

UConn

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?

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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



Student Activities- Storrs Campus



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Activities](http://studentactivities.uconn.edu)

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.uconn.edu](http://studentactivities.uconn.edu)

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THE MISSION OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The Department of Student Activities enriches the intellectual, ethical, and social development of our students by engaging them in community involvement and leadership opportunities. We are committed to providing excellent programs and services that promote student self-governance, respect for diversity, civic responsibility, and life-long learning.



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UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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/>
UConncontact.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/>
- 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://ucontact.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/>

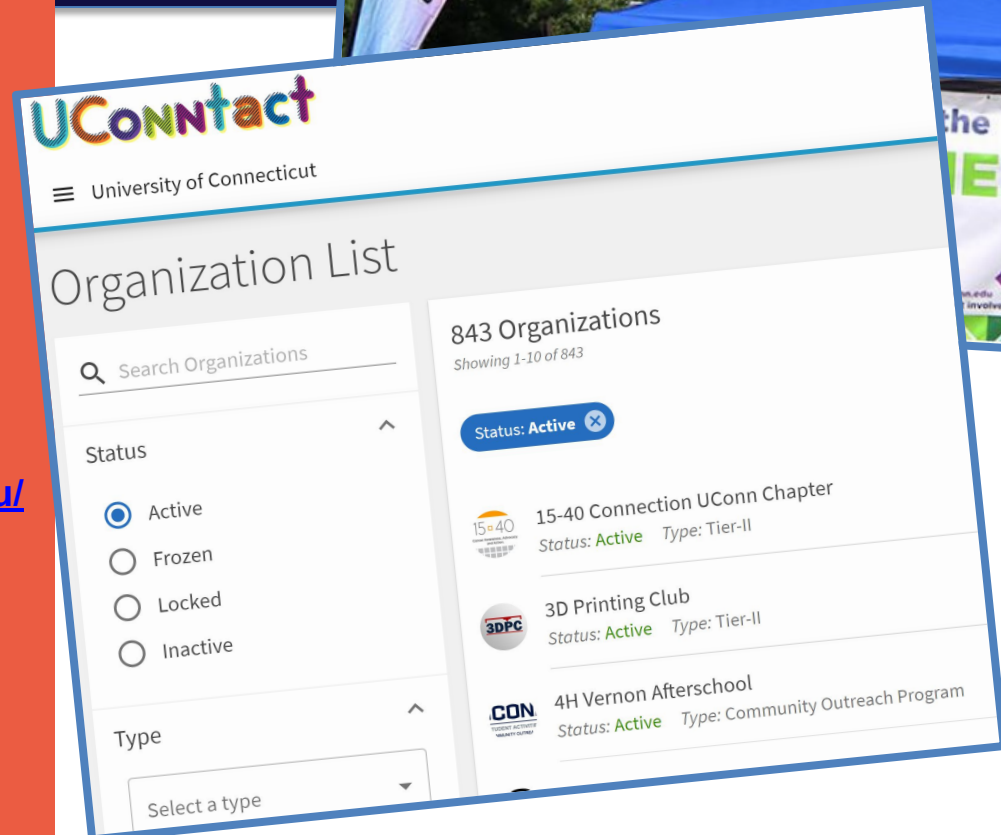
FIND ORGS:

INVOLVEMENT FAIR

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

UCONTACT:

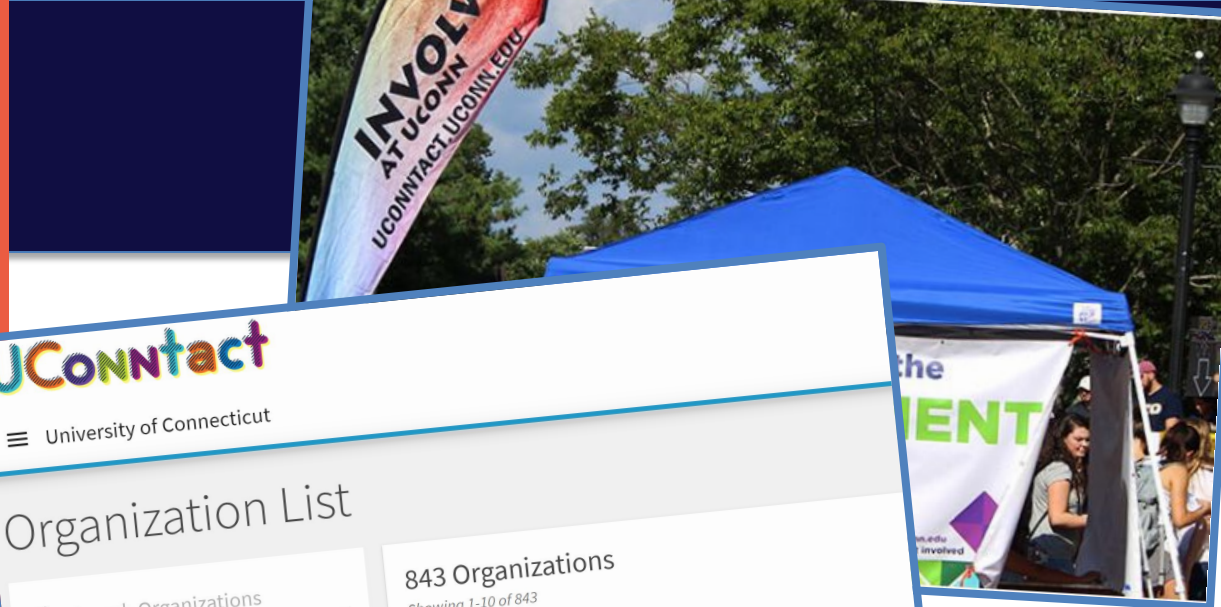
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- 15-40 Connection UConn Chapter**: Status: Active, Type: Tier-II
- 3D Printing Club**: Status: Active, Type: Tier-II
- 4H Vernon Afterschool**: Status: Active, Type: Community Outreach Program

At the bottom left, there is a 'Type' dropdown menu with the text 'Select a type'.





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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>, choose Hartford campus calendar
- Hartford Today Digest
- <https://parking-upass.uconn.edu/>
- <https://Hartford.com>

Questions:
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

Asian American Cultural Center

The background of the slide features a light blue to purple gradient. It is decorated with several realistic water droplets of various sizes, some with highlights and shadows, scattered across the surface. Overlaid on this are faint, semi-transparent geometric shapes, including triangles and polygons, creating a layered, abstract effect.

GETTING TO KNOW THE ASIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER

Jeff Alton
Assistant Director

AsACC

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

Asian American Cultural Center

MISSION

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.



Asian American Cultural Center

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**



Asian American Cultural Center



Asian American Cultural Center

ASACC PROGRAMS



PAN ASIAN COUNCIL



KIDS &
UCONN
BRIDGING
EDUCATION



Asian American Cultural Center

WHY DO STUDENTS VISIT US?

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

Asian American Cultural Center

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)
DELTA EPSILON 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

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!

