

WOMEN'S
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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



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Welcome to the first edition of the Women's Center newsletter for the 2011 – 2012 school year. We have a lot to share with you all about what's been going on at the Women's Center since our last newsletter. Last May we said congratulations and goodbye to almost half of our student staff. And while it's always bittersweet to see them go, we are in the business of supporting students in their academic success, which ultimately means graduation. The upside is that each year we are fortunate to recruit a new group of students to our staff who bring their own enthusiasm, creativity, and eagerness to explore new ideas. Our annual student staff retreat, which Sandra Han writes about, is

just the beginning of that journey at the Women's Center. And while we've said goodbye, folks can't seem to get away from the Women's Center for long, as you will see from Jackie Martone, who wrote in to let us know what she is up to in post-UConn life.

While most folks think the summer is a quiet time, we have several of our signature programs in May and June. Inside you'll get to read about the amazing accomplishments of this year's recipients of the 100 Years of Women Scholarship, who were recognized at our annual Outstanding Senior Women Academic Achievement Awards Ceremony. One week later, we hosted the annual Women's Advance Conference, which is planned by a dedicated committee of volunteers from across a variety of University departments and campuses. In our next edition, you'll get to hear more about last year's successful conference and our plans for 2012. In the early summer months, we welcomed all of the incoming first year and transfer students at our VAWPP session on sexual assault, consent, and bystander empowerment that is part of the Summer Orientation schedule.

And while not without its share of controversy, several of the students who had facilitated the Orientation sessions spent the remainder of the summer and the early Fall planning UConn's SlutWalk: A March to End Victim Blaming. As I remarked that day, the SlutWalk was a powerful example of student engagement. In addition, the days leading up to the event were an opportunity for our community to engage in a critical dialogue about the merits of various activist strategies, about how we engage allies, and about how we create just and inclusive movements to end violence against women. All in all it dovetailed nicely with President Herbst's inauguration speech challenge to the University community, "that we can and will do better in teaching argument and encouraging even more engagement." Our new Newsletter Editor, Ryan Gilbert, took the initiative to interview President Herbst this summer, before his post even officially began, and you can read more inside.

Finally, we had a very successful slate of programs this Fall, some of which are highlighted here. And we are already working on the menu of events for 2012, which is the 40th anniversary of the Women's Center. We hope you will be energized by reading about the exciting work of the students at the Women's Center, and are looking forward to having you be a part of next year's anniversary celebration. - *Kathleen Holgerson*

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PREVENTION PROGRAM



Since 1980, the *Violence Against Women Prevention Program (VAWPP)* has served as the point program on campus for providing education, advocacy, and support services on the issues of violence against women, consent, bystander empowerment, and how to find resources on and off campus. As part of the Women's Center's work on campus, VAWPP trains peer educators through a one-credit Women's Studies course; conducts workshops during Orientation programs and First Year Experience courses; and sponsors events throughout the year to promote the Women's Center's principles of education, advocacy, support and gender equity.

PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS HELP VAWWP SPREAD AWARENESS & ENCOURAGE INVOLVEMENT



After finishing up another summer of orientation workshops, VAWPP is moving full throttle into the semester. With a new school year comes a new class of peer-educators, and we're all excited to see their enthusiasm for VAWPP and look forward to seeing what each of them will bring to the program. Along with spreading awareness through workshops this semester, VAWPP worked hard on our annual fall programs: the Red Flag Campaign, the Clothesline Project, and new to the Health Fair line up this year, RAINN Day.

Isolation. Excessively Jealous. Emotional Abuse. Coercive. These were some of the words written across the hundreds of red flags that danced in September's breeze during VAWPP's annual Red Flag Campaign. [The Red Flag Campaign](#) is a public awareness campaign designed specifically to encourage college students to intervene when they see a warning sign ('Red Flag') of intimate partner violence in a friend's relationship.

The campaign encourages friends to provide a healthy response to abusive statements by giving students examples of what to say before violence occurs as written on the hundreds of posters distributed throughout campus.

