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Important Dates

February 22nd – Hawley Award Deadline

February 26th – Deadline for UConn Veterans
Community (on-campus housing)

March 1st – REU (Research Experience)
Applications Due

March 4th – Deadline for UConn Leadership
program

March 16th – 3p.m. Veterans Advisory Council

March 22nd – Fall and Summer Registration Begins

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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.



REU: Research Experience for Undergraduates Program

**Applications Due: March 1st
May 31st – August 8th, 2021**
Stipend: \$6,000

Undergraduate student veterans are encouraged to apply for a unique and engaging summer of 10 weeks of research, workshops and seminars which will help prepare for graduate school.

No research experience is required!!

Questions? Go to pnbreu.uconn.edu for more information and to apply

Free Tax Help at UConn!

UConn's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program offers free tax services every year.

Just go to <https://vita.business.uconn.edu/> to apply for their services.



UConn Hawley Award

\$1,000

Nominations Due by NOON, February 22nd
(Note: this deadline was extended)

The Willis N. Hawley Award recognizes a student (undergraduate or graduate) veteran who has made significant contributions to the University community through leadership and service, particularly for raising awareness and actively advocating for veteran's issues at UConn.

Go to:

sla.uconn.edu



Survey for Veterans

(UConn's Center for Career Development)

UConn's Center for Career Development wants your feedback as they develop and advance their career programs and services. They need your assistance in gaining valuable insight into your current experiences and needs.

Please go to [this survey link](#) to give your feedback!

Anyone who completes the survey will be entered into a drawing for a **\$25 Visa gift card!**

Veterans Community

If you're currently living on-campus and wish to return to on-campus housing next year, this is your last chance to sign up for housing in the Veterans Community for 2021-2022!

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

UConn Leadership Position Fall 2021-Spring 2022

Application deadline: March 4th

UConn is hiring undergraduate students from Storrs for the Leadership Certificate Series 2021-2022 Team! This is a paid position with a 5-8 weekly hour time commitment for Fall 2021-Spring 2022. Plus, it's a great opportunity to build on YOUR leadership skills!

Interested? Find out more at <https://leadership.uconn.edu/workshop-facilitators/>



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.