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*Welcome!*

*A Letter from the Vice President for Student Affairs*

Dear friends, family, students, faculty, and staff,

At our annual Student Life Awards ceremony, we recognize contributions from our most outstanding UConn community members for their efforts to make this University a better place. I join you in congratulating this afternoon's honored faculty, staff, organizations, and students. However, the nominees we recognize here are only a small sampling of those who have made significant contributions to campus life this year. It is important that we applaud the many other students and UConn community members who have contributed time, ideas, effort, and just plain hard work to give back to their community over the past academic year.

I know I speak for the faculty and staff of this University when I say that we take great pride in the vision, initiative, and dedication of our student leaders, and the faculty and staff who support them. One of public education's goals is to prepare students for participation in their own communities and to make positive contributions to the world around them. The nominees we honor here today have truly taken this message to heart, and today we recognize their contributions to UConn and beyond.

The University of Connecticut is a top tier academic institution as well as a wonderful place to study and work. There is no doubt that the efforts of those recognized enhance the University. I extend my sincere congratulations to all of those honored here today and I thank them for their contributions.

Sincerely,



Dr. John R. Saddlemire  
Vice President for Student Affairs

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# *A Message from the Student Life Awards Committee Chair*

On behalf of the Department of Student Activities, I'd like to welcome you to the 2011 University of Connecticut Student Life Awards – recognizing outstanding contributions to and leadership of the University community! The campus was very much alive this past year with student involvement, service, leadership and pride. The student engagement represented by all of this year's nominations not only created an environment of diverse opportunities and activities but also served to enrich the campus atmosphere and enhance student learning.

The process and work of recognizing all of our outstanding student leaders, faculty and staff and bringing everyone together today began at the start of this academic year and has continued non-stop throughout the past eight months. Below is the list of the members of our 2011 Selection Committee, who spent a significant amount of time reviewing nomination material and interviewing finalists. It is also important to recognize the many folks who have played a role behind the scenes in everything that culminates in today's event. Therefore a special thanks to Ben Cannon, Anna Milot, Mary Shaw, Lillian Palacios, Dr. John Saddlemire, Dr. Christine Wilson and the entire staff in the Office of Leadership Programs.

Finally, a note of particular thanks to our donors and award sponsors who have so generously supported this program, and more importantly our students. You are invited to learn more about all of our donors and sponsors on the following pages.

Congratulations to all of the nominees and thanks for making the University of Connecticut a vibrant campus community in which to live and learn.

Joseph P. Briody  
University of Connecticut  
2011 Student Life Awards Committee Chair



## *Student Life Awards Selection Committee*

**Melissa Arroyo**, *Programs Office*  
**Ben Cannon**, *Leadership Programs*  
**Miguel Colon**, *Community Outreach*  
**Carl Dean**, *Student Support Services*  
**Kate Durant**, *Club Sports*  
**Kathy Fischer**, *Women's Center*  
**Mark Flynn**, *Programs Office*  
**Melissa Foremen**, *Learning Communities*  
**Paul Gaines**, *Veteran's Services*  
**Rebecca Gates**, *Honors Program*

**Katie Johnston**, *HESA*  
**Leo Lachut**, *Student Support Services*  
**Bruce Marshall**, *Men's Hockey*  
**Cindy Morrissette**, *Student Activities*  
**Krista Muise**, *Leadership Programs*  
**Akeya Peterson**, *Student Support and Advocacy*  
**John Sears**, *Residential Life*  
**Alyssa Stoner**, *Leadership Programs*  
**Todd Sullivan**, *Fraternity/Sorority Life*  
**Dana Wilder**, *Office of the Vice Provost*

*A special thanks to all of the members of this year's Student Life Awards Selection Committee for their time and commitment to recognizing and supporting student contribution to and leadership of the University community.*



## *Matthew B. Schechter Scholarship*

*This award is made annually to a deserving student on the basis of citizenship, scholarship, contribution to the University, and contributions to the causes of human rights and human dignity, civil liberties and freedom of thought. The family and friends of Matthew B. Schechter established this scholarship in 1969.*

### *Recipient*



#### ***Alice Johnson***

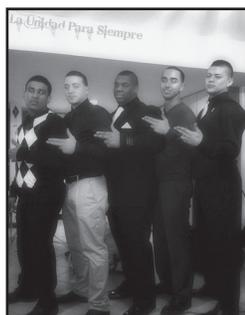
As a trip director and coordinator of an INTD class for Community Outreach, Alice Johnson has taken initiative in educating the UConn community on issues related to social justice, specifically working with individuals with developmental disabilities. In addition, Alice is actively involved with the Violence Against Women Prevention Program. Currently, she is planning a trip to Nepal to volunteer at an orphanage in Kathmandu. After graduation Alice hopes to continue her service work in the Peace Corps.



## *Organization Community Service Award*

*This award honors a student organization that has initiated and/or actively engaged in a community service project. The project may be a single event or a series of activities. The Department of Athletics is the proud sponsor of the Organization Community Service Award.*

### *Recipient*



#### ***La Unidad Latina: Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.***

La Unidad Latina: Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc. has worked diligently to promote issues of awareness and community development over the past year. The “Making the Letter” program was created to give students in Hartford Schools a voice. In this program, brothers of the organization went to Betances Elementary School and performed educational workshops and games for students. The brothers also helped the students write letters to state officials asking for supplies and coordinated a school supply drive to benefit the elementary students. In addition, the brothers have also coordinated a voter registration and awareness program, a “Fuerza Chile” event to promote awareness surrounding poverty in Chile and the effects of the earthquake, and a program to increase the number of LGBTQ Allies on campus.

## *Outstanding Graduate / Teaching Assistant Award*

*This award recognizes a Graduate Assistant who goes above and beyond their assigned responsibilities by contributing their time, energy, and talents to further the growth and development of undergraduate students on campus. The Office of the Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Education is the proud sponsor of this award.*

### *Recipient*



#### **Lindy Brady**

Over the past year, Lindy has worked with the EcoHouse Learning Community to develop and teach an environmentally themed section of a Freshman English course. In addition to the work of coordinating a sustainability themed course, Lindy worked with Eco-House Coordinators and students to create three service afternoon trips for the students enrolled in the course to clean up areas around campus and the Mansfield community. This semester, Lindy is teaching a seminar course entitled “Advocating Effectively for Local Issues: Environmental Communication in the Real World.” Lindy is pursuing a PhD in English.



## *Martha and Albert Cohen Scholarship for Enhancing Community*

*This scholarship is awarded to undergraduate students who have demonstrated a significant active commitment to eliminating bigotry, prejudice, and discrimination and whose actions have fostered tolerance and understanding among people. This scholarship was established and sponsored by Stephen I. Cohen ('65) in honor of his parents Martha and Albert Cohen.*

### *Recipient*



#### **Julia Tao**

Julia Tao is a member of the Global House learning community, which works to internationalize the UConn Campus and provide support for international students. She served as a co-chair of the Global Council, which is dedicated to promoting global awareness and connecting international and domestic students through social and cultural programming. Julia also serves as a justice in the Undergraduate Student Government and volunteers in the Community Outreach Cross-Cultural Connections Program.

## *Student Organization Advocacy Award*

*This award honors an outstanding student organization for the achievement of a remarkable goal or completion of a major project that significantly impacted students through advocacy or awareness initiatives. The Division of Student Affairs is the proud sponsor of the Student Organization Advocacy Award.*

### *Recipient*



#### ***Active Minds at UConn***

Active Minds at UConn is a national organization headquartered in Washington D.C. The mission of the organization is to “utilize the student voice to change the conversation about mental health on college campuses.” As such, Active Minds at UConn has created and implemented multiple initiatives to improve mental health on campus and de-stigmatize mental health related issues. These initiatives include: The Field of Memories initiative, which represents the number of students lost to suicide, during Suicide Prevention Week; the Compliments and Cookies Program where students provide total strangers with a compliment and a cookie in an attempt to brighten their day. Active Minds at UConn has also achieved national acclaim as one of the few chapters of the organization to have direct collaboration with a campus Counseling and Mental Health Services Office.