During the week of September 25th to October 1st, approximately 500 red flags were planted in heavily trafficked spots all over campus. From the walkway to the gym to the bus stop at North, red flags were as visible as blue lights on campus.

As for the educational poster aspect of the campaign, we took a more personal approach this year. Northwest Hall Director Andrew Bennett spoke to a meeting of his peers where they discussed their role in curbing domestic violence and the Red Flag campaigns presence in the Residence Halls. A letter, written by RA Nellie Stagg, explaining the campaign and how RAs are the perfect ally, was read at every Resident Assistant staff meeting on campus, and a dialogue was held on encouraging healthy relationships amongst their residents. The posters were hand delivered to the RAs to hang up on their floors, and emphasis was given to continuing the dialogue with their residents. Posters were also hung in well frequented academic buildings on campus so commuter students too could receive this knowledge.

We got some great press for the event; a front page article in [The Daily Campus](#), a banner overlooking the food court of the Student Union, beautiful fliers peppered around campus, and a popular Facebook group – the news of the Red Flag Campaign was as ever present as the Red Flags themselves. The red flags won't be the only ones dancing in the breeze, dozens of t-shirts were flowing in the wind in front of the Student Union and various places on campus for the Clothesline Project.

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If you walked by Fairfield Way in early October, the sight of colorful shirts may have caught your eye. However, if you looked closer or talked to one of the VAWPP peer educators, you may have found out that those shirts represented the scary and staggering truth about the number of victims of violence against women within our own UConn community.

This display is called "[The Clothesline Project](#)," an international movement started in 1990 after a women's group in Cape Cod found out that 58,000 soldiers died during the Vietnam War and during the same period of time, 51,000 women were killed mostly by men who supposedly loved them. This group of women decided to create a visual representation to raise consciousness about the effects of violence against women, as well as giving survivors a forum to have a voice in a therapeutic and supportive environment.

Beginning with 31 shirts displayed on a town green, the project has strung into an international movement with over 50,000 to 60,000 shirts created in various states and countries across the world. At UConn over 170 shirts have been created, showing us the urgency and prevalence of unacceptable violence within our own community.



VAWPP is proud to continue to be part of this movement and hopes that this visual representation will not only help to start the conversation, but move us all towards a less violent world. The Clothesline Project was another avenue for people to speak out, along with many other projects such as RAINN Day.

So after some actual rain ironically postponed the Health Fair, we were able to successfully table for VAWPP and RAINN Day.

For those who are not familiar with [RAINN](#), it's a national organization aiming to support those who are survivors of rape, abuse, and incest; hence the name: Rape Abuse Incest National Network. It was a great campaign to work with; they provided posters and handouts much like our Community Response Team (CRT) cards, and the website gave

great ideas on how to fundraise and celebrate their actual "RAINN Day".

This allowed the peer educators to stress the realistic dangers on and around our college campus involving rape, sexual assault, stalking, intimate partner abuse, domestic violence, and many other situations that many students on our campus face daily. This worked perfectly with the Red Flag Campaign, which with over 500 flags also brought attention to these topics, and students were curious to learn more. Many students signed up eager to either find out more information about taking the VAWPP class or interested in getting more involved with the Women's Center and other events during the year.

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PROFILE OF PRESIDENT SUSAN HERBST



Susan Herbst's transformation from consummate political scientist on the presidential job market to genuine Husky was complete by September when she was inaugurated as the University of Connecticut's 15th president, the first woman to ever hold the job. In a small, unremarkable office in Gulley Hall on the Storrs campus, Herbst radiates a confidence that confirms her claim that she has her "dream job."

"I was here two months and we became a top 20 public university. I did that in my first two months, and it was hard, but I'm glad I accomplished that," says Herbst. She admits that some might read her playful sense of humor and straightforward nature as weaknesses, but she takes satisfaction in telling people exactly what she thinks. "Life is short, and at UConn we have a huge amount of work to do. I don't think we get it done unless we're honest with each other about our challenges and what we do well."

Herbst's top priorities as president are boosting UConn's profile as a research university and bringing in more money. She's banking on the university's winning reputation to encourage more people to recognize and invest in its academic programs. "It's a building year. We're winners on the playing field, but we're also winners academically," she says. "At the end of the day, we're going to win."

Herbst understands big research universities and the distinctive challenges of leading them. Yet, with all of her previous experiences in administrative positions at universities across the country, she was beguiled by UConn's unique sense of pride. "I've never been on a campus where so many people are wearing UConn gear all the time. I think that is the coolest thing," she says. "People are happy to be here and that's unusual. It's helpful marketing."

Helpful marketing is what UConn, a university traditionally known more for its athletics than its academics, needs going forward. Herbst says it's fine to be known for a solid Athletics Department, but a university must also have a message that leads to people knowing about its strong academics. "Athletics is the front porch of the university, it's face to the world. But I think we have a lot of people on the front porch, and they're not getting in the house," she says.

Herbst is responsible for finishing out a \$600 million endowment campaign that was underway when she arrived. An advocate of philanthropy, she will target the top 40 to 50 donors with strategies to convince them to make more significant financial gifts to the university. She wants to know who they are, what they're interested in, what their giving history has been and what they're worried about. A large endowment is critical to protecting the university while also funding beautification projects and hiring more faculty and staff. Recently, a donor in New York asked Herbst what the biggest problem at UConn was. Her answer: faculty.

"Once you recruit terrific faculty and you support them, everything else follows," she says. "All the other goals you have – academic excellence, bringing more awards to the university, enabling students to be competitive for the Fulbright or Rhodes scholarships – those things naturally follow."

Herbst claims her expectations for UConn are realistic and says she'll stay as long as she's effective. "I always wanted to end up in New England. Connecticut is a progressive state with a terrific governor. I got lucky. I love being here."

- Ryan Lee Gilbert

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Overall it was a great day AND, thankfully, we avoided any more rain. Even The Red Flag Campaign was a visual reminder that students can be empowered to spot and point out the signs of an abusive relationship in their lives and those of their friends. Another impressive visual reminder was the Clothesline Project which not only allowed our campus to see the strength of survivors and their supporters, but gave our community the opportunity to join the movement to end violence against women.



Thankfully RAINN Day got to shine at the Health Fair and spread its message as well. All of these captivating programs have paved the way for another semester of VAWPP and the Women's Center reaching out to the community through dynamic programming efforts. The peer educators look forward to loads more work around the campus, and with plenty of the new faces we will hopefully be seeing around the Women's Center.

- Nellie Stagg, Theresa Govert, Kelsey Barringham, Jessica Diaz, Whitney Johnson

SURJ TAKES ON EXCITING NEW PROJECTS



Students United for Reproductive Justice (SURJ) is off to a great start this semester, with many new and passionate members joining the organization. SURJ organizes around issues of reproductive rights and access to reproductive health care, including, but not limited to, comprehensive sexual education, birth control access, abortion rights and access, birthing rights and LGBTQ rights. The group had an exciting and productive semester.

SURJ organized several successful events this semester. On September 26, SURJ held a screening and discussion of the film "Let's Talk About Sex" in coordination with Planned Parenthood interns for National Sex Education Week of Action. The film addressed America's conservative attitudes toward discussions of sex and sexuality and the lack of comprehensive sexual education in U.S. schools. The U.S.'s failings in sexual education were exposed as the film compared the U.S.'s shockingly high teenage pregnancy and STD transmission rates to those in other modernized countries.

Later that week, several SURJ members participated in a Contraception Fair on the UConn Farmington Medical School Campus. The event was organized by Med Students for Choice, and aimed to provide medical students and other medical professionals with information on contraceptive options. SURJ members did their own research on female sterilization (also known as tubal ligation or getting one's "tubes tied") and put together a display. Several students then attended the fair itself and answered any questions people had about this form of birth control. This event was a great chance for SURJ to collaborate with another student group that shares similar goals.

