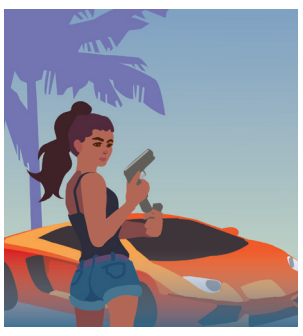
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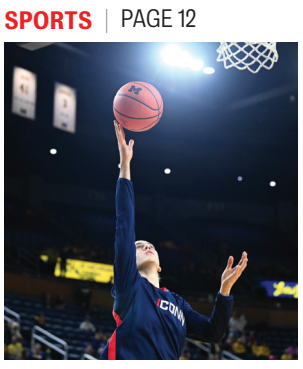
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MEN'S BASKETBALL
Nov. 2 | 9 p.m. | Hartford, Conn.

MEN'S HOCKEY
Nov. 5 | Providence, RI

WOMEN'S HOCKEY
Nov. 5 | 2 p.m. | Chestnut Hill, Mass.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Nov. 5 | 6:30 p.m. | Ann Arbor, Mich.

WOMEN'S SWIM
Nov. 6 | 4 p.m. | Chestnut Hill, Mass.

VOLLEYBALL
Nov. 6 | 5 p.m. | South Orange, N.J.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY
Nov. 6 | 6 p.m. | Storrs, Conn.

MEN'S SOCCER
Nov. 6 | 7 p.m. | Storrs, Conn.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Nov. 6 | 8 p.m. | Boston, Mass.

FOOTBALL
Nov. 7 | Noon | East Hartford, Conn.

WOMEN'S SWIM
Nov. 7 | Noon | Boston, Mass.

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Nov. 7 | 3 p.m. | Villanova, P.A.

MEN'S HOCKEY
Nov. 7 | 5 p.m. | Storrs, Conn.

VOLLEYBALL
Nov. 7 | 7 p.m. | Queens, N.Y.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Nov. 8 | 2 p.m. | Storrs, Conn.

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MEME OF THE DAY



UCONN HONORS COLLEGE AIMS TO TACKLE FINANCIAL DEFICITS

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The University of Connecticut Board of Trustees voted to establish the UConn Honors College last Wednesday.

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> **RYAN KRISHNA**

According to the Board of Trustees' agenda last week, the establishment will build on the already existing Honors Program and address issues caused by financial deficits. The Honors College has requested an additional $500,000 annually from the university to meet its needs.

"The Honors College allows us to have a bigger impact, both on the faculty that advises us as well as the students that are in the college," Ryan Krishna, a seventh-semester honors student and speaker at the Board of Trustees meeting, said.

Over the past 10 years, the college's funding has decreased by 13% due to tight budget constraints, according to the agenda. Simultaneously, the number of honors enrollments has increased by 17% to about 2,648 students, inaugural Honors College Dean Jennifer Lease Butts said.

These trends have led to possible challenges such as the college exceeding its capacity. Due to decreased funding and low staff numbers, the Honors College only allows enrollment for 600 incoming students, 550 on the main campus and 50 on other regional campuses, according to the agenda.



Graphic of UConn Honors College. The University of Connecticut Board of Trustees voted to establish this college last Wednesday

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Photo of Dr. Jennifer Lease Butts, the Inaugural Dean of the Honors College at UConn. Lease Butts spoke at the Board of Trustees meeting this past Wednesday.

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Lease Butts said she doesn't want to deny any students' entry into the Honors College.

"I want every student who wants an honors education to have one," she said. "I don't want to have to turn students away because we don't have the resources and the support to provide them."

The requested amount will help support the current enrollment and the consistent increase over time, according to the agenda.

"There's been a lot of individuals that want to be in honors, but there aren't enough spots," Krishna said. "Having an Honors College widens that so now we can accept more students that want to pursue honors."

Besides the possible capacity issue, the decreased funding has increased the number of staff cuts. Lease Butts said four staff positions were cut and have yet to be fulfilled. This has led to other positions doing multiple jobs to keep up with the demand, she said.

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"Everyone's willing to do their best, but at the end of the day, there's only so many hours," Lease Butts said. "It's truly a loss of work hours and productivity when you lose a staff member."

The requested amount will create a dean position, expand the current staff and develop an Honors Faculty Fellows Program, according to the agenda.

Anna Baltsevych, a third semester honors student and speaker at the Board of Trustees meeting, said additional staff would greatly benefit honors students.

"With more faculty and advisors, students would have greater access to honors courses and not rely on converting regular classes to honors, which can be a hassle," she said.

The main goal for the Honors College is to provide a better educational experience and widen the opportunities for students, Lease Butts said. The college will have more ability to fundraise and obtain donor support for scholarships and enrichment awards. The college will also be able to offer more honors courses, advising and housing with the university's support, Lease Butts said.

Baltsevych reflected on how the Honors College builds on the previous program.

"The requirements that were needed to get into the honors program stay the same," she said. "But now we have more resources, fundraising and a dedicated budget going towards us."

UConn releases updated guidelines about Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

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The University of Connecticut released updated guidelines about the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act last week.

The notice from the university is released annually, according to the updated guidelines.

"The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act is a federal regulation which requires any institution of higher education receiving federal funds to certify it has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit alcohol and other drugs by all students and employees on school premises or as part of any of its activities," according to UConn police.

The university guidelines discuss a variety of topics such as alcohol, cannabis, tobacco and nicotine, prescription medication and other substances.

The guidelines also give an overview of the university's policy as listed in the student code.

"Our community at UConn is maintained by each individual and organization adhering to a code of conduct which emphasizes compassion, respect to self and others, honesty, and integrity," according to UConn.

The student code has policy requirements created by UConn that define what the misuse of alcohol and other substances are. The policy also names ways that the "possession, sale, and distribution of alcohol and other substances may violate University policy," according to the university.

Each topic in the guidelines goes over the effects and impact a substance or drug has on one's health, the specific policy, the legal provisions and ways to reduce risk of the substance or drug.

For each different substance and drug, there are links to government websites to find more information.

The guidelines also provide resources and support for students who are struggling with alcohol and substance abuse.

Different colleges release their own guidelines concerning the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act.

Many of these guidelines share the same sentiment on alcohol and substance use and the health risks it poses to students. Different universities and colleges release these guidelines either with their policy reports or with their health, safety and fire reports.



Photo of Connecticut State Police car. The UConn police released statements regarding The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

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