## *Spirer / Dueker Student Humanitarian Achievement Award*

*This award honors an undergraduate student on a University of Connecticut campus for outstanding contributions to public service. The award was established by Louise and Herbert Spirer and Marilyn Dueker, retired faculty members from the University of Connecticut-Stamford campus.*

### *Recipient*



#### ***Vanessa Barber***

Vanessa Barber has dedicated herself to humanitarian work that supports the UConn community and beyond. Currently, she serves as the site manager and student leader for the Windham No-Freeze Hospitality Center. The No-Freeze Center provides a place for the homeless citizens of Windham to spend an evening in a warm bed. She also serves as a team leader for the MACC soup kitchen. In addition to her work in the local community, Alice participated in the Community Outreach Alternative Break relief trip to New Orleans.



## *Willis W. Hawley Service and Leadership Award*

*This award recognizes individual student veterans who have made significant contributions to the University community through leadership and service during their tenure as a student. The Department of Student Activities is the sponsor of this award.*

### *Recipient*



#### ***Lucien Lafreniere***

Lucien Lafreniere, a student at the University of Connecticut-Waterbury campus, is studying History and American studies and maintains a 4.0 GPA. He is the founder and commanding officer of the Veteran's Student Organization at UConn-Waterbury. As part of this organization, Lucien organizes the Veteran's Observance Day and works with local landlords to help find veteran's housing. In addition, Lucien was elected to hear appeals on the UConn-Waterbury Academic Misconduct Board. Lucien is a Marine veteran of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and retired with the rank of Sergeant.



## *International Student Leadership Award*

*This award recognizes an individual student(s) who has actively engaged in activities that foster the integration of international students and their experiences and cultures into the campus community in a visible and meaningful way. The Graduate Residences Association is a proud sponsor of the International Student Leadership Award.*

### *Recipient*



#### ***Sandie Gong***

Sandie Gong's leadership with and awareness of the international student experience began during her first year at UConn as a volunteer with the Office of Community Outreach in the Conversation Partners program, which pairs international students with domestic students in order to build language skills and friendships. The following year, she led this program and continued in her mission to involve international students in the campus community. In addition to her work with Community Outreach, Sandie was a team leader on the Honors Alternative Spring Break trip, which focused on highlighting issues of migrant farm workers in Florida.



## *Edward Victor Gant Scholarship*

*The Edward Victor Gant Scholarship was established by the Board of Trustees and the family and friends of Edward V. Gant in 1979 and was first awarded in 1987. The scholarship recognizes academic excellence, professional potential, dedicated service, and exemplary integrity.*

### *Undergraduate Finalists*



#### ***Ethan Butler***

A member of the honors program, Ethan Butler is pursuing a career in Chemical Engineering. Ethan was instrumental in reviving the UConn chapter of Engineers Without Borders, an organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for citizens of third world countries by creating sustainable living projects. As the organization's president, Ethan spearheaded two projects focusing on Ethiopia and Nicaragua, which have raised over \$20,000 to benefit sustainable development. Ethan is a facilitator for the Office of Environmental Policy, a member of the UConn Environmental Policy Advisory Committee and was invited to oversee and advise UConn's Climate Action Plan. Ethan is also a member of the Leadership Legacy Experience 2011 Cohort.



#### ***Colin Carlson***

Colin Carlson hopes to pursue a public-service career as a scientist-attorney designing and implementing new environmental policies for the United States. Colin is involved in EcoHusky, EcoHouse Learning Community, Roots and Shoots and the UConn Wildlife Society and has recently traveled to South Africa to study plant ecology. He participated in the Sierra Club Student Coalition summer program and was awarded the prestigious Udall Scholarship for his leadership in environmental education and awareness. Colin is also a member of the Leadership Legacy Experience 2011 Cohort.



#### ***Leilani Jones***

Leilani Jones, a senior double majoring in History and Education, works as a part of the University's Dining Services Department. This year she has been instrumental in improving the collaboration and coordination between the full time management and the student staff. In addition to her work with Dining Services, Leilani is a New England Scholar and student teaches forty hours a week. Leilani has also volunteered as a tutor through Project Academic Achievement at the Willimantic Community Center and through Community Outreach in the America Reads Program at Windham Center Elementary.



