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## Editor's Note



Dear readers,  
What comes to mind when you think of graduation? Is it fear? Excitement? Skepticism? Relief? Maybe a little bit of everything? This spring issue of Nutmeg Magazine is a special grad-themed edition, and explores the feelings surrounding graduation. Read on to hear from various UConn seniors on their advice to freshmen, the best thing they did at UConn, and more. Plus, be sure to read on for another special sneak peak at the 2018 yearbook.  
This edition of Nutmeg Magazine is near to my heart as it is my last issue as Magazine Managing Editor. This is a position I have held since my sophomore year, and Nutmeg Publishing is an organization that has truly shaped my time here at UConn. I hope to see the organization, our staff, the magazine, and the yearbook continue to thrive after I'm gone. Thank you for reading and thank you to our hardworking staff who make this publication possible!

Happy reading,  
**Rachel Sarnie**

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# UConn ON GRADUATION



It is common to hear the sentiment “enjoy college, it goes by too fast” from college graduates of all ages. College is a time of independence, discovering your passions, and cultivating interests in different clubs and activities. It is where young men and women grow as individuals and discover what their path will be after they graduate from UConn. Below are several interviews from graduating seniors who look back on their time at UConn, discuss their feelings about graduation, and give advice to UConn’s incoming freshman class.



**Kavita Sinha** — Senior



**Majors**

Molecular & Cell Biology & Psych,  
Cognitive Science

**Minors**

Computer Science,  
Bioinformatics, & Neuroscience

**What was the best thing you have done during your time at UConn?**

"Getting involved in research, as it gave me a lot of opportunities to make connections with professionals. It also really helped me narrow down what I want to do after graduation, because I have been exposed to so many different fields."

**Is there anything you wish you could have done differently? Why?**

"I feel like that in my freshman year, I wish I had branched out more and met other people. I am from Connecticut and I knew a lot of UConn students from high school, so I didn't branch out much until my

sophomore when I moved and lived with different people."

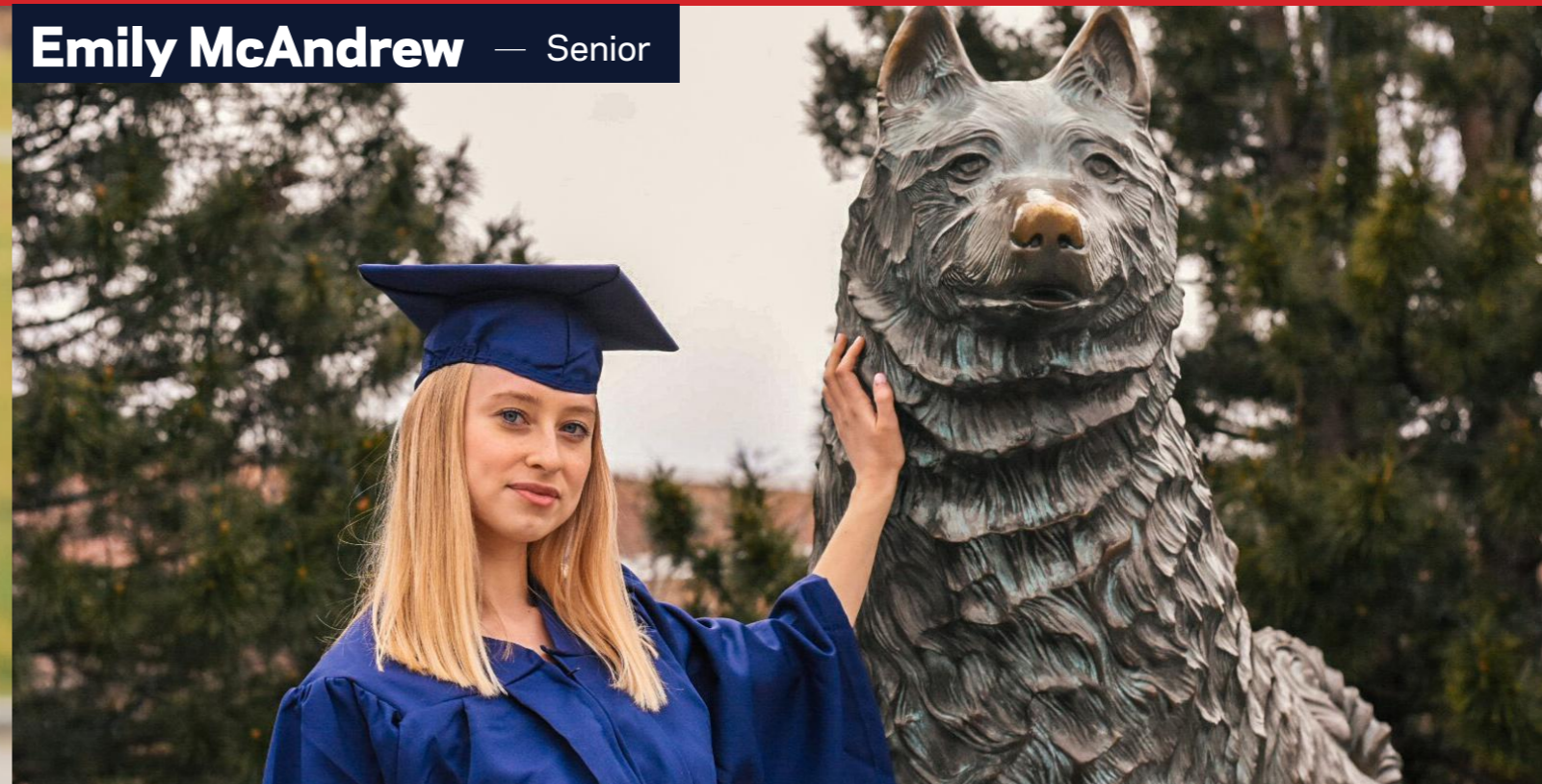
**How are you feeling about graduating so soon?**

