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Important Dates

January 27th – Troops to Teachers Meeting

January 31st – On-campus housing application
deadline

February 1st – Last day to add/drop classes
(without additional signatures)

February 1st – Scholarship Deadline

February 12th – Deadline to apply for Spring 2021
graduation

February 12th – Star Wars Trivia Night

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Surveys – Help us Help You

Student Survey: UConn's Office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs is conducting a [survey](#) to assess the needs of the Veteran and Military Affiliated students across our campuses. Your feedback will help our office ensure our students are receiving all of the services they need to contribute to a positive experience at UConn. This brief [survey](#) is designed for all UConn students, who are veterans, reservists, guardsmen, ROTC, or military dependents. Survey responses are anonymous.



This survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. If completed, you will be eligible to win a gift card.

Please take a few minutes to help our Office help you and your peers.

Faculty/Staff Survey: If you are a Faculty or Staff member at UConn, please go to the [survey link](#) specifically for our Faculty and Staff at UConn who are Veterans and spouses of Veterans.



Star Wars Trivia Night

February 12th
6:30p.m. – 7:30p.m.

The Norwich Vet Center is hosting Star Wars Trivia Night on February 12th. Just open your web cam or cell phone camera and scan the below QR Code of join via this web address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87171204428>



Questions? Contact Natalie Martinez at Natalie.martinez2@va.gov or 860-887-1755

File Taxes Free!

[IRS Free File online](#) products are available to any taxpayer or family who earned \$72,000 or less in 2020.

[MilTax online software](#) is also now available and the free products support mobile use, so you can file from your phone. (Note: users of the MilTax software must have a Military OneSource account).

CT Troops to Teachers

Wednesday, January 27th

6:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. (virtual meeting)

Everything you need to know to become a teacher in Connecticut. Network with teachers, administrators, and district hiring officials (You do NOT need to be majoring in Education).

Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/ycl24kdq>

This virtual meeting will focus on:

- Q & A about teaching
- Developing a step-by-step process to become a teacher
- Translating prior experience or education towards a teaching certification
- Employment opportunities before and after becoming a teacher

Questions? Contact Melissa Michaud-Maltese at Melissa.maltese@ct.gov or 860-713-6754 or Kimberly Audet at Kimberly.audet@ct.gov or 860-713-6829.

Scholarship

Deadline: February 1, 2021

Bonzagni and Thomas Families Scholarship

This scholarship is given to active military, military veteran, first responder, or other public safety personnel OR who is a child of any of the above. The amount of awards range from **\$1,500 to \$3,000**.

To Apply:

- go to [//hfp.org/scholarships](http://hfp.org/scholarships)
- scroll to select the type of college you will attend
- click on "Individual Scholarship Funds at HFPG"

Veterans Community

If you're currently living on-campus and wish to return to on-campus housing next year, don't forget to submit your 2021-2022 On-Campus Housing Application online by January 31st!

For those students interested in living in the Veterans Community on-campus, please send an email by February 26th to nikki.eberly@uconn.edu with your full name, student ID number (PeopleSoft), and indicate the full name of the person you want as a roommate (assuming they will also be sending a mutual request). The Veterans Community is located in South Suites.

Questions? Contact Nikki Eberly at Nikki.eberly@uconn.edu



Veteran of the Month ***Michael Bradford***

The office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs (VAMP) at UConn is pleased to honor Michael Bradford as UConn's Veteran of the Month. Last Fall he was named Vice Provost for Faculty, Staff, and Student Development after serving as Artistic Director of the Connecticut Repertory Theatre and Head of the Dramatic Arts Department at UConn. He served in the Navy for 10 years and he was an electrician on a submarine for part of that time and the other part he was a MP (military policeman). When he was in the Navy, he went to see a play, "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" and that experience inspired him to write plays. Once he left the Navy, he pursued his education at the UConn Avery Point Campus and then pursued his MFA (Master's of Fine Arts) at Brooklyn College.

Michael Bradford's career as a playwright has taken him all around the U.S., the U.K., Spain, Portugal, Romania and Cuba. He is an award-winning playwright and is considered "one of the most promising African American playwrights today." ([*UConn Today*, 2018](#))

In addition to his responsibilities on-campus as Vice Provost, Michael Bradford serves as the chair of the Veterans Advisory Council at UConn, which aims to provide guidance and advice regarding the needs and issues of student Veterans and their families in order to best support their success and well-being. Last Fall, he also served as the keynote speaker for [UConn's Annual Veterans Day Ceremony](#) sharing words of gratitude, inspiration, and hope. Michael Bradford is dedicated to diversity, which is evident in his work as a playwright and as a leader on-campus. In an interview for [*UConn Magazine*](#) he is quoted, "Diversity might have been a simple thing to say, but it's not a simple thing to do. We're working hard on both those fronts to move the needle. I tell our students we're a big ship, and big ships move slow. You turn that wheel too fast and you're going into the ocean. But at the very least, you've got to turn the dial to start the turn."

We always welcome nominations for Veteran of the Month. If you would like to nominate a student, faculty, or staff member for "Veteran of the Month," please contact Nikki Eberly at Nikki.eberly@uconn.edu with the name of the person and reasons for your nomination.