



## Back to School Issue

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STAMFORD - The University of Connecticut Stamford Campus begins the 2008-09 academic year with its largest incoming freshman class since the campus moved to its current location in downtown Stamford. The campus will welcome 268 first time freshman, compared to 204 students who started classes last August. In addition, there will be 89 transfer students who will enroll at UConn Stamford, compared to 71 students in Fall 2007.

The new freshman and transfer students will matriculate at the Stamford Campus where they can begin and complete a bachelor's degree in one of ten majors: American Studies, Business and Technology, Economics, English, History, Human Development and Family Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology. Students who wish to matriculate in other UConn majors begin by taking freshman and sophomore classes at the Stamford Campus, prior to transferring to the Storrs Campus.

UConn Stamford students enjoy an intellectually challenging high tech approach to learning, receiving the benefits of UConn's comprehensive educational resources. The campus offers an Honors Scholars Program where students with a 3.2 GPA may choose to participate in this exclusive program. Incoming freshman enroll in small classes and taught by nationally and internationally renowned scholars in their respective disciplines and 93% of freshman return to the University of Connecticut for their sophomore year, making UConn a national leader in student retention and satisfaction.

The UConn Stamford Campus continues to be a commuter campus, with students attending classes from throughout Fairfield County. In an attempt to accommodate students who wish to live near the UConn Stamford Campus to have access to part-time jobs and internships at the major corporations near the campus, a new Off Campus Housing service has begun. Students, who wish to locate apartments, rooms in homes, or other living arrangements, can gain information about off campus housing options through a campus online web service.

The UConn Stamford Campus strives to sustain the quality and excellence of the academic programs that are offered at the Stamford Campus. We provide classrooms and laboratories with contemporary equipment and computers. Our students are offered opportunities to engage in undergraduate and graduate research that benefits local

communities, and given opportunities for student engagement through the Student Government Association and Service-Learning. This fall, the initial phases of our Learning Commons will be implemented, with the Writing Center and the Source for Active Learning co-located in the Jeremy Richard Library, where students can access support services in writing and math/science tutoring.

Students, faculty, staff and visitors who take the Metro North Train System as their primary mode of transportation will be picked up at the Stamford Train Station and provided free rides in the campus shuttle bus on Monday through Thursday, starting at 7:00 a.m. The shuttle bus runs continuously throughout the day to and from the Stamford Train Station, with the last run to the station departing at 10:30 p.m.

In a few days, we look forward to welcoming the new freshmen and transfer students to the UConn Stamford Campus. Soon afterwards, we will begin the admission process for new freshmen and transfer students for the 2009-2010 academic year, with an Open House to be held on Saturday, October 4, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Prospective students and their parents/families are welcomed to tour the Stamford Campus and to meet with faculty, staff and students during the Open House.

The UConn Stamford Campus identifies itself as the “Communiversity of Fairfield County.” The term “communiversity” combines the words ‘community’ and ‘university’, and reflects the outreach and engagement efforts of the campus. One example of this community outreach is the University Pals (UPals) Program which welcomed the return of the inaugural 2007 class to a one week Enrichment Program, where the rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders continued their journey to begin college in the year 2012. The University Pals Program also enabled the incoming Class of 2008 to participate in a three-week college simulation experience, with students from Dolan, Turn of River, Rippowam, Cloonan and Scofield Magnet of Stamford Public Schools and Nathan Hale School of the Norwalk Public Schools taking college level courses taught by UConn professors, participating in internships, spending time in study hall, and socializing in college activities. In early August, sixty-seven students took part in the commencement ceremony, which was the culmination of the college preparation program (see sidebar of graduate names).

Please visit the UConn Stamford website, [www.stamford.uconn.edu](http://www.stamford.uconn.edu), where you can check out the UPals web pages to learn about the University Pals Program and to see first-hand the projects and activities that were developed and created by the 2008 UPals students. Information about the 2009 UPals Program will be posted on website in January 2009.

The new school year will begin the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the UConn Stamford Campus in downtown Stamford. There will be a variety of lectures, seminars and activities throughout the 2008-09 year which will highlight the achievements of the past decade.

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