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April 13, 2009

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mandatory Honors Senior Survey Due!

### Honors Events

University Scholars Information  
Session

CUE 134, April 13, 2009, 3:00pm

Global Warming Town Hall  
Meeting with Congressman Joe  
Courtney

Rome Ballroom, South Campus,  
April 14, 2009, 7:00pm

Teach for America Information  
Session

SU 304A, April 20, 2009, 5:30pm

Earth Day Celebration  
Fairfield Way, April 22, 2009,  
11:00am

Dinner and a Show: Hair  
South Dining Hall/Joregensen  
Theatre, April 23, 2009, 6:00pm

NY Times Journalist Roger Cohen  
Student Union Theatre, April 28,  
2009, 6:30pm



**FRONTIERS**  
IN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

**Poster Exhibition**  
April 17, 2009 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
April 18, 2009 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Wilbur Cross North & South Reading Rooms

**Student/Faculty Reception**  
April 17, 2009 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Wilbur Cross South Reading Room

**Speakers**  
Dr. Suman Ghosh, Senior Vice Provost, Interim Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School  
Dr. Man Choi, Dean, School of Engineering

Photo and Costume by: Alexandra van den Berg, 2007 University of Connecticut Graduate, University Scholar, and OUR Grant Recipient.  
Portrait of Lisa di Medici by Angelica Boccia  
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*Support your peers at the Frontiers in Undergraduate Research 2009 poster session!*

## Honors Council

Honors Council Battle of the Brains  
Shippee Pit, April 16, 2009, 7:00pm

## Enrichment Opportunities

Frontiers in Undergraduate Research  
Wilbur Cross North and South Reading Rooms, April 17, 2009

Thesis Workshop  
Wilson Hall 113, April 22, 2009, 4:00pm

## Campus-Wide

Fall 2009 Opportunities with the Women's Center  
April 17, 2009

## About "Updates"

Updates in Honors is produced every week during the academic year by students Marie Jordan and Alan Tan, supervised by Meg Bishop of the Honors Program staff.

Feel free to email [Updates@uconn.edu](mailto:Updates@uconn.edu) with any questions, comments or suggestions!

Interested in advertising your event in Updates?  
Send your info to [Updates@uconn.edu](mailto:Updates@uconn.edu) before 12 noon on the Tuesday it will be featured.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program is looking for a new **Updates Editor**. For more information please see the job posting in Student Employment labeled: Class II - Student Written Communications Assistant - 288.

Congratulations to Benjamin Gruenbaum, who was recently selected to receive this year's William D. Orbison Award in Recognition of Excellence! This acknowledgement is awarded annually to one graduating Honors student in Psychology. The award is sponsored by the Department of Psychology.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH HONORS AND O.U.R. – PLEASE HELP!

Volunteers are needed for several upcoming events--including Open House and Frontiers! Please consider volunteering an hour or a few hours of your time to assist the Honors Program and the Office of Undergraduate Research in these major events. You may volunteer for multiple times. **We need many volunteers to make these events a success. We appreciate your help!** [View the full schedule and sign up information.](#)

## UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS INFORMATION SESSION

The Honors Program is hosting an additional information session for students interested in become University Scholars for Fall 2009. Students who will be juniors next year should attend to learn more about the application process, plans of study, projects, and more! Presented by Dr. Lynne Goodstein.

Monday, April 13, 2009  
3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in CUE 134

*For an even closer look at the University Scholars program, attend the **research symposium** - Monday, April 27th, 2009, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Konover Auditorium, Thomas J. Dodd Center*  
[Click here for a Schedule of Presenters](#)

## LIFE SCIENCE HONORS THESIS RESEARCH GRANTS STILL AVAILABLE

**Deadline Extended to May 1, 2009.** Funding is still available for the Life Sciences Honors Thesis Research Grants. As a reminder, these grants are designed to support the completion of honors theses in the life sciences and are funded through the Office of the Provost for academic year 2008-09. Funding may be used to support laboratory costs or to purchase consumables, and funding must apply to the execution of research leading to the completion of the honors thesis. Grants of up to

\$1000 per student will be provided (or \$500 if you were a SURF 2009 recipient). Applications will be accepted through May 1st. Visit the [Honors website](#) or the [Office of Undergraduate Research website](#) and click on the links for the "Life Sciences Honors Thesis Research Grants." These links will take you to a website with eligibility information and application information.

If you have questions about the grants or the application, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Research or the Honors Program.

## ATTENTION SENIORS! FINAL STEPS TO GRADUATION IN HONORS

### SENIORS – SUBMIT YOUR THESIS ELECTRONICALLY

Seniors, you can submit your thesis electronically and make this significant intellectual achievement available for the world to see! It is highly recommended that as Honors graduates you post your thesis on [DigitalCommons@UConn](#), the institutional repository. IT'S EASY! Once a hard copy of your thesis has been submitted to the Honors Office with a signed approval form, send a copy of your thesis to [honors@uconn.edu](mailto:honors@uconn.edu) as an attachment.