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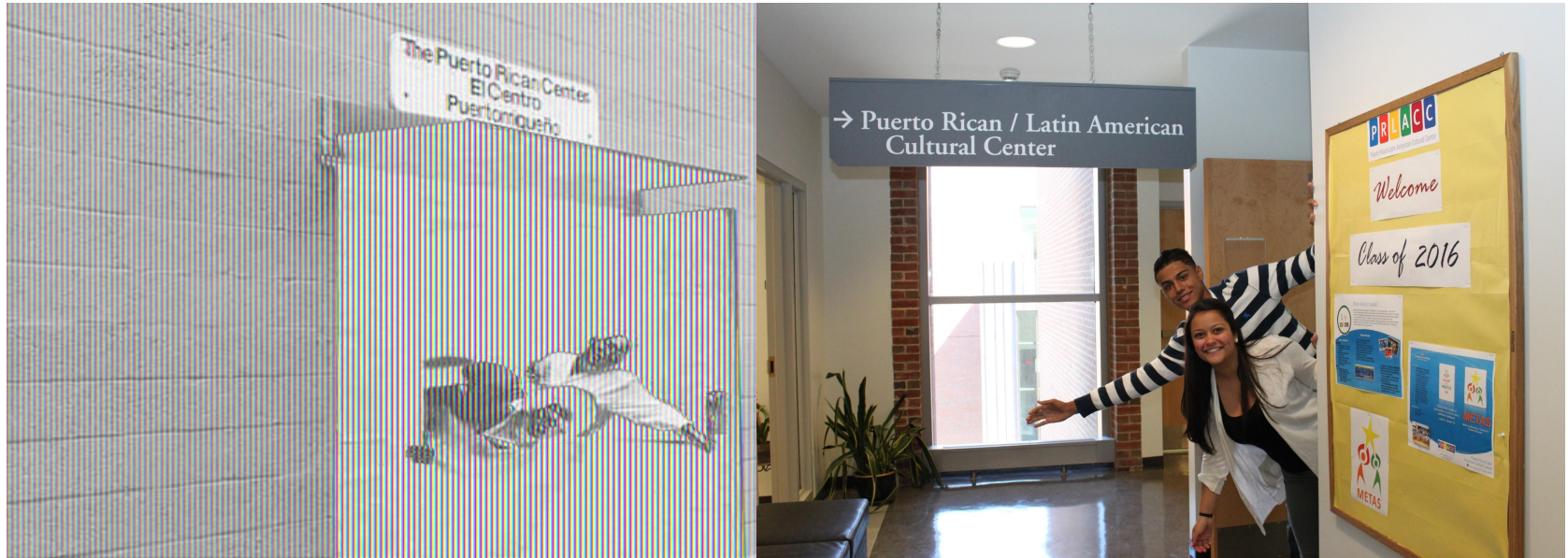
Asian American Cultural Center

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



Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center

- **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



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-Staff?

- **Interim Director, Michael Vidal :**
michael.vidal@uconn.edu
- **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-8Z8w38gmmg7dw7WeITEXrw-sT6g/viewform>
 - To contact us with questions:
uconn.co.ccconnections@gmail.com
 - <https://uconncontact.uconn.edu/organization/cocconnections>

Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA)

Mid-Autumn and Spring Festival



UCONN CSSA



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

Students Today. Huskies Forever.



UConn CSSA
首届校园生活
摄影大赛

1.报名时间: 美东2023年2月27日-3月5日
2.报名方式: 请将作品通过本人UCONN邮箱发送至UCONN.CSSA.STORPER



Mid-Autumn Festival



Halloween
Party

Chinese New Year Events

Contacts

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

Tarang

- 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



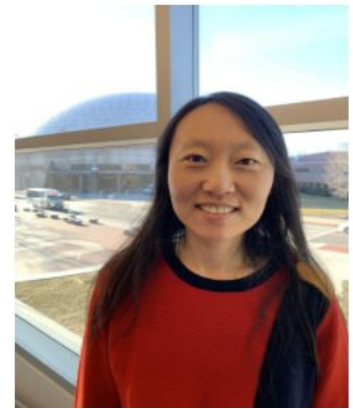
Huong Pham
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Director
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Neena Kapoor
International
Advisor for all
Hartford



Lulu Dong
International
Advisor for all
Stamford &
Waterbury

ISSS Grad Buddy Program

- New international students can connect with other UConn students via a variety of mentorship programs: <https://iss.uconn.edu/getinvolved/>
- ISSS Grad Buddy program is a new program coordinated by ISSS <https://iss.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://iss.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://ucontact.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://ucontact.uconn.edu/organization/cocconnections>
- 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
 - UConncontact:
 - <https://uconncontact.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://issu.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**

Important Arrival Dates For Storrs Campus

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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