Perhaps one of the most exciting new projects this year is volunteering as clinic escorts for Hartford GYN, a Hartford abortion clinic. Unfortunately, women who try to access their legal right to abortion are often harassed and intimidated by protesters that gather outside of abortion clinics. Clinic escorts help guide women and their partners into the clinic, providing a welcoming and supportive counter presence to the protesters. SURJ hopes to be involved in many more exciting projects and activities next semester.

SURJ is open to anyone within the UConn community, and welcomes collaboration with other groups. Anyone seeking more information about Students United for Reproductive Justice should e-mail uconnsurj@gmail.com, or check out the Facebook group, Students United for Reproductive Justice.

- Tess Koenigsmark

100 YEARS OF WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT: CHANDRA D. L. WARING, M.A.

Chandra Waring is one of the recipients of last year's 100 Years of Women Scholarship. [The 100 Years of Women Scholarship Fund](#) was established in 1992 to honor a current UCONN undergraduate or graduate student or high school senior planning to enroll in the University of Connecticut who has demonstrated a commitment to women's issues through service to their community or school. More than demonstrating a commitment, Chandra is using her studies, the advice of her advisors, her own curious nature and, of course, her experiences with the Women's Center to help "change the world."

What are you currently working on?

I'm currently working on my dissertation which is about biracial Americans, specifically individuals who are black and white. My dissertation explores a number of themes, but a paper that I'm trying to get published right now is about how biracials interact differently when they are in predominately black contexts vs. predominately white contexts. I argue that this finding indicates that the US is far from "post-racial," that is, society is still racially segregated; racial boundaries are still clearly marked. This finding is noteworthy considering that the bi/multiracial population is celebrated as evidence of racial boundaries diminishing. I contribute an analysis that shows that racial relations are much more complicated than mere numbers imply.

How has the 100 Years of Women Scholarship helped or advanced your work?

The scholarship has advanced my work because it enables me to be in a financial position to attend more conferences, present my research and meet with scholars so I can hear their feedback and become a better scholar myself. It's very important to network and to refine my ideas in order for me to be successful, so this scholarship allows me to maximize my time and focus more on my research. Essentially, it has given me the opportunity to be more successful.

How do you see your role in the UConn community?

I received my B.A. at UConn, too, so I want to make a mark. I think it's a great institution of higher learning and I want to become successful by publishing articles and books to make UConn proud, especially the Sociology Department because my mentors there have been phenomenal! I see my role as a budding scholar who wants to become one of the leading scholars in the field of bi/multiracial studies. I have been trained by some of the best sociologists in the discipline, so I hope to work with graduate students when I am a professor and help mold them into the kind of scholars and educators who change the world.

How is the Women's Center incorporated in your life?

The Women's Center is incorporated into my life in many ways. I volunteered at the WC when I was a senior at UConn and to this day, 5 years later, Kathy Fischer is still one of my mentors and good friends. I work "intersectionality" into the courses that I teach, and I encourage students to understand the unique struggles of women and to attend Women's Center events. I am also a new member of the 100 Years of Women's Scholarship Committee to help choose the next recipient, which is an honor.

What advice do you have for incoming undergraduate students or those continuing their higher education?

My advice for undergraduate students is to find their niche and become involved. College is a privilege that many people do not have access to. I encourage undergrads to acknowledge that privilege and take advantage of all of the clubs, activities and events that UConn has to offer. I guarantee that they will meet inspiring peers if they just step out of their comfort zone and try something new. Also, I would advise them to challenge themselves academically and take a course that has nothing to do with their major or their interests so that they become a well-rounded college student.

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For graduate students, I would advise them to choose an outstanding advisor as early on in their graduate career as possible. I always say that I "collect mentors." You can never have too many. You usually only have one advisor, but you can still pick the brain of several people in your department. You can still get to know many faculty members and get a variety of opinions. I would also suggest attending conferences early on in your graduate career and frequently, not just for the networking and attending presentations but also for obtaining important information about your field. This information also helps put how your department functions in perspective.