#### ***Yuk-Ting Li***

A senior, Yuk-Ting Li is completing studies in four different major areas and regularly completes 25-30 credits a semester. In addition to her impressive academic resume, Li also takes time to make an impact on her campus and community. Li's co-curricular involvement includes: advocating for health screenings and educating on health issues to low-income residents in the Willimantic Area; serving as a community service day team leader, bringing groups to local soup kitchens; and volunteering with the Special Olympics programs. Li is also the Vice President for the Mortar Board National Honors Organization and has been selected as a recipient for the Actuarial Science and Nellie Gard scholarships.

### *Graduate Finalists*



#### ***Manas Prasad***

Manas Prasad, a graduate student in the School of Pharmacy, has an undergraduate degree in the field of Physiology and Neurobiology. Manas has taken on many projects and has been involved with many programs during his time in the school of Pharmacy, including helping out with information technology projects and being involved with Poison Prevention Week. Currently, Manas serves as the President of the Connecticut Society of Health System Pharmacists-Student Chapter.



#### ***Elisabeth Werling***

Elisabeth Werling, a graduate student pursuing a degree in Special Education, has been actively involved in a variety of experiences both on and off campus. Elisabeth has been an employee of the UConn Center for Students with Disabilities since 2006 and in that time has shown a gift for working with students with disabilities and a considerable desire to learn and develop her skills. In addition to her work in the UConn Center for Students with Disabilities, Elisabeth is a 2009 alumni of the Leadership Legacy Experience and received the Edward Victor Gant Scholarship as an undergraduate.

## Student Organization Advisor Award

This award recognizes an advisor of a student organization who has provided outstanding service and advisement to an organization. The Division of Student Affairs is the proud sponsor of the Student Organization Advisor Award.

### Finalists



#### **Kate Durant**

As the Club Sports Program Coordinator, Kate Durant is charged with advising, challenging, facilitating, and creating structure for the 42 Club Sports Teams as well as the Club Sports Council at UConn. Kate also collaborates with other departments on campus to support the 1200 students within the club sports community, including the Department of Natural Resources. In addition to her clubs sports responsibilities, Kate has been involved with supporting the Community Outreach Special Olympics initiative and also participated in the Alternative Spring Break relief trip to New Orleans.



#### **Fany Hanon**

A graduate from the University of Connecticut's Higher Education and Student Affairs Program, Fany Hannon works as the Manager of Student and Young Alumni Relations. A key part of Fany's responsibilities include advising the Student Alumni Association and their programs, which include the annual Oozeball Tournament. Fany can be seen around campus taking part in many events including networking at career fairs and coordinating the Senior Block Party. Fany has also been known to welcome members of the Student Alumni Association into her home to build their annual homecoming float.



## Student Multicultural Award

First given in 1997, this award recognizes individual students who have contributed to encouraging and enhancing the diversity of any aspect of the University Community at the Storrs Campus. The Division of Diversity and Equity is the proud sponsor of the Student Multicultural Award.

### Finalists



#### **Parag Bhuva**

During his time at UConn, Parag Bhuva has worked to develop campus understanding of issues related to mental health, diversity, and youth empowerment through his involvement with Active Minds, the Veteran's Resource Center, Campus Big Buddies, and the Women's Center Men's Project Initiative. Parag is the co-founder of ASHA for Education, an organization dedicated to improving education in India. In addition, Parag works to instill Husky pride in other students through his work as a Resident Assistant and as a tour guide in the Lodewick Visitor's Center.



#### **Tommy Lee**

Tommy Lee has exhibited his passion for creating positive social change through his involvement in the Community Service Learning Community. Tommy also works with the Asian American Cultural Center to coordinate their senior banquet, recognizing the contributions of graduating seniors. Tommy also volunteers with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program and the Kids with UConn Mentoring Program. In addition to all of these community responsibilities, Tommy is also a brother of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.



#### **Leonela Villegas**

Majoring in Chemical Engineering, minoring in Molecular and Cellular Biology, and a member of the Honors Program, Leonela Villegas has a history of promoting multicultural awareness on campus. She is a tutor for Science Technology Engineering and Math classes, takes part in the Collegiate Health Service Corps' Migrant Farm Workers program, and is an active member of the National Society of Black Engineers. She serves as a Child Life Volunteer at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center and volunteers at the Windham Bilingual Program, the Fair Haven Free Clinic, and the Mansfield Senior Center in the hopes of becoming a pediatric doctor. Leonela also earned a membership into Alpha Lambda Delta, a national honor's society for first-year students, and is a member of the Leadership Legacy Experience.



