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CROSS COUNTRY
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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
Friday | 6 p.m. | UConn Volleyball Center

FIELD HOCKEY
Friday | 6 p.m. | Sherman Complex

SOFTBALL
Friday | 6 p.m. | Burrill Field

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Friday | 7 p.m. | Morrone Stadium

WOMEN'S SWIMMING
Sunday | 11 a.m. | The Natatorium

FOOTBALL
Saturday | 3:30 p.m. | Oxford, OH

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
Saturday | 4 p.m. | UConn Volleyball Center

MEN'S SOCCER
Saturday | 7 p.m. | Queens, NY

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MEME OF THE DAY



Fall career fairs appear this week

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The University of Connecticut's Center for Career Readiness and Life Skills will host its fall career fairs on Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Student Union.

The fair will feature 181 employers including Amazon, CVS Health Corporation and Travelers, among others. The Center for Career Readiness and Life Skills is expecting strong attendance for both days, according to the Center's Associate Director of Employer and Alumni Relations, Mary Malerba. Tuesday's fair will include employers related to all majors, while Wednesday will be a STEM-focused fair.

"It's a great event for students no matter what stage they're in," Malerba said. "If they're looking to build professional relationships or ready to apply for their future position, this is a great event for them to make those connections."

The goal of the fair is for students to gain confidence when talking to professionals and obtain a better understanding of different career paths that are available, Malerba said.

The center hopes students can make connections that will potentially lead to internships, co-ops or full-time opportunities, Malerba said.

"It's more than dropping off a resume and having a quick conversation," Malerba said. "We hope that students will really make the most of the fair from the perspective of exploration."

Students who attend the fair are more inclined to enter employment within six months of post-graduation, Malerba said. The center's first destination survey, which is given to recent alumni, found that 66.9% of graduates who attended the fair were employed. It also found that attendees were 1.4 times more likely to be employed than non-attendees, Malerba said.

Some students said they learned more about employers' needs

through the fair.

"I was able to meet a lot of companies, which helped me get more familiar with the environment," Oscar Hernandez, a third-semester student, said. "It also helped hearing what companies wanted and looked for, which is something that made me work on and build things that might be appealing to them."

Additionally, students said the fair assisted with choosing certain career paths.

"Attending the career fair allowed me to narrow down my niches rather than pursuing a career I was knowledgeable in but couldn't envision a content life," Olivia Alongi, a seventh-semester student, said.

The center encourages everyone to attend, but advocates for preparation before going to the fair. Its website lists five ways to prepare, including researching and following up with employers, preparing resume and LinkedIn materials, practicing a pitch and dressing professionally. Malerba said preparation



Students attend the Career Fair at the UConn Volleyball Center on March 25, 2026. The event ran from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and hosted a variety of employers and internship opportunities. PHOTOS BY NORA MARIANO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER/THE DAILY CAMPUS.



tion can make a big difference in what students can get out of the fair.

"Having a clear instruction, knowing which organizations you want to talk with and being able to articulate

your interest can help you make a stronger connection," Malerba said.

Students who would like to attend can either register on 12twenty or show up on the days of the fair.



UConn fails in speech climate for second consecutive year

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The University of Connecticut received a failing grade in 2026 for free-speech climate on its campuses, according to a survey conducted by The Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression.

2026 marks the second consecutive year that UConn has been included in the FIRE study.

This year, UConn scored

constantly emphasizes how we basically aren't allowed to offend anyone," one student said.

University Spokesperson Stephanie Reitz said that UConn is not privy to the FIRE data, as it represents 334 out of UConn's more than 34,000 students, less than 1% of its enrollment.

"UConn encourages and upholds free speech on all of its campuses as a bedrock principle of our University and soci-

understanding within our community through developing student leadership, good citizenship, free speech and free expression," according to the Report of the President's Task Force on Civility and Campus Culture.

This is the seventh consecutive year FIRE, whose mission is to defend Americans' rights to free speech and thought, surveyed college undergraduates about their perceptions and experiences regarding free speech on their campuses, according to its website.

FIRE worked in collaboration with College Pulse and RealClearEducation, in an effort to provide high school students and their parents with information to help them identify which colleges promote the exchange of free speech on their campuses.

"A true university education requires freedom of expression," the foundation wrote on its website.

New England First Amendment Coalition's Executive Director Justin Silverman said that, as a public institution, UConn is required to abide by the First Amendment.

The New England First Amendment Coalition is the region's leading advocate for First Amendment freedom, as well as public right to government transparency, Silverman said.

According to Silverman, the coalition consists of six

advisory teams, one for each individual state. Together, the teams discuss threats to First Amendment freedoms and government transparency, including those that concern college campuses. The coalition uses their resources to identify and handle threats, Silverman said.

Silverman, who served as an adjunct professor at UConn for two semesters teaching media law, said that he had a limited view of what was happening at UConn during his tenure, but generally speaking, there has been and continues to be a growing discomfort for opposing viewpoints on college campuses.

"Generally, not specific to UConn, controversial expressions or viewpoints will be silenced," Silverman said in an interview

with The Daily Campus on Thursday.

Silverman said that oftentimes college students are restricted when their speech is expressed in inconvenient or embarrassing ways for administrators. Silverman did not comment on UConn specifically.

Continuous and open communication between students and administrators is critical in ensuring the protection of students' First Amendment rights, Silverman said.

"Generally speaking, it's usually a good idea to approach administrators and campus security [if you feel limited in your free speech]," Silverman said. "Work within the university to make sure you have freedoms that are granted to you by the First Amendment."



Woman uses bullhorn at a protest to exercise her freedom of speech. PHOTO COURTESY OF NORA MARIANO / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

a 57/100, increasing by 3.3 points since 2025, and ranked 195 out of 261 colleges, moving up 20 spots since last year.

The study revealed that 36% of UConn students say they have self-censored on campus at least once or twice a month.

In addition, FIRE included quotes from two anonymous UConn students.

"The administration

ety," Stephanie Reitz said Tuesday in an emailed statement to The Daily Campus.

Reitz noted that UConn has adopted the findings of a task force studying this issue under former University President Susan Herbst, which have since been upheld by the succeeding administrations.

"The task force will promote civil discourse and



Students protest outside of a contract negotiation meeting at the Student Union on Oct. 20, 2025. Their actions were a part of a larger Academic Freedom Rally organized by the American Association of UConn Professors. PHOTO COURTESY OF NORA MARIANO / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

CORRECTION:

Correction for the Sept. 18 issue of the paper, the pull quote attributed to Thomas Katsouleas was incorrectly attributed and should be attributed to Venice Montanaro