If you could change one thing about the Women's Center, what would it be?

I would not change one thing about the WC. I went there my senior year because I wanted to do an internship for one semester. I did the internship and volunteered the following semester because I enjoyed my experience there so much. I graduated with much more than a "typical" internship can offer. The WC is an empowering, fun and motivating place, and I would not be where I am today if it weren't for the confidence boost that I received while working with the WC staff!

- *Ryan Lee Gilbert*

FAT TALK FREE WEEK & LOVE YOUR BODY DAY



Fat Talk Free Week (FTFW) runs every year for a week in October, and this year's took place from Oct. 16 through Oct. 22. The purpose of FTFW is to establish and maintain a positive body image, challenge people to think and speak differently about their bodies, and promote a healthy lifestyle that urges individuals to live a balanced life in mind, body and spirit. What is fat talk, one might ask? Fat talk describes all of the statements made in everyday conversation that reinforce the thin-ideal standard of female beauty and contribute to women's dissatisfaction with their bodies. Comments such as: "Do I look fat in this?" and "I need to lose 10 pounds," as well as "You look great! Did you lose weight?" are all considered fat talk. Nearly 10 million women are dealing with eating disorders in this country. According to a study done by Harvard in 2004, when asked if they considered themselves beautiful only 2 percent of women replied yes.

UConn's FTFW was hosted by the Women's Center and Students Helping to Achieve Positive Esteem (S.H.A.P.E.). On Monday, Oct. 16, we kicked off the week with a presentation and discussion led by Nyaunu Stevens, a Ph.D. candidate at UConn, who has done her research in fat studies. Ms. Stevens gave a presentation regarding weight bias and discrimination in the U.S., as well as discrimination in maternity care. Women's Center employees and S.H.A.P.E. volunteers also tabled throughout the week in the Student Union and handed out goodies. For more information about Fat Talk Free Week please visit www.endfattalk.org

Love Your Body Day, hosted by the National Organization for Women (NOW), was also during FTFW week on Oct. 19. Love Your Body is a yearly campaign to combat the overwhelming majority of advertisements and media messages telling women they need to be perfect. The Women's Center and S.H.A.P.E. decorated a display case for the week in the Student Union. Positive body image notes were placed all around campus and we had supplies at our table for others to do so on Oct. 19. Please visit www.loveyourbody.nowfoundation.org for more ideas on what you can do to celebrate Love Your Body Day.



For more information about Fat Talk Free Week or Love Your Body Day please stop by the Women's Center located on the 4th floor of the Student Union or send an email to emily.pizzale@gmail.com.

- *Emily Pizzale*

SLUTWALK: UCONN

A MARCH TO END VICTIM BLAMING

On Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, over 100 people came out in support of the effort to end victim blaming at UConn. The event itself was really our campus' unique take on a global movement. SlutWalk started when a police officer said to a group of York University students, "Women should avoid dressing like sluts in order to not be victimized."



Photo credit: Women's Center

In response, students felt something needed to be done to help raise awareness, even among the people who are supposed to protect us. Blame for sexual assault should never be put on the victim. Rapists don't rape people because of what they are wearing, but because they feel as if they have an entitlement to their victims' bodies.

Their response was to put on a protest march in Toronto, Canada, a march they named SlutWalk because of how the police officer described victims/survivors of sexual assault. Since that first march, the movement has spread globally with the total number of SlutWalks passing 100, and the movement has not ended!

Yet, SlutWalk:UConn really was a unique take on the movement, adding aspects to the march that aren't always done. For example, "walkers" were given beads to wear symbolizing what impact sexual assault has had on their lives. Teal being for survivors, purple being for secondary survivors, and red being for allies who may not know anyone personally who has told them they are a survivor, but who still fully support ending victim blaming, rape culture and, eventually, sexual assault itself.