"Excited and sad because I feel like a lot of my friends are moving to different places, but I am excited to move on and do other things."

**What advice do you have for UConn's incoming freshman class?**

"Try everything you want to do, take classes even if they aren't in your major. I did that and that is how I ended up with my other major. You will find different things that you weren't necessarily exposed to in high school."

**Emily McAndrew** — Senior



**Major**

Digital Media and Design

**What was the best thing you have done during your time at UConn?**

"Studying abroad in London through UConn, because I had wanted to go to London for so long and I was so happy that the program worked out. Half the program was an internship, which was great as I got an internship with AMC, which is something I don't think I would have gotten otherwise."

**Is there anything you wish you could have done differently? Why?**

"I wish I would have thought about minors earlier. I was going for a WGSS minor, but it ended up being too late and I was one class off. So, I wish I had thought about minors that were more applicable to my

major early on."

**How are you feeling about graduating so soon?**

"Excited, I am ready to leave UConn. I have been ready to leave since Sophomore year because I am ready to start my career and live somewhere with more city life."

**What advice do you have for UConn's incoming freshman class?**

"Explore, do a lot of clubs. I loved my freshman year because I tried everything and met a lot of people. Go out, have fun, don't study all the time, work hard, but don't make school your entire life. Have the college experience you want to have!"

**Ariel Sussman** — Senior



**Major**  
Journalism

**Minor**  
Communication Sciences

**What was the best thing you have done during your time at UConn?**

"My first year, especially being a part of a learning community because that is where I met all of my best friends, who I am still close with now. All of my best experiences I have had at UConn are due to the communities I have been a part of here, like my Humanities learning community freshman year, my sorority AEPi, and Nutmeg."

**Is there anything you wish you could have done differently? Why?**

"Sometimes I wish I got more involved, even though I was a part of my sorority and part of Nutmeg, just because there are so many clubs here."

**How are you feeling about graduating so soon?**

"I am ready, not to say that I hate it here because I do not, but I feel like I have gotten to the place where I am ready to move on. I am twenty-two years old and I feel ready to enter the adult world. It will be bittersweet because I won't be with my friends all the time, but I also am done with the schooling part of my life for the time being."

**What advice do you have for UConn's incoming freshman class?**

"Put yourself out there, do things that aren't necessarily in your comfort zone because I feel like you are never going to have the opportunities that such a big school like UConn offers again. All my best experiences were with people I met in the small types of communities UConn offers. There are so many ways to meet people and foster that sense of community."

**Sharon Lee** — Senior



**Majors**  
Communications & Sociology

**What was the best thing you have done during your time at UConn?**

"Making the friends that I have now. I wouldn't say that there is anything that particularly stands out to me. It is more the experiences I have had were made great by the people I was with. It sounds really cheesy but going abroad was also one of the most amazing experiences I have ever had and UConn gave that to me."

**Is there anything you wish you could have done differently? Why?**

"Be more involved, because I am the type of person who likes to do things. College is a small portion of your life, but there are activities that I feel are authentic to UConn that I don't think I can get anywhere else because they are so unique to UConn, especially events like HuskyTHON and sporting events."

**How are you feeling about graduating so soon?**

"It is bitter sweet. For the longest time I said 'I wish I could graduate', but now that it is actually happening, I am much more sad about it, especially because I am not sure what I am doing after graduation."

**What advice do you have for UConn's incoming freshman class?**

"Make the most of everything, don't just sit around your dorm room and do nothing. Be more out there, you don't want to leave college thinking, 'I wish I had done that.'"

**Simran Kaur** — Senior



**Major**  
Biomedical Engineering

***What was the best thing you have done during your time at UConn?***

"I would say the MedLife trip that I went on. Through UConn I was able to go to a different country and use what I have learned and apply it. I got to know more students at UConn and students from other schools and we were able to build a community together."

***Is there anything you wish you could have done differently? Why?***

"I wish that I utilized my resources a lot earlier and became more aware of them a lot earlier. I feel like there is more I could have done, but I found those opportunities later, therefore I am more involved now."

***How are you feeling about graduating so soon?***

"It flew by really fast. It is bittersweet, I am both happy and sad. I am sad my undergrad is over and I am both scared and excited to enter the real world and find a job."

***What advice do you have for UConn's incoming freshman class?***

"Get involved. That is how you make your friends, that is how you figure out your place at UConn, and figure out your place in the world. You can pursue passions that you have or passions that you think you may have."



# YEARBOOK PREVIEW

THE NUTMEG YEARBOOK FEATURES EVERYTHING FROM STUDENT LIFE AND IMPORTANT EVENTS TO INDIVIDUAL PORTRAITS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS.

# FOOTBALL

With head coach Randy Edsall back at the helm of UConn Football, the team sought a quick return to the gridiron prestige he brought to the program nearly two decades ago. Behind Edsall, who Husky fans might remember lead the team in their transition from Division-I AA to Division-I A in 2002, the program became the fastest ever to reach a major FBS Bowl Game from the time of their transition with its 2011 Fiesta Bowl appearance against Oklahoma. What became of the first year in his second tenure was a vastly improved offense from that which ranked 125th in total yards per game just a season ago, and a promise that the return of great football to the state of Connecticut loomed in the near future.

Despite a noticeable decline in defensive production, which was to be

expected given the plethora of NFL talent taken from UConn defenses of recent past, the unit improved significantly on the offensive side of the ball by means of its commitment to classic ground and pound football which complemented fittingly its up-tempo air-raid style, typical of the modern college football game. The much-renovated passing attack, which in 2016 ranked 109th, was good for 33rd in 2017 thanks in large to career highs in touchdowns, completion percentage, passing efficiency, and passing yards per game from Senior quarterback Bryant Shirreffs. The blue-collar, hardnosed run game bolstered by a formidable UConn offensive line afforded freshman and redshirt freshman, Kevin Mensah and Nate Hopkins, impressive rookie campaigns which saw them lead the squad in rushing touchdowns at four and

seven respectively. The pride of Ansonia High, Arkeel Newsome, solidified his legend in the lore of UConn football by posting a career high in receiving yards, best for third amongst backs in the entire FBS, finishing his career in the navy and red with 22 total touchdowns.

Nevertheless, the season didn't pