

# UConn

## Making Friends at UConn!

**WELCOME!** We will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Introduce yourself in the chat. Please tell us your name and where you are joining from.

July 12, 2024

# Hello!

**Dana Foster, ISSS**



**Ana Colon-Wallace, IPS**



# Agenda

- Getting to know YOU!
- CISS Intercultural Programs & Support (IPS)
- International Undergraduate Student Association (UISA)
- Making Friends in the Residence Halls
- Student Activities
- Asian American Cultural Center (AsACC)
- Puerto Rican and Latin American Cultural Center (PRLACC)
- Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA)
- South Asian Graduate Student Community (Tarang)
- Important Dates and Information
- Questions? Email Contacts.

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**What country are you joining us from today?**

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# What degree are you starting at UConn?

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# What is the importance of friends?

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# CISS Intercultural Programs & Support (IPS)

**Jeannie Slayton**

Program Director

Intercultural Programs & Support  
(IPS), UCAELI

Center for International Students and  
Scholars (CISS)



# Making Friends @ CISS Welcome Programs

## **Undergraduate**

### **Welcome Program**

Monday, August 19

Tuesday August 20

## **Graduate**

### **Welcome Program**

Monday, August 19

<https://iss.uconn.edu/orientation/>

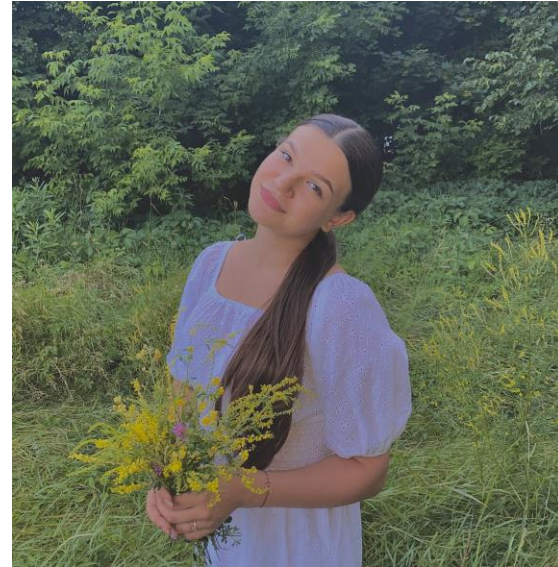


# Undergraduate International Student Association (UISA)

**Tobias Fraedrich (Germany)**



**Sasha Shamrai (Ukraine)**



# Undergraduate International Student Association (UISA)

What we stand for:

- Finding a home far from home
- Establish a sense of belonging

What we offer:

- The International Peer Success (TIPS) Program
- Bi-weekly Meetings
- Events for specific holidays/occasions



*@uconnuisa*

# Undergraduate International Student Association (UISA)

Our tips:

- Get out of your comfort zone
- Be open to talk to strangers
- Connect with professors and staff

**Break the ice now and follow us on Instagram for updates and ways to get involved:**



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## How to overcome it:

- Try your best to become close with your roommate(s)
- Talk to your RA
- "I won't lose anything if I try"
- ASK
- Be the one who initiates things

# Student Activities - Storrs Campus



## UConn Student Activities

<http://studentactivities.uconn.edu>

**Student Activities** is located on the 3rd floor of the Student Union. Please stop by room 307 and someone will assist or direct you to the different areas.



# Student Orgs

- 750 Student Orgs
- ~85 @ regionals
- 22 Categories

<https://uconntact.uconn.edu/>

- 43 social fraternities and sororities  
Including:
- 3 Jewish Affiliated orgs
- 7 Historically Black orgs
- 6 Asian-Interest orgs
- 5 Latinx-Interest orgs
- 2 Multicultural orgs

<https://greeklife.uconn.edu/>



# Undergraduate Student Government

- The official voice of the undergraduate student body
- Run for office
- Join a committee
- Work with administrators and staff

[usg.uconn.edu](http://usg.uconn.edu)



# Daily Campus

- Student-run newspaper
- Editorially Independent
- Write, design, copy edit, photograph, video, design web pages, promote and market journalism

[dailycampus.com](http://dailycampus.com)



