-in Date for International Graduate and Undergraduate Students who are signed up for CISS Welcome and Support Program and International Student Orientation Program through University Orientation.

Thursday, August 24, 2023 - Move-in for Exchange Students (Non Degree with EGL)

Friday-Sunday, August 25-27, 2023 - Move-in for all international Undergraduates who attended University Orientation over the summer.
Questions

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