Along with the march itself, the event was an empowerment rally, as well, with several speakers from both UConn and the original founders of the Toronto movement. After the speakers, there was an open mic session where participants were encouraged to give an empowerment ABC (Avoid, Begin, Continue) or tell their story. Most importantly, the walk got people talking about victim blaming and not only the people of the campus, but people around the state - thanks to social networking and media coverage. *- Kelsey Barringham*

Elect Her—Campus Women Win

The University of Connecticut has again been selected to host *Elect Her: Campus Women Win*, one of 30 colleges from across the nation and Jamaica that will host this unique campus-based program that teaches women how to run for elective office, in 2012. Originally participating as a pilot site in collaboration with AAUW and Running Start, *Elect Her—Campus Women Win* is in its third year at UConn, working to address the disparity between the high percentage of women in colleges and universities and their low representation in student government by encouraging women to run for campus leadership positions.



This day-long program covers skills such as how to mobilize your constituency, how to win debates, how to craft your message, and how to speak and present yourself confidently as a candidate. By encouraging more young women to run for student government during their college years, we are confident that we are preparing more women for local, state, and federal office candidacy. The program will again be led by the Women's Center and will be held on February 11, 2012 and bring together a diverse pool of female students and leading elected officials for a day of education and inspiration. Further information and registration will be available on our website in January. To learn more about Elect Her—Campus Women Win, please visit <http://www.aauw.org/learn/LeadershipPrograms/index.cfm>

- Kathy Fischer

RETREAT STRENGTHENS SENSE OF COMMUNITY

How do you build a community? You get people up at 9 a.m. on a Saturday morning and make them jump through tires, swing on ropes and fall off high ledges. Yes, the Women's Center's Retreat was that exciting this fall.

In early September, the Women's Center's staff, along with the Violence Against Women Protection Program (VAWPP), spent a day discussing current issues, reflecting on the work of the Women's Center, participating on a ropes course, and essentially building a stronger community.

No one can deny the important work and presence the Women's Center and VAWPP have on campus. There are many students, faculty and alumni/a that have been affected by the different programs and resources, so the work that everyone does in the Center is truly important.



Although people have individual experiences with the Women's Center, it's important that we remember that we are part of one community. The success of VAWPP brings joy to the Men's Project. The Red Flag Campaign supports groups, such as Stronger. All the programs are interconnected and share the same goal: to promote equality and justice.

I went to the retreat hardly knowing anyone. But I left knowing many more people and really encouraged to see peers on campus who care about the same issues that I do. All day I was surrounded by compassionate, supportive and passionate people. I felt the community educating each other and providing a safe space for discussion on any topic. This is just a small glimpse of what the Women's Center community is about, and it would be wonderful to carry this on throughout the year.

- Sandra Han



WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE EVENTS IN 2012.

February: The F Word Campaign, *The Vagina Monologues*, Eating Disorders Awareness Week

March: Women of Color Awards, Women's Herstory Month Opening w/Jessica Valenti, New Female Faculty Luncheon, LUNAFEST

April: Ain't I A Woman? Panel, The Consensual Project, Equal Pay Day, Take Back the Night

May: Outstanding Senior Women Academic Achievement Awards, Women's Advance Conference

Fall 2012: Open Mic night with Andrea Gibson, Open Door Reading Series, 40th anniversary celebration

THE WOMEN'S CENTER GOES TO SPIRIT VILLAGE



On Saturday, October 15, 2011, the UConn Alumni Association hosted the Homecoming Barbecue and Spirit Village. It was an amazing event that really brought out the Husky in each and every person in attendance. Although the homecoming game was not set to start for another few hours, there was plenty of celebrating to do. Tailgaters and display tents were in abundance with the Women's Center display being at the heart of all the action. The activity was a dart and balloon game with each balloon having a question inside to answer. There was also a table packed with information about the Women's Center, including answers to each of the questions in the balloons. Once the questions were answered, attendees were offered a prize of either a

Women's Center coffee mug or a candy bag as an early Halloween treat. Staff and students including Women's Center Director Kathleen Holgerson, Kelsey Barringham, Whitney Johnson and Brittnie Sutton were there to facilitate the festivities.