Tuesday, April 9, 2024  
The Daily Campus

# HUSKIES WIN 6<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



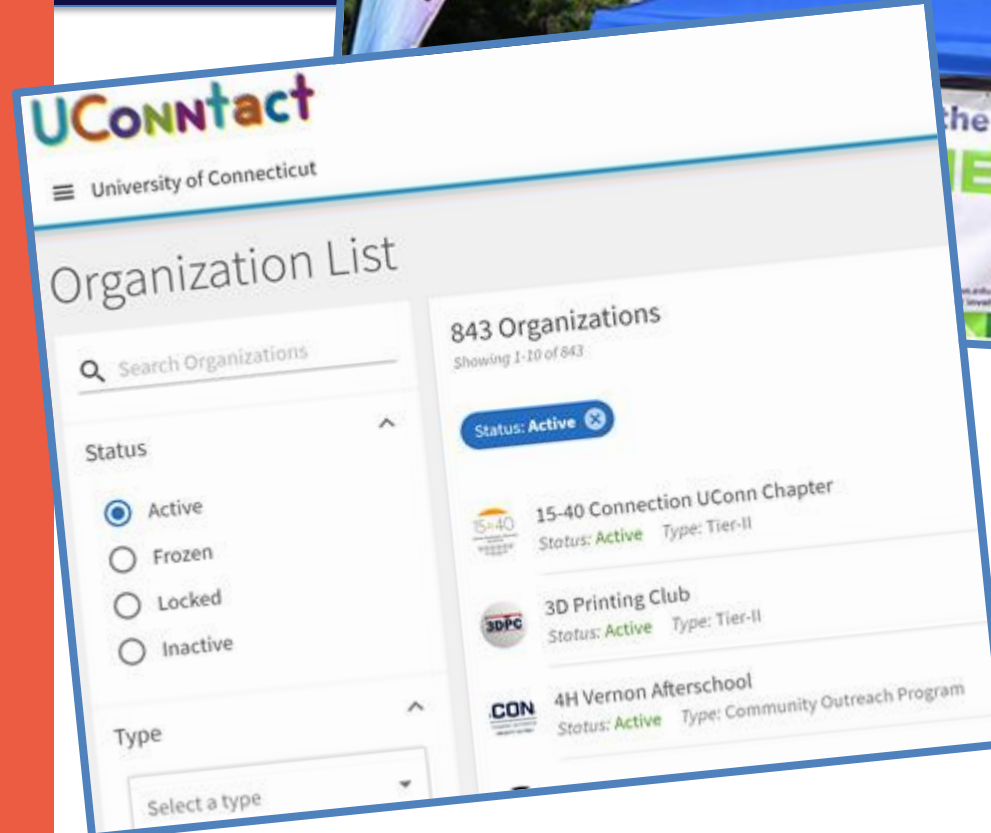
# FIND ORGS:

## INVOLVEMENT FAIR

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Each Semester (Fall-Sept. 4, 2-6pm)
- 500+ groups/programs to talk with

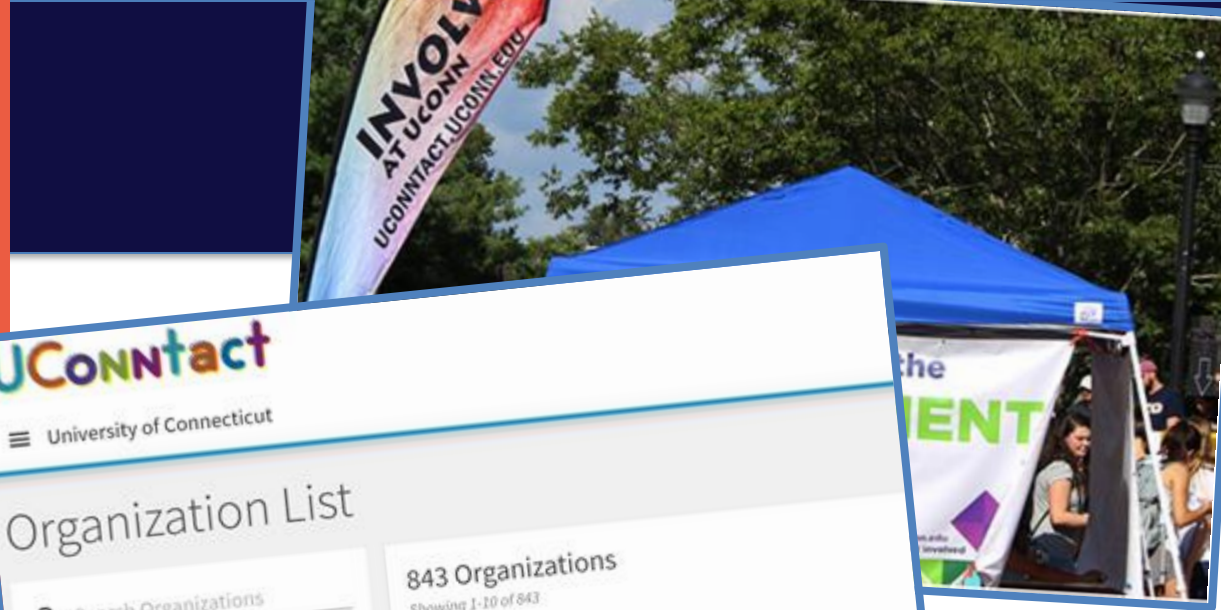
## UCONTACT:

<https://ucontact.uconn.edu/>



The screenshot shows the UConn Contact website interface. At the top, it says "UConn Contact" and "University of Connecticut". Below that is a search bar labeled "Search Organizations". On the left, there are filters for "Status" and "Type". The "Status" filter has four options: Active (selected), Frozen, Locked, and Inactive. The "Type" filter has a dropdown menu labeled "Select a type". On the right, it displays "843 Organizations" and "Showing 1-10 of 843". Below this, there are three organization listings:

- 15-40 Connection UConn Chapter**  
Status: Active Type: Tier-II
- 3D Printing Club**  
Status: Active Type: Tier-II
- 4H Vernon Afterschool**  
Status: Active Type: Community Outreach Program



# Community Service

## Types of Programs:

Semester Long programs

- Education
- Health
- Social

Alternative Break Programs

- International & Domestic

One-Time Events and Programs

Democracy & Political Engagement and Dialogues

<https://communityoutreach.uconn.edu/>  
[UContact.uconn.edu](https://uconncontact.uconn.edu)



# Leadership Development

- Certificate Series
  - Workshop series
    - Last 9 weeks
    - Can be combined or done on their own
  - Certificate upon completion

<https://leadership.uconn.edu/>



# Major Events

- HUSKY WOW (starts August 22)  
- <https://huskywow.uconn.edu/>
- LATE NIGHT
- FAMILY WEEKEND
- TRIPS & ROADSHOWS
- HUSKYTHON
- SPRING WEEKEND



# UConn Cultural Centers

- Asian American Cultural Center (AsACC)
- Puerto Rican & Latin American Cultural Center (PRLACC)
- African American Cultural Center
- Rainbow Center
- Native American Cultural Programs
- Middle Eastern Cultural Programs

**Cultural Centers are located at the Student Union Building – 4th Floor**

**<https://office.diversity.uconn.edu/cultural-centers/>**



# Meet the student presenters!

**Eunice Kim**



**Juanito Briones**



**Karina Huang**



# Asian American Cultural Center (AsACC)

●● History

●● Mission ●●

●● Vision

**Get To Know:  
The Asian American  
Cultural Center**

# Asian American Cultural Center (AsACC)

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT 1987 INCIDENT



- 8 Asian American students, 4 male and 4 female identified students set out to attend an off campus semi-formal.
- On the bus ride to the formal, the students realized they were being spit on with chewing tobacco by a group of white male students
- The hostility continued at the formal, to the point where some of the students hid in a closet
- Upon returning to the campus, the students sought help from the UConn and Bolton police, but to no avail- no arrests or actions were made
- The students turned to a professor, Dr. Paul Bock, to get support and help
- After years of protests from students, and advocacy from faculty and staff - the AsACC opened in 1993

# Asian American Cultural Center (AsACC)

## MISSION

The Asian American Cultural Center (AsACC) provides resources to enhance the University's diversity commitment through its recruitment and retention efforts, teaching, service, and outreach to the Asian American community on campus and beyond. Central to all its programming, the AsACC assists students in exploring and defining their cultural identity in multicultural America.

The AsACC provides a supportive environment for students, faculty, and staff that encourages academic excellence, personal development, community engagement, and professional leadership.

# Asian American Cultural Center (AsACC)

## VISION ←

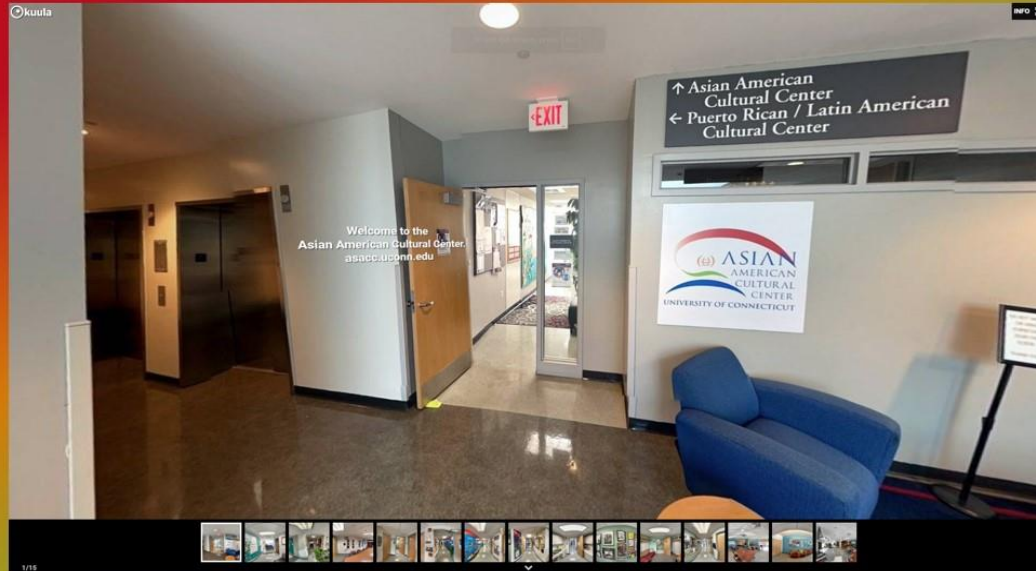
The Asian American Cultural Center strives to create and provide a brave space for students, staff, faculty, and community members of all backgrounds to:

**Feel Heard,  
Be Seen,  
& Find Validation In Their Identities**



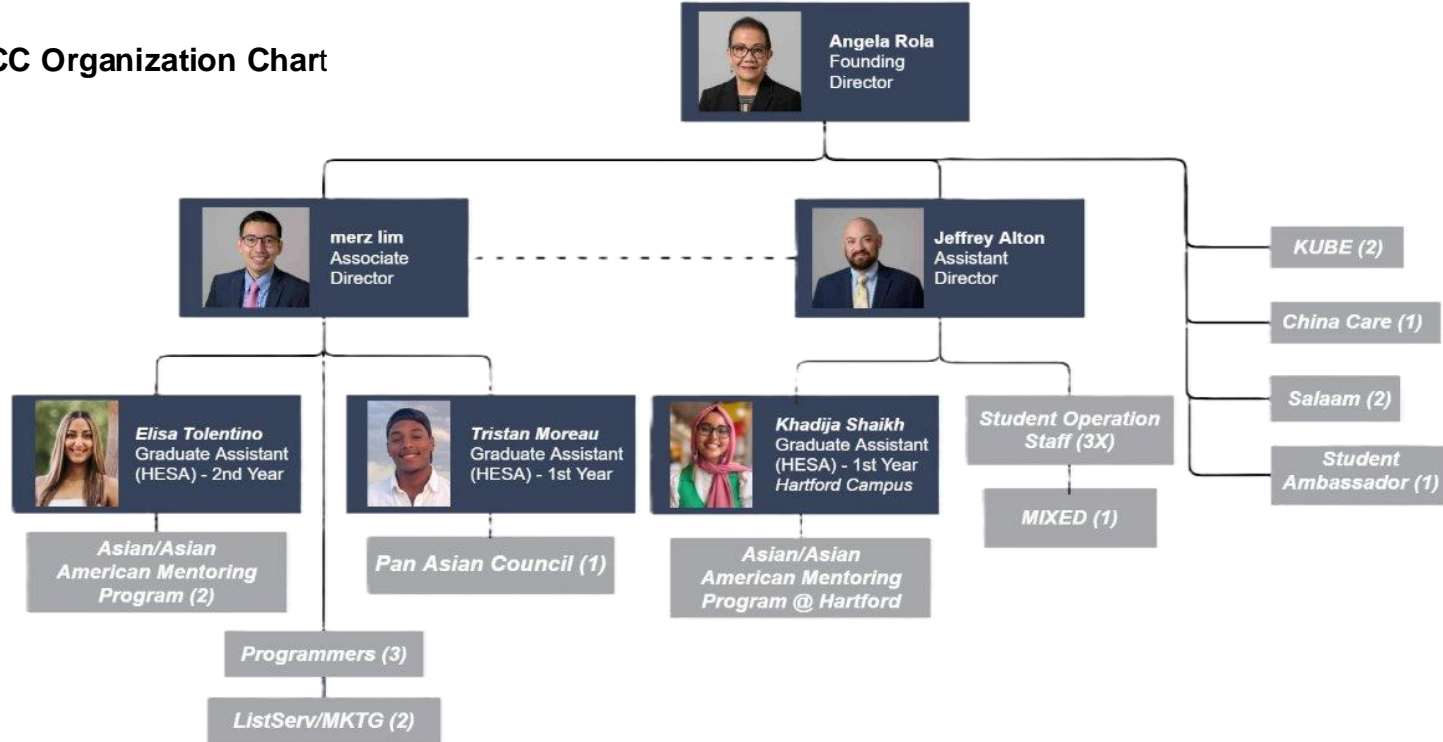
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## PHYSICAL SPACE



# Asian American Cultural Center (AsACC)

AsACC Organization Chart

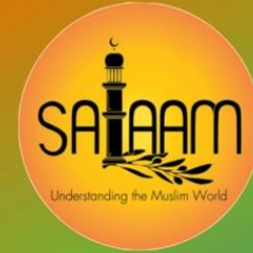


# Asian American Cultural Center (AsACC)

## AsACC Programs



PAN ASIAN COUNCIL





# Asian American Cultural Center (AsACC)

## HIGHLIGHTS OF ASACC

love welcoming reconnection  
community support  
friendships people culture  
almond joy identity development

- Community Building
- Sense of Belonging
- Identity Development
- Leadership Development
- Space for students to be their genuine selves

# Asian American Cultural Center (AsACC)

## COMMUNITIES WITHIN A COMMUNITY

### AFFILIATED STUDENT ORGS

ASHA FOR EDUCATION  
BANGLADESHI STUDENT ASSOCIATION (BSA)  
CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLUB  
CHINESE STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION (CSSA)  
CHINESE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (CUSA)  
DELTA EPSILON PSI FRATERNITY, INC.  
DELTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.  
FILIPINO AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION (FASA)  
HINDU STUDENTS COUNCIL (HSC)  
HINDU URDU LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION (HULA)  
HUSKY BHANGRA (HB)  
HUSKY HUNGAMA  
INDIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (ISA)

JAPANESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (JSA)  
KAPPA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.  
KOREAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION (KSA)  
LAMBDA PHI EPSILON INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY, INC.  
THAI, LAO, & CAMBODIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION (TLC)  
NEPALI STUDENT ASSOCIATION (NSA)  
PAKISTANI COMMUNITY AT UCONN (PCUC)  
PI DELTA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.  
SANSKRITI  
SHAH RU CONN  
UCONN MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
UCONN THUNDERAAS  
UCONN SURYA  
UCONN TAIKO  
VIETNAMESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (VSA)

# Asian American Cultural Center (AsACC)



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## LOCATION

**University of Connecticut AsACC**  
**2110 Hillside Road, Unit 3186**  
**Student Union 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Storrs, CT 06269**

## CONTACT US

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**[www.asacc.uconn.edu](http://www.asacc.uconn.edu)**

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# Meet PRLACC

Your Home Away from Home



Presented by: Michael Vidal

# Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center

- Founded in December 1971
  - First known as La Casa Borinqueña (The Puerto Rican House)
  - Intention to address inequality and racism at UConn
- Main Purpose is to serve students of Latinx backgrounds and roots
  - While it is Latinx based it is not Latinx exclusive
  - Students come to study, relax, and spend time with friends



# Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center

- **Mission**

- Improve the status of Latinx students
- Promote awareness, understanding, and appreciation of Latinx and Latin American cultures



- **Vision**

- Student Retention
- Student Engagement
- Student Development



# Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center

## Annual Programming

- Latinx Heritage Month
- Illuminating the Path
- Homecoming
- Noche Latina
- Passing the Torch
- Recognition Banquet
- METAS Kickoff



# Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center

## METAS

- **Mentoring, Educating, and Transforming to Achieve Success**
- Pairs first year/transfer students with an upperclassmen mentor
  - Aid their transition to UConn
- Mentees receive academic, personal, emotional, and social support. And everyone builds strong friendships, connects with the UConn Latinx community, and gains a family.



## LxSLC

- **Latinx Student Leadership Council**
  - Support and bring together student organizations (educational, cultural, and greek) to help build a sense of belonging for students.
  - Program events for the Center to foster our community among PRLACCians.





# Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center

## Affiliated Student Organizations

### - Cultural

- Brazilian Student Association (BraSA)
- Central American Student Association (CASA)
- Colombian Student Association (PorColombia)
- Dominican Student Association (DSA)
- Ecuadorian Student Association (ECSA)
- Haitian Student Association (HSA)
- Mexican Student Association (MexSA)
- MIXED
- Peruvian Student Association (PerSA)
- Puerto Rican Student Association (PuRSA)

### - Educational

- Bringing Awareness into Latino Ethnicities (B.A.I.L.E.)
- Comidas Of Our Kitchen (C.O.O.K.)
- Distinguished And Motivated Academic Scholars (D.A.M.A.S)
- Medicine, Education, and Development for Low Income Families Everywhere (M.E.D.L.I.F.E.)
- Latino Medical Student Association Plus (LMSA+)
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (S.H.P.E.)
- Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science (S.A.C.N.A.S.)
- Bad Bunny Club
- DeColores

### - Cultural Based Greek

- Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.
- Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc.
- La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.
- Sigma Lambda Upsilon, Señoritas Latinas Unidas, Sorority, Inc
- Mu Sigma Upsilon Sorority, Inc.
- Latino America Unida, Lambda Alpha Upsilon Fraternity, Inc



# Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center



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## Connect with Us!

- Instagram: @UConnPRLACC/  
@METASprlacc
- Email: [prlacc@uconn.edu](mailto:prlacc@uconn.edu)
- METAS: [metas@uconn.edu](mailto:metas@uconn.edu)
- LxSLC: [lxslc@uconn.edu](mailto:lxslc@uconn.edu)
- Website: [latinx.uconn.edu](http://latinx.uconn.edu)

## Want to Reach the PRLACC Pro-Staff?

Interim Director, Michael Vidal :  
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# Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA)

## Mid-Autumn and Spring Festival



# UCONN CSSA



# UConn CSSA

## Who are we and what do we do?

- University of Connecticut Chinese Student & Scholar Association
- Nonprofit student organization supported by the New York Consulate
- Organize various activities to enrich students' campus life
- Committed to providing services and assistance to UConn students



# Events and groups

## C-Union:

Male/ Female basketball team



## G.E.D Dance Crew



UConn CS  
首届校园生活  
摄影大赛



## Mid-Autumn Festival



Halloween  
Party

## Chinese New Year Events

# Contacts

As a student organization, we warmly and sincerely welcome all students to join us to explore Chinese culture and entertainment.

Email: [uconn.cssa.storrs@gmail.com](mailto:uconn.cssa.storrs@gmail.com)

- Follow us on  
Instagram: @uconncssa  
Wechat Official Account: 留学在康涅狄格大学  
抖音：UConn-CSSA  
RED：留学在康涅狄格大学





# Tarang

- South Asian community of Graduate Students
- Cultural Organization: Promote awareness, understanding, and appreciation of South Asian Culture among members of the UCONN community
- Storrs Campus: Open for all graduate students





*Glimpse of Tarang events*

# Tarang

- To hear about our upcoming events
  - Serv list: <https://tarang.rso.uconn.edu/contact-us/>
  - UConn Graduate Announcements, Daily Digest, News for International Students
- For membership, join us
  - <https://uconntact.uconn.edu/organization/tarang>
- Follow us on Facebook/Instagram
  - @uconntarang
- For any questions reach out to us
  - Email: [uconntarang@gmail.com](mailto:uconntarang@gmail.com)



# Questions? Email Us!

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Tarang [uconntarang@gmail.com](mailto:uconntarang@gmail.com)

# Important Information and Upcoming Dates

- Review ISSS Pre-Arrival Information and “International Student Welcome Guide”  
<https://issu.uconn.edu/prepare-for-arrival/>
- **ASAP:** Submit Health History Form
- **Tuesday, August 1-** Deadline to pay fee bill for undergraduate students
- **Friday, August 9-** Early Move-in Date for graduate students moving into **Northwood**
- **Friday, August 16-** New Student Move-in Date for undergrads and any graduate students moving into **Oaks and Northwood**
- **Saturday, August 17-** International Services Fair - Open Bank Accounts, Set Up a U.S. Cell Phone Plan and Shopping Trip (**Storrs Campus**)
- **Monday, August 19-** CISS Welcome and Support Program for Graduate Students (**Hartford, Stamford, and Storrs Campus**)
- **Monday and Tuesday, August 19-20-** CISS Welcome and Support Program for Undergraduate Students (**Storrs Campus**)
- **Wednesday and Thursday, August 21-22** University Orientation (**Storrs Undergraduate**)
- **Friday, August 23** - Deadline to pay fee bill for graduate students