## Program of the Year Award

This award honors an organization or individual responsible for the development and/or execution of an event/program that significantly enhanced the social, recreational, educational, and/or cultural life of students and the general community at this institution. The Department of Athletics is the proud sponsor of the Program of the Year Award.

### Recipient



#### **SUBOG-Michael J. Fox Lecture**

The Student Union Board of Governors is dedicated to putting on events that enhance the educational, social, cultural, and recreational environment at the University. This fall, SUBOG collaborated with the Leadership Legacy Experience and the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts to bring world renowned actor, author, and Parkinson's advocate Michael J. Fox to campus. Speaking in front of an overflow crowd, Fox's funny, poignant, and thought-provoking speech touched on everything from being a celebrity, to raising a family, to living with Parkinson's disease. Fox left everyone in Jorgensen with the message to "Never play the result," urging them to live their lives free of expectations and push themselves to be the best. All in attendance that evening left the theatre enlightened, entertained, and inspired.



## Individual Husky Pride Award

This award honors an individual for outstanding external representation of the pride and spirit associated with being a part of the University of Connecticut. The UConn Co-op is the proud sponsor of the Individual Husky Pride Award.

### Finalists



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#### **Sarah Morton**

Sarah Morton, a senior majoring in Geoscience, has been a part of the Nutmeg Yearbook for four years. Now serving as the Assistant Editor in Chief, she takes a prominent role in creating the yearbook and supervising staff members. In addition to her work with the yearbook, Sarah is also a member of the Geology Club. After the Earthquake in Haiti, she organized a lecture to explain the environmental reasoning and impact behind the earthquake. Sarah also serves as a member of the Student Union Policy Council and the Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee.



#### **Nellie Stagg**

Nellie Stagg has built Husky pride around campus through a host of leadership positions and initiatives. She works to educate students on healthy relationships as a Violence Against Women Prevention Peer Educator. She participated in a Community Outreach Alternative Break trip to Arizona and helped tutor students on a Native American reservation. Nellie also founded the UConn Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, which educates students on civil rights through speakers and other programs.

# *Individual Community Service Award*

*This award honors a student(s) who has initiated and/or actively engaged in a community service project(s). The project may be a single event or a series of activities. The UConn Co-op is the proud sponsor of the Individual Community Service Award.*

## *Finalists*



### ***Ryan Brown***

A senior majoring in Mathematics and minoring in English, Ryan Brown has served in the Office of Community Outreach for four years. Ryan's greatest successes have occurred in the areas of alternative break trips. He has led weekend trips to Boston and New York and been a part of numerous winter break trips. This past spring break, Ryan led a trip to Niceville, Florida to work with low-income families affected by storms in the coastal region. In addition to his work with alternative break trips, Ryan also volunteers with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program.



### ***Rebecca Mears***

Becky Mears hopes to graduate from the University of Connecticut to work in the field of Special Education. Currently, she coordinates the Community Outreach America Reads program at Southeast Elementary School in Mansfield. Thanks to Becky's leadership, the program has grown in structure and scope and the tutors of the program are in a better position to make a positive impact on students in the program. In addition to her leadership of the America Reads program, Becky also volunteered with the Community Outreach Special Olympics soccer tournament this past fall.



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# *Building Community Award*

*This award honors students that have initiated and/or actively engaged in an activity that has significantly contributed to the sense of community on campus. This project may be a single event or series of activities. The UConn Co-op is a proud sponsor of the Building Community Award.*

## *Finalists*



### ***Jordan Hegel***

A sophomore political science major, Jordan Hegel has been involved with multiple organizations since his first semester on campus. Jordan served as a SUBOG committee member and as an officer and social chair of Northwest Area Council for the Residence Hall Association. Currently, Jordan serves as a USG senator for the McMahon residence halls and is a member of the Global House Learning Community. Jordan is known for his passion and willingness to take an unpopular stand on hot button issues including Spring Weekend and the budget proposals from Governor Malloy. No matter where Jordan is involved, he never settles for the status quo and always fights for what he believes will be best for the University.



