PHOTOS

Zumba dance event encourages wellness

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On Oct. 14, University Access Programs hosted "Zumba: Owls on the Move" on the Buley Academic Quad, bringing students together for an afternoon of fitness, culture and community. The event featured a Zumba session led by instructor Gina Barros and welcomed participants of all experience levels, from first-time attendees to experienced participants. Students took part in dance-based fitness activities designed to promote physical wellness while fostering connections among members of the campus community. A complimentary Owl Fuel Station provided healthy snacks before and after the event, supporting the program's focus on wellness and healthy habits.

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Instructor Gina Barros leading the Zumba dance moves.



Students doing the movements for the exercise.



Instructor Gina Barros encouraging other students to join.



Students being led by instructor Gina Barros through different dances to move their bodies.

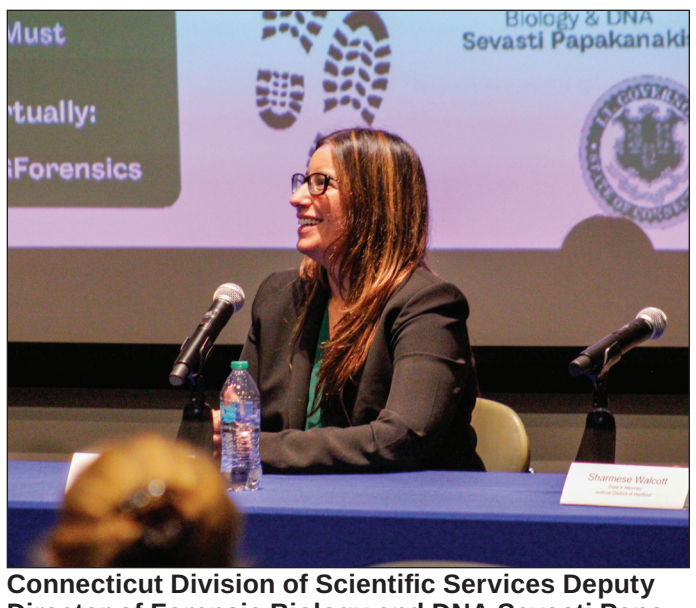


Fuel station with drinks and snacks for students.

Panel discussion features women in forensics



Lt. Goc. Susan Bysiewicz leading the panel in a conversation about forensics.



Connecticut Division of Scientific Services Deputy Director of Forensic Biology and DNA Sevasti Papakanakis listening to her peers answer questions.

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On Oct. 14, the Office of Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz sponsored "Women in Forensics: A Panel Discussion" in the Adanti Student Center, bringing students and community members together to learn about careers in forensic science and criminal justice. Moderated by Bysiewicz, the event featured a panel of female professionals who shared insights into their experiences working in forensic science, law and public service. Discussion topics included career pathways, challenges within the field and the growing role of women in forensic professions. Panelists represented organizations including the Connecticut Division of Scientific Services, the Judicial District of Hartford and the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science. Attendees had the opportunity to hear firsthand accounts of professional experiences and learn more about educational and career opportunities in the field. The event highlighted the contributions of women in forensics while encouraging students to explore careers in science, law and criminal investigations.

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State's Attorney for Judicial District of Hartford Sharmese Walcott answering a question on the panel sitting alongside the other panelists.



Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science Executive Director Brooke Kammrath listening to someone ask her a question.



Connecticut Division of Scientific Services Director Jessica Gleba answering a question on the panel.