

Report to the University Senate on

# Undergraduate Education and Instruction

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# Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

## Student Success at Every Step

**Early College Programs** hosted **531** Pre-College Summer (PCS) (ECE) program had **15,047** CT high school students attempt **85,495** credits across **186** partner schools with support of **1,984** certified ECE instructors.

**Summer and Winter Programs** offered **839** sections to **11,113** students in 2023.

**The faculty development team** working on several new initiatives i.e. Course (Re)design and Student Success, a **Course Design Institute**, and the **Schwarzman College** partnership. Equity Action Workshops and **HHMI** engagement. **Science 1** Faculty and student success.

**eCampus**: supported the development of **61** new online courses, **45** Graduate and **20** undergraduate. Supported an **18.5%** increase in Pop-Up enrollments **6,823** over prior academic year while developing 2 new Pop-Up courses.

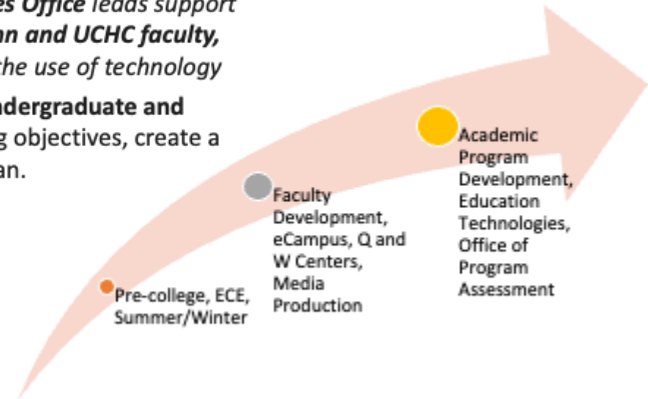
**Writing Center** : interactive one-on-one tutorials **6 days a week**, across all **5 campuses**, in multiple modalities. More than **3500** one-on-one sessions with students.

**Q Center**: **10,331** visits, successful online pilot for regionals, **all four** disciplines now offered in on-line peer-to-peer tutoring model for regional campus students.

**The Academic Program Development team** remains committed to providing assistance for over **50 online** graduate degree and certificate programs. These programs encompass a wide range of disciplines, including Nursing, Business, **CAHNR, NEAG, and CLAS**, many of which are top-ranked. New MS Data Science degree program launched.

**The CETL-Educational Technologies Office** leads support and guidance for all **~12,500 UConn and UCHC faculty, post-docs, staff, and TAs/GAs** on the use of technology

**OAPA** will have worked with **94 undergraduate and graduate** majors to define learning objectives, create a curricular map and assessment plan.



# Honors and Enrichment Programs



## Key Accomplishments

- PPA applicant coaching model implemented for med/dent
- IISP helped to launch the Data Science major

## New Initiatives

- Program Review completed for the Honors Program, Spring 2023

## Partnerships

- UConn Hartford Honors and Enrichment expansion – 1st year Honors students admitted to Hartford beginning Fall 2024

## DEI

- Honors Program DEIJ Task Force and student DEI Specialists

## Individual Student Accomplishments

- UConn's first Schwarzman Scholar, Nidhi Nair '23 (CLAS), and first Beinecke Scholar, Katherine Jimenez '24 (CLAS), selected.

Honors 1<sup>st</sup> year incoming class  
Fall 2023 (Storrs and Stamford):  
544 students  
67% historically minoritized students  
33% first-generation students

Frontiers poster exhibition events  
now include fall and spring  
exhibitions at Storrs, a spring  
exhibition at Stamford, and virtual  
engagement opportunities.

Disbursed over \$640,000 in support  
of **undergraduate research** across  
233 awards in 10 funding programs.

# 206

Students enrolled in UConn's **Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP)** from all STEM fields



# 93.8%

**LSAMP 5-Year Graduation Rate** for URM STEM majors  
*(Compared to 75%)*

# +5%

**1st Year retention rate** increase for CAPS students



# 98%

of **McNair Scholars** graduate from UConn in 6 years (compared to 84%)

# 14,263

**AAC Student Sign-Ins** in 2022-23  
*(▲ 4% from 2021-22)*

# 87%

of **UConn Connects** students continued to the Fall 2023 term



# 4,058

**ACES advising appointments** in 2022-23 (▲ 18% from 21-22)  
*(18% advised were not ACES students)*

# 138

 Students graduated from **BGS** in 2022-23

## Institute for Student Success

# 9/10

incoming first-time students are enrolled in a **First Year Experience** course



# #25

U.S. News & World Report ranked **UConn's Learning Communities** in the top 25 of all public institutions

# \$26.9 mill

in **external grant awards** awarded since Fall 2022  
*(\$32.9M since Fall 2020)*

# 7,639

Sign-ins to the **Innovation Zone** in 2022-23 (▲ 22% from 2021-22)



# 1,178

Connecticut high school students provided college preparation services through **CAPS Pre-College Programs**

# 100%

Students participating in **ISS' pre-college programs (ConnCAP, Upward Bound, & CAC)** have a 100% high school graduation rate and a 94% college enrollment rate.

