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Reminder – Enrollment Verification!

New Monthly Enrollment Verification Requirement

Students using Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits are now required to verify their enrollment at the end of each month. Failure to verify for two consecutive months will impact Monthly Housing Allowance and/or kicker payments.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is encouraging students to sign up for text message verification:
https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/isaksonroe/verification_of_enrollment.asp

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Hawley Leadership and Service Award

Deadline: Thursday, February 10th

UConn's Willis N. Hawley Leadership and Service Award Recognizes a student veteran who has made significant contributions to the University community through leadership and service as a student.

- Awards \$1,000 to the winner.
- Students from any campus, undergraduate or graduate, are eligible.
- Nominations and self-nominations welcome!
- Please follow the link below to learn more!

sla.uconn.edu/award-descriptions/

Eisenhower Series

When? Friday, February 25th at 4:00p.m.

Where? Konover Auditorium in Dodd Center (Storrs)

Note: masks will be required.

This Panel Discussion is open to EVERYONE!

The Eisenhower Series panelists travel across the U.S. engaging students, faculty, staff and the community in a candid exchange regarding a variety of issues.

FAFSA Application

Due Feb. 15th!!

Need additional Financial Aid or need to renew your aid for next year?? You may qualify for additional aid even if you are using Veterans benefits.

File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) now!! UConn's deadline is February 15, 2022 for maximum consideration for the 2022-2023 academic year.

FAFSA FAQ's: <https://financialaid.uconn.edu/fafsa-faqs/>

FAFSA Application: <https://studentaid.gov/>

VSO (Veterans Student Organization) Updates

Superbowl Sunday:

When? Sunday, Feb. 13th at 6p.m.

Where? Hawley Armory (Storrs)

Join in the FUN, FREE PIZZA AND DRINKS!

Ski Trip on Feb. 20th:

If you're interested/looking for more details contact John Durham at

john.durham@uconn.edu

VSO Elections:

- Nominate yourself or someone else for VSO 2022-2023 cabinet positions. Send the following information to John Ling at john.ling@uconn.edu:
 - Name
 - Position (President, V.P., Treasurer, Secretary)
 - Brief statement about who you are and why you want the position

Cigna Job Opportunities

Cigna Underwriting and Risk Management is looking to hire veteran students, from ANY major to join their team. If you are interested in attending an info session, including a panel with their Veteran Employee Resource group, please contact Rebekah.Mizener@uconn.edu



Spring Career Fair

In Person – Tuesday March 29, 11a.m. – 3p.m., Gampel Pavilion (Storrs)

OR

Virtual – Wednesday March 30, 11a.m. – 3p.m., Handshake

Go to the Center for Career Development to register online: [Spring Career Fair – UConn Center for Career Development](#)

Each spring semester UConn's Center for Career Development holds a Career Fair in late March. Participants are able to engage with 150+ employers from CT and the surrounding states and learn more about the full-time, internship, co-op opportunities available in the summer and coming fall.

Veteran of the Month: John Durham

The Office of Veterans Affairs & Military Programs (VAMP) at UConn is pleased to recognize John Durham as UConn's Veteran of the Month. John is a UConn student who is part of the VA Work Study team in addition to taking on the VP of Communications role for the Veterans Student Organization (VSO) this year.

John is currently serving in the CT Army National Guard as an E-5 Team Leader in the 643rd Military Police Company out of Westbrook. He's been in the Guard for almost five years and in 2019 deployed to Guantanamo Bay to serve as a 31E Corrections Officer under JTF Operation Enduring Freedom. One of his most memorable experiences was volunteering while deployed for the Navy Hospital with the American Red Cross helping the corpsmen with day-to-day hospital operations. In addition to this, he was also able to be a Vacation Bible School leader and give back to a community of kids far away from home in a new place.

At UConn, John is working towards a dual degree in Political Science and Music with a minor in Crime and Justice. He also plans to begin graduate coursework through UConn's MPA fast-track program. John shares, "the best thing about being a student is that you are in a constant state of learning new information and meeting new people."

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

Spring 2022 Upcoming Events

Feb. 10 th	Hawley Award nominations due
Feb. 13 th	VSO Superbowl Party
Feb. 15 th	FAFSA deadline
Feb. 20 th	VSO Ski Trip
Feb. 25 th	Eisenhower Series
March 13 – 19	Spring Recess
March 29 & 30	Spring Career Fair

