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WOMEN'S SOCCER
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WOMEN'S HOCKEY
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CROSS COUNTRY
Oct. 30 | Richmond, VA

FIELD HOCKEY
Oct. 30 | 3 p.m. | Storrs, Conn.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY
Oct. 30 | 6 p.m. | Storrs, Conn.

VOLLEYBALL
Oct. 30 | 6 p.m. | Storrs, Conn.

MEN'S HOCKEY
Oct. 30 | 7 p.m. | North Andover, Mass.

WOMEN'S SWIM
Oct. 31 | noon | Storrs, Conn.

FOOTBALL
Oct. 31 | 3 p.m. | USAF Academy, CO

VOLLEYBALL
Oct. 31 | 4 p.m. | Storrs, Conn.

MEN'S HOCKEY
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MEME OF THE DAY



BSOUL STUDENTS DEFEND PROGRAM AMID INVESTIGATION

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Since it was built in 2016, the Peter J. Werth Residence Tower has housed hundreds of students each semester. The eight-story tall building is home to many diverse Living and Learning Communities. FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY CAMPUS

Since July, the University of Connecticut has been facing a federal investigation into allegations of race-based discrimination in three of its residential learning communities. Four students from one of these learning communities, Black Sisters Optimizing Unity and Leadership (BSOUL) House, offer their perspectives on the community's role in their college experience.

BSOUL is a learning community at Peter Werth Residence Tower for first and second-year students of any major.

The community is "designed to support the scholastic efforts of women who identify as African American/Black through academic and social/emotional support," according to a statement on UConn's website for learning communities.

Cydnee Copeland, a fifth semester mechanical engineering major and current FYE mentor at BSOUL, said she was enthused when she first learned of the opportunity to join BSOUL since she knew UConn is a predominantly white institution (PWI).

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> FORMER MEMBER OF BSOUL

"I was really excited about it, mostly because my high school was majority white and... mentally I was coming into another majority white institution, so the idea of having a community on campus... was really exciting to me," Copeland said.

Seventh semester psychology major Paris Austin lived in BSOUL for two years and was an FYE mentor for one of them.

Austin said it benefited her "to have a Black director to look out for [her] and give [her] the ability to go places and then Black sisters on [her] floor to talk about all the issues that were going on campus."

Sixth semester psychological sciences major Alexzandra Lindo lived at BSOUL for three semesters and said she also benefited from the community.

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> MADISEN TURNER
> FYE MENTOR AT BSOUL

"I absolutely loved it. I feel it was a great opportunity for me to develop personally, socially and professionally," Lindo said.

Third semester journalism and Africana Studies major Madisen Turner, a current FYE mentor at BSOUL, said that her experience at UConn is also much better because of her involvement.

"I was very excited when I learned that I got into BSOUL because... I could connect to people that had goals and dreams and keep pushing to build each other up," Turner said.

Members of BSOUL emphasized that the learning community has never been intended to exclude others, and that all are welcome at BSOUL.

"I think yes [BSOUL] focuses on bringing a community of Black women together, but we were never any kind of exclusionary space. All of our events are open to anyone, and plenty of people have friends that they bring over," Copeland said.

Austin said she's witnessed non-BSOUL members participate too.

"Anybody can come in, we've had multiple people come to the floor at times," Austin said.

Lindo also said that BSOUL's mission wasn't to exclude any student.

"[BSOUL's role] is to provide support to students, immediate support, more intentional support... We can't ignore the obvious, that we go to a PWI. And the type of support that we will receive, it's intentional in the way that it does not ignore the things that we experience, such as microaggressions [and] racism," Lindo said.

Many of the students expressed that the attack on BSOUL is predictable because of BSOUL's status as a visible safe space for Black women. Turner said attacks on "safe spaces" like BSOUL can be seen throughout history.

"Identifying spaces where African American women can be free to express themselves is... frowned upon," Turner said.

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Even though some students were predicting pushback, it didn't stop them from being disappointed when they learned about it.

"Of course, I'm upset about it but deep down... I'm not entirely surprised," said Copeland.

The civil rights complaint against BSOUL is currently being investigated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. The complaint was filed by the conservative group Equal Protection Project on July 9, according to the case overview.

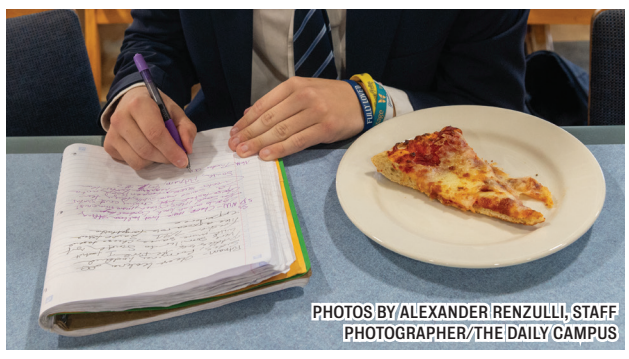


Members of BSOUL participate in their annual welcome dinner on Sept. 3, 2026. The community is meant to support the academic efforts of African American/Black women at the university. PHOTO COURTESY OF @BSOULUCONN ON INSTAGRAM



RANKING EVERY UCONN DINING HALL PIZZA

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Since known Connecticut pizza lover Dave Portnoy came to Rentschler Field last weekend for the University of Connecticut's football's contest against The University of Massachusetts Amherst, now seemed like a good time to review every single UConn dining hall's pizza.

I tried a slice of cheese pizza from every UConn dining hall that serves pizza on a consistent basis (Whitney only occasionally offers pizza) in one day and here are the results.

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New 'Honors College,' golf facility, construction budgets at issue for Oct. Board of Trustees meeting



A landscape view of the UConn campus from above during golden hour. The University of Connecticut Board of Trustees met onthe morning of Oct. 28, 2026. PHOTO COURTESY OF UCONN TODAY

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The University of Connecticut Board of Trustees met on Wednesday morning and passed a revision for the university's Honors Program into an "Honors College," alongside construction budgets, capital projects and naming recommendations across UConn campuses.

The UConn Waterbury regional campus served as the host for the meeting, which comes just one week after a special board session unanimously authorized the renaming of UConn's central athletics complex, Harry A. Gampel Pavilion, to the "M&T Bank Center at Gampel Pavilion" alongside a multimillion-dollar deal with the regional bank.

Wednesday's meeting comprised a number of issues, chief among them the redevelopment of the university's academic honors program into an "Honors College," a change administrators said will improve UConn's ability to recruit high-achieving students, expand academic opportunities and rival other schools.

"Demand for UConn's Honors Program currently exceeds its capacity, limiting the university's ability to offer admission to additional qualified students," Pamir Alpay, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, wrote in the proposal to trustees. "The Honors College will build on the existing academic foundation while providing greater institutional visibility and a nationally recognizable identity."

The change puts the honors program in league with UConn's 14 institutional schools and colleges.

According to Alpay, the current honors program limits incoming enrollment to 550 students at UConn's main campus and 50 at regional campuses. The establishment of the new college will allow for additional enrollment and further retention, the proposal said, and calls for approximately $500,000 in additional annual spending to expand staffing and course offerings and develop an "Honors Faculty Fellows Program."

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