Your e-mail should also include: Your name, major, title of your thesis, the name of your thesis advisor, your graduation date, an abstract and 3 to 5 keywords that you feel best describe the subject matter of your thesis! Click [here](http://www.honors.uconn.edu/academics/graduation/electronicthesis.php) (<http://www.honors.uconn.edu/academics/graduation/electronicthesis.php>) for more information!

(A hardcopy of the Honors thesis must be submitted to the Honors Office with a [signed approval form](#) according to posted [deadlines](#).)

### SENIORS – SUBMIT YOUR MANDATORY HONORS SENIOR SURVEY

Required Honors Senior Survey Due: April 15, 2009

Graduating Honors students are required to complete the on-line survey located at <https://secure.uconn.edu/honors/applicationsv2/seniorsurvey/index.php>. This survey will give you a chance to reflect on and share with us your experiences in the Honors Program. We value your feedback! In addition, we want to hear about your future plans. After you fully complete the survey, you will be able to return and update your future plan information using your permanent e-mail address (not your UConn address) as your logon id. The survey is due on April 15th.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETIES!

Recently, the National Scholars Honor Society (NSHS) was the subject of an investigative television feature - the report can be found at [YouTube.com](#) under "honor society scam." NSHS is a *for-profit* entity whose membership is based on online application and has *no required grade point average*. The society declines formal affiliation with all institutions and organizations.

The Honors Program would like to remind all Honors students to beware of this and similar scams! Be sure to "do your homework" before submitting payment to a society:

- Visit the organization's website
- Contact chapter officers or advisors
- Visit <http://www.achsnatl.org/> for a full listing of the Association of College Honor Societies member organizations
- Visit <http://www.honorsocieties.uconn.edu/> for more information on certain honor societies at UConn
- Finally, ALWAYS review the benefits the honor society in question offers, and consider whether your financial investment will yield adequate returns!

## CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### FRONTIERS IN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

The Office of Undergraduate Research will hold its annual Frontiers in Undergraduate Research poster session. Don't miss this chance to support your peers, honors students, and university scholars, and get a peek at the many exciting research projects going on at the University of Connecticut!

Friday, April 17 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Wilbur Cross North and South Reading Room

### SUPPORT YOUR PEERS AT THE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Support your fellow undergraduate students and check out these unique, interdisciplinary research projects!  
Monday, April 27 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Konover Auditorium. Visit [www.us.uconn.edu](http://www.us.uconn.edu) for more information.



## EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The Undergraduate Student Government is hosting International Writer-at-Large Roger Cohen of the New York Times. Roger Cohen is a world-renown journalist for both the New York Times and the International Herald Tribune and an expert in the fields of international relations and international politics. His former positions include Deputy Foreign Editor and Acting Foreign Editor for the New York Times and Foreign correspondent for the Wall Street Journal. Join Mr. Cohen on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union Theatre for a presentation on current political issues. [View the event flyer](#). THIS COUNTS AS AN HONORS EVENT!

## BECOME A PATH MENTOR!

Become a mentor! If you would like to provide a great experience for an incoming Honors student and have an impact on the future of PATH, volunteer to be a mentor! The incoming class will be a large one, so lots of mentors are needed. Applications are available in the Honors Office and are due Friday, April 17.

*Grab your mentor or mentee and come to the following events!*

- **NEW DATE! Scavenger Hunt** - April 30, 9:00 p.m. outside on the side of Wilson that faces Rt. 195

This event will be co-sponsored by the Honors Council and will include other de-stressing activities to prepare you for finals!

- [End of the Year Bash](#) - Sunday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Shippee Dining Room  
Featuring **catered food**, announcement of the Mentor and Mentee of the Year, introductions to the new Student Coordinators, a slideshow of pictures from all PATH events in 2008-2009, and "back in the day birthday party" games!

## HONORS COUNCIL BATTLE OF THE BRAINS

The Battle of the Brains Trivia Competition will be held on Thursday, April 16 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Shippee Pit. There can be 4-6 people per team (only 4 people may play per round), and the cost is \$2 per person. The winning team will receive gift certificates to the UConn CO-OP! There are a limited number of slots, so email [UConnHC@gmail.com](mailto:UConnHC@gmail.com) with the names of your team members ASAP.

## HONORS COUNCIL ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK 2010

Looking to get more involved? Don't miss this leadership opportunity - Honors Alternative Spring Break 2010 is now accepting applications for trip director, assistant trip director, and team leaders! The completed [application](#) can be emailed to [valen.diaz@uconn.edu](mailto:valen.diaz@uconn.edu), handed in at any Honors Council meeting, or dropped off in the Honors office in CUE 419. Applications are due on Wednesday, April 15!

## INTERNATIONAL NITE SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Are you involved in promoting multiculturalism and diversity on campus? Are you interested in winning a **\$500** scholarship towards your studies at UConn? If so, fill out an application for the International Nite Scholarship sponsored by Honors Council! Applications are available in the Honors Office, online at [hc.uconn.edu](http://hc.uconn.edu), and at all HC meetings (Wilson 124/125 on Wednesdays at 7PM). Applications and supporting materials are due by Friday, April 24 via email to [UConnHC@gmail.com](mailto:UConnHC@gmail.com), to the Honors Office, or to an HC meeting.

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