There was a great amount of support shown for the Women's Center during Spirit Village. The participants really respected the Women's Center and its mission to educate, advocate and support the students and surrounding community of the University of Connecticut. There were even some attendees who were gracious enough to donate to the Women's Center. Overall, the event was a success and something that can be used as a catalyst to make more students, alumni and community members aware of the center and its mission. The UConn Alumni Association also made a [video](#) of the event!

- *Brittnie Sutton*



CATCHING UP WITH ALUMNAE: JACQUELINE MARTONE

I'm currently enrolled at Southern Connecticut State University in the Master's in Women's Studies program, and I serve as a Graduate Assistant in the Women's Studies office where I work directly under the director of the Women's Studies program. I'm still on the fence about my concentration, but I can't seem to shake my love of fashion and to further study its intersections with and diversions to feminism. My professors have all been fantastic, and I am really happy with how everything is going right now.

The Women's Center has had an incredibly positive influence on me. As I previously stated, I'm a GA in the Women's Studies office. I work with three other Women's Studies students and together with the Director, we plan conferences, help the Director with whatever tasks she has for us, and we do outreach for the Women's Studies program. The skills I learned at the Women's Center - informing students of the Center's policies and mission, forming close, productive relationships with feminist activists around me, planning and promoting events, and administrative skills - have all come into play at Southern. At Southern, I play a direct role in planning conferences, and the Women's Center as given me every tool I need to be effective. In addition, the friendships made in the Women's Center at UConn have embedded in me a desire to re-create them at Southern, and I have.



- *Jacqueline Martone*

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SUPPORT THE WOMEN'S CENTER EDUCATION | ADVOCACY | SUPPORT | GENDER EQUITY

The University of Connecticut's Women's Center is committed to our work with students, staff, and faculty in an effort to promote gender equity on campus. Our efforts are spread widely throughout the University community and support all aspects of the University's mission of teaching, research, and service. We are a key contributor to the University's priorities of supporting an engaged undergraduate experience, enhancing the institution's research portfolio, and increasing the diversity of our community. While we are proud of our successes, we need your help to support and enhance this work.

Dear Friends of the Women's Center:

As we come to the year's end, we'd like to take a moment to remind you that your contributions to the Women's Center ensure that the major activities can continue to address areas of priority around gender equity.

Your gift can support:

- *Student participation in a variety of out-of-class academic experiences, such as regional and national conferences*
- *The Women of Color Recognition award*
- *The 100 Years of Women Scholarship*
- *Enhanced programming in honor of the Women's Center's 40th anniversary*
- *Program development around issues of gender equity and social justice on campus, such as our continued work through our Violence Against Women Prevention Program to educate our community on and advocate for the prevention of sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and sexual harassment on campus*

As we look towards next year's 40th anniversary celebration, your support for the *Women \$4 Women Campaign* enhances the collective of voices at our University in our pursuit of gender equity. If you haven't already, I hope you'll join us in supporting the programs and services of the Women's Center by making a gift today. If you have already, thank you for your past support, and we hope you will consider increasing your contribution for the 40th anniversary.

For more information on ways to support the Women's Center, please visit our giving page at <http://womenscenter.uconn.edu/support/give.php>

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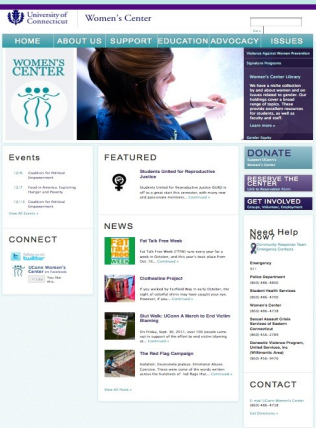
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