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## 2014 Annual Community Celebration

### THANK YOU ALL FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!!

On Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, over 350 students and partners came together at the Storrs Campus to celebrate the many successes of the past year. The morning portion included a nutritious brunch, music, games and an awards ceremony to acknowledge students and teachers’ literacy skill building efforts during the Ready, Set, Read! initiative. During the afternoon segment of the day, UConn students and partners lead Hartford youth from John C. Clark, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Fred D. Wish Elementary and Middle Schools through a variety of interactive stations focused on physical activities and nutrition education.

The annual Community Celebration has become a great way for Husky Sport to showcase our appreciation for the time and investment in building positive relationships and the shared learning process that occurs within Husky Sport’s community-campus partnership. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to work with so many talented and hardworking students, families, teachers, staff, partners and community-campus members.

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# Ready, Set, Read!

## Sport and Nutrition Incentives



As part of the Ready, Set, Read! Literacy skill building initiative, 4th-8th grade students completed curriculum-based books and comprehension prompts to earn monthly physical activities and nutrition education incentives lead by UConn student volunteers. Students from each school engaged in the following activities:

- ◆ Obstacle course-relay races
- ◆ Capture the 'healthy veggie' flag
- ◆ Various races to identify MyPlate categories
- ◆ Competitive teambuilding games
- ◆ Nutrition trivia and tastings
- ◆ Outdoor Soccer





## Commencement Speaker



Husky Sport Graduate Assistant Evan M. Timme was the 2014 UConn Health Graduate School student commencement speaker!



We wish Evan all the best in his move to Alabama as he continues to invest in community health.

Evan came to Connecticut in the Fall of 2011 with the national service program AmeriCorps – VISTA. He completed a year of service as a development assistant for Husky Sport, then enrolled in UConn's Master of Public Health program continuing to work with Husky Sport as a graduate assistant.

With passion and tireless commitment, Evan maintained many important roles within Husky Sport. He helped to lead all communication and fundraising efforts, facilitated multiple sessions of our service learning courses, was the lead staff member for our after school partnership at Parker Memorial this past year and the lead staff member for our literacy skill building initiative at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary and Middle School for the past three years. Somehow he had time to graduate with an M.P.H. and deliver a terrific commencement speech.

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# HUSKY SPORT WON!!!

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thanks to all 362 donors that helped us generate a total of \$19,732 !!!



### LIST OF PRIZES WON BY HUSKY SPORT

- \$10,000 Highest final number of student & young alumni donors
- \$1,500 Highest mid-point number of student & young alumni donors
- \$1,000 Highest final number of young alumni donors
- \$500 Highest number of overall donors in weeks 1-2
- \$500 Highest number of overall donors in weeks 3-4
- \$500 Highest number of overall donors in weeks 5-6

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# ESPN Guest Readers



During the month of December, members of ESPN's "Remote Production Operations Library Committee" started a book drive to support local schools. Through the mediation of Husky Sport Alum - Leigh Michaud – who completed many of her service learning hours at Clark School, including leading a "Mix-It-Up" day in 2012– and thanks to the generous donations from our friends at ESPN, over 500 books were donated to Clark School Library!



As a follow up to the book donations, ESPN staff members volunteered as Ready, Set, Read! guest readers for two second grade classes at Clark Elementary School. Current Husky Sport staff introduced the guests and helped to begin the process for building relationships. Then each Clark 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student chose the book they wanted to read alongside their ESPN counterpart. After the read-a-loud, one student from each group shared-out about the books' content to the rest of the class.



ESPN volunteers also visited the 500+ books placed in Clark's library for the students to enjoy!



Thanks to everyone from ESPN's Remote Production Operations Library Committee, with special appreciation to Husky Sport Alum - Leigh Michaud!

## Giving Tree 2014



The Husky Sport In School Program hosted the 3rd Annual Giving Tree on February 7th, 2014, in the Husky Sport classroom (A1) at John C. Clark Elementary and Middle School. The Giving Tree is a tree ornamented with warm weather items including hats, gloves, scarves, and winter coats. The items were donated by the Clark School Community Resource Center, Clark School teachers and staff, and Husky Sport staff, alumni and friends.

The in School Program Leaders worked together with Clark School Teachers to identify students who could use additional warm weather items. This year, permission was given by Clark School families which enabled 50 students to receive warm weather items and 10 students to receive winter coats.



**Special thanks to the Clark School Community and Husky Sport's coordinator, Patricia Bellamy, for the continued support of Clark's children and families!**



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