# Center for Career Development



## CAREER CHAMPIONS

- Program has grown to over 700 Career Champions university wide, largest in country
- Regional campus faculty and staff account for 20% of Career Champions
- 75% of alumni said they seek career advice from faculty
- Career Champions are 35% more familiar with NACE competencies than non-career champions
- Requests for presentations from faculty have more than doubled (from 67 to 153)
- Career Champions refer students to the Career Center 25% more than Non-Career Champions

## NEW INITIATIVES

- “Escape Room” career readiness activity for 162 First Year Experience Courses
- Partnership with Arizona State University to transition on-campus jobs to internships
- Increased programming has resulted in 20% increase of Graduate level career coaching sessions

## PARTNERSHIPS

- Corporate Advisory Council consisting of Connecticut’s 20 largest employers
- 4,200 Connecticut companies are registered in Handshake with 26,955 jobs, spanning all majors
- 735 companies and organizations attended career fairs and on-campus interviews

## DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION

- 7,636 page visits to Affinity Community online resources
- 48 programs customized for unique career-related needs of specific Affinity Communities
- 13 DEI Ambassadors and Interns support Affinity Communities

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Ernst & Young Global Award for Excellence in Employer Partnerships
- NACE Honorable Mention for Programming Excellence for Career Champion Program
- 2023 fall career fair – largest in UConn’s history with 300 employers and over 3,500 students
- 240 regional campus programs were attended by over 4,500 students

**82% vs. 54%**

UConn students utilizing services provided by the Career Center is **28 percentage points higher** than the national average.

## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- 6,488 one-on-one coaching sessions
- 1,735 regional campus one-on-one sessions
- 439 career-related presentations
- 20,000+ students active in Handshake
- 750,000+ website page views
- 8,000+ followers on social media

## POST-GRADUATION OUTCOMES

- 90% positive outcome rate
- 70% who utilized career services found employment related to their career goals vs. 58% who did not utilize services
- 64% that had an Internship agreed or strongly agreed it was related to their current career

# Office of Veteran and Military Programs

## Key Accomplishments

- Improved student employment processes and numbers; Continued to extend online and virtual offerings along with in person support; VA Consolidation and Reapproval Project (ongoing); 4170 certifications/actions processed over AY 2022-2023 by only 3 SCOs

## New Initiatives

- SYE for Veterans and VHP Internship Course set to begin in Spring 2024; USCGA Partnership with Avery Point Campus; Husky Run and Ruck; increase internal and external outreach, Rebranding as Veterans and Military Programs (no "Affairs" to avoid confusion - we are not the VA)

## Partnerships

- State and Federal VA in CT, CTNG, the US Army War College, SUBASE Groton, USCGA, Multiple Businesses/Major Employers ; AROTC and UConn Kinesiology; AROTC and Norwegian Embassy

## DEI

- AFROTC and AROTC have more Cadets who identify as female and/or non-white than the Army or Air Force; Developing new programming for female veterans and for students with families

## Future Initiatives

- Revive social media presence – Facebook and Instagram; Visits to peer programs in the Northeast to share best practices; Strategic planning on ways to increase engagement and a sense of belonging (25% complete), Partnering with ECE to bring MISI/AIRF to High School students

Over 850 military affiliated students throughout all campuses, many of whom deployed overseas in the last 18 months or transitioned off of Active Duty.

AFROTC Commissioned 12 Officers  
AROTC Commissioned 35 Officers

UConn AROTC Selected as focus for National Marketing campaign in conjunction with Paige Bueckers

# Student-Athlete Success Program



## Accomplishments:

- Increased student success numbers
- Presented foundational academic workshops for incoming students during initial summer enrollment
- Providing in person and virtual tutoring appointments for students

## New Initiatives:

- SASP completed first peer review of services
- Offered “Demystifying the Student-Athlete” workshops to our academic advising colleagues

## Partnerships:

- SASP, CSD, Psychology Services and Mental Health work together to create a holistic care team to enhance learning support services for students who work with these multiple resources

## DEI:

- SASP continues to partner with the Division of Athletics and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee to provide inclusive educational opportunities surrounding DEI conversations

## Future Initiatives:

- Work with campus colleagues on incoming transfer students
- Provide education to coaches and prospective student-athletes on new majors and opportunities both at the undergraduate and graduate level

In the spring of 2023, 67.4% of UConn student-athletes earned a 3.0 or higher GPA, while 52 Huskies achieved a perfect 4.0.

UConn student-athletes also achieved a program high in the Graduation Success Rate (GSR) of 94 percent.

Due to NCAA changes in legislation, we have 46 students pursuing graduate degrees.



# Office of Undergraduate Advising



## Key Accomplishments

- Delivered academic onboarding, education, and course registration/planning to more than 5,800 students through New Student Orientation in Summer 2023
- Created innovative, inclusive, and effective advising delivery mechanisms to meet our students' growing needs throughout the academic year

## New Initiatives

- Engaged in NACADA's Outcomes of Advising Surveys for both faculty/staff advisors and undergraduates (Spring 2023)

## Partnerships

- In collaboration with BPIR, launched targeted outreach for all unregistered first-year students prior to both Spring 2023 (941 students) and Fall 2023 (861 students)

## DEI

- Building and growing culturally competent and holistic advisor training
- Completing a full review of University's Scholastic Standing process (Spring and Fall 2023)

## Future Priorities

- Defining academic advising's mission *across* UConn, as well as consistent roles and expectations for both faculty and staff advisors
- Addressing growth in professional staff advisor caseloads
- Developing a robust training curriculum for all advisors

## By the Numbers

**990 undergraduate advisors** (as of August 2023)

-769 faculty advisors

-107 professional staff advisors

-114 other (emeritus, special payroll, etc.)

## 2023-24 Advising Professional Development Series

encompasses faculty orientation and training, advising research, conversations with UConn leadership, case studies, Coffee and Conversations, culturally competent advising, and campus partner presentations

## Honoring Impactful Advising

JP Lappen (Avery Point/ENGR), Krista Rogers (Pre-Professional), Rawan Shilleh (Stamford/CAPS), and Steve Zinn (CAHNR faculty) received awards for Outstanding Undergraduate Advising in Spring 2023