### ***Vijay Sekara***

Vijay Sekhara currently serves as the President of the Residence Hall Association on campus, which bridges residence halls and creates events aimed at enhancing community across campus. Vijay was instrumental in creating the “Southapalooza” Program, the biggest event on the RHA calendar, which focuses on bringing students together to socialize and de-stress. Currently, Vijay is working on creating a conference that would bring other RHAs to campus to network and share ideas. In addition to his work with RHA, Vijay is also the Vice President for Policy for the Student Union Board of Governors.



### ***Kevin Webster***

A Resident Assistant in Alumni Quad, Kevin Webster was instrumental in creating initiatives to promote the “Month of Kindness” on campus and generally create more kindness between students. Kevin initiated the “kindness booths” initiative across campus, in which student volunteers would compliment students who stopped at the booth. The idea stems from the notion that it only takes something small to brighten another person’s day. Also included in this program were giveaways, free high fives, and free hugs. The program was a major success thanks to Kevin’s leadership.

# *Emerging Leaders Award*

*This award recognizes individual student(s) who, despite not holding a visible, established leadership position on campus, nonetheless has actively demonstrated attributes of a leader through his/her actions and character. The UConn Co-op is the proud sponsor of the Emerging Leaders Award.*

## *Finalists*



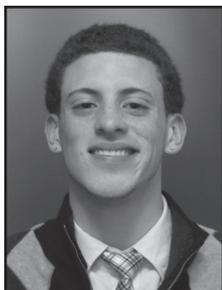
### ***Rebecca D'Angelo***

In only her first year at the University of Connecticut, Rebecca D'Angelo has already made a significant contribution to campus life. Her involvement includes: serving as the senator for Buckley Residence Hall and advising the association on USG policies; serving as Vice-Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee where she is working to revise the constitution and revamping the professional excellence banquet; sitting on the student philanthropy committee; and serving as a speaker for the Honors Program and as a member of the Honors Council. Rebecca looks to continue and expand her involvement next year by running for Chair of the USG Academic Affairs Committee.



### ***Jordan Hegel***

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### ***Justis Lopez***

Justis Lopez, a first year student living in the Leadership Learning Community, began to make an impact the second he stepped foot on UConn's Campus. He started his career at UConn as a member of the Student Support Services Summer Program and impressed everyone involved with his enthusiasm and passion. In addition, Justis has been involved as the first ever first-year student host of Asian Nite through the Asian American Cultural Center. This summer, Justis will work as a leader in the UConn Orientation program and in the Fall will serve as a Resident Assistant.



### ***Nellie Stagg***

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### ***Steven Waslo***

In what has only been his second year at UConn, Steven Waslo has created an impressive leadership resume. Steven is the State Board Chairman for ConnPIRG and the Chief Financial Officer for the Storrs chapter. In this role he is responsible for advocating for issues important to students, including a clean environment, renewable energy, better public transportation, and relief for hunger and homelessness. In addition, Steven is also a member of the Student Activity and Service Fee Advisory Committee and is President of the UConn Kayaking Club.



## *Donald L. McCullough Leadership Award*

*This award recognizes individual students who have made significant contributions to the University community through leadership and service during their tenure as a student. This award is in memory of Donald L. McCullough, Director of Student Activities – 1979 and was established by his wife Verna and family.*

### *Finalists*



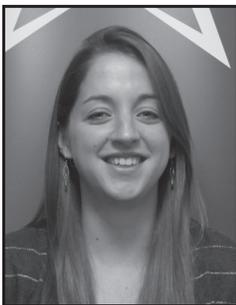
#### ***Timothy Callaghan***

Since his first Alternative Break trip, Timothy Callaghan has been heavily involved in Community Outreach Alternative Breaks both as a participant and as Trip Director. He served as the Student Coordinator for Alternative Break and Immersion Programs as well as the chairperson for the Community Outreach Sustainability Committee. He has also been selected as a 2010-2011 Presidential Fellow for the Center for the Study of the Presidency in Washington DC. In addition, Tim is a member of the Honors Program, an alumni of the 2010 Leadership Legacy Experience, and hopes to become a professor of Political Science.



#### ***Robert Freyer***

Robert Freyer works as a Resident Assistant at UConn and utilizes the UConn Creed as a starting point for many of his programs. To compliment his work as a Resident Assistant, Rob also serves as President of the South Area Council. In addition to his work in Residential Life, Rob educates students about healthy relationships as a Violence Against Women Prevention Program Facilitator. Over the summer, Rob worked to ease the transition of incoming students as an Orientation Leader and he also finds the time to be a member of Active Minds at UConn.



#### ***Kristen Glines***

Kristen Glines has participated in numerous involvement opportunities that have made a significant impact on UConn and the surrounding community. Some of Kristen's involvement include: the Husky Ambassador Program, the Windham Heights After School Program, Sigma Alpha Pi, Alpha Lambda Delta, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Huskies Away from Home, and the Phone a Freshman Campaign. Kristen also served as an INTD 1800 Mentor and Master Coach, a UConn Connects Facilitator, and an Orientation Leader. She hopes to attend graduate school and become a professional in the field of Student Affairs.



#### ***Alexandra Kuehnle***

Alexandra Kuehnle is pursuing an Individualized Major in Security Studies to supplement her Political Science and Human Rights concentration. She is a New England Scholar, a Truman Scholarship Finalist, and President of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. Additionally, Alex is an alumnus of the 2010 Leadership Legacy Experience and the founder and president of the UConn Silver Wings organization. Alex has been a Community Assistant, has worked for the Center for Students with Disabilities, served as Public Relations Coordinator & Communications Director in the Office of Community Outreach, and volunteered as an Assisting Minister and substitute teacher.



#### ***Danielle Lanslots***

Danielle Lanslots, an active member of the EcoHouse Learning Community, serves her community through environmental education and outreach. She is an intern at the Office of Environmental Policy and the assistant coordinator of Alternative Breaks in the Office of Community Outreach, where she works specifically with Learning Community trips. Danielle received the Academic Excellence Award in Biology at the end of her freshman year and hopes to become a biological oceanographer. In addition, she is also an alumnus of the 2010 Leadership Legacy Experience cohort.

# 2011 Leadership Legacy Experience Students

The University of Connecticut is proud to recognize the 2011 Legacy Students as part of the Student Life Awards Program. They represent a rich diversity of leadership experiences, personal accomplishments, and academic excellence. The Leadership Legacy Experience was established to recognize and invite some of the University's most exceptional student leaders to participate in a year-long leadership enhancement experience that builds on their legacy as University leaders, and helps prepare them for a life of commitment and contribution beyond graduation.



*Ethan Butler*



*Colin Carlson*



*Brenna Dunnack*



*Aseel Eid*



*Kelly Flaherty*



*Armando Jimenez*



*Julia Leonard*



*Cindy Luo*



*Michael Mizrahi*



*Nasreen Mustafa*



*Amanda Sullivan*



*Hoang Trinh*



*Leonela Villegas*



*Elysse Yulo*



Oak Leadership  
*Agenda*

**EXPLORE**

**ENGAGE**

**ELEVATE**

*The Division of Student Affairs offers a comprehensive, unique, and “cutting edge” approach to the leadership development of its students. The OAK Leadership Agenda reflects the Areas of Emphasis identified in the University’s Academic Plan, seeks to integrate itself into the University’s academic programs and services, and prepares students to be engaged, forward thinking, and global citizens.*

The components of the OAK Leadership Agenda are grouped into three primary areas:

**EXPLORE**

*...providing students with opportunities to explore campus-wide leadership and introduce them to the basic concepts and principles of leadership.*

- DISCOVERY Leadership Series
- Leadership Seminars
- Leadership Learning Community

**ENGAGE**

*...focusing on the development and application of student leadership skills within academic disciplines and co-curricular activities, Oak provides more advanced skill development and expanded exploration of leadership theories.*

- FUTURE Leaders
- SOLID
- HOLDUP!
- Advance! Student Trustee Account Leadership Training

**ELEVATE**

*...students are provided with opportunities to reflect on their experiences, refine their skills, and mentor younger students while preparing them for leadership beyond the university.*

- Peer Leadership Instructors
- Leadership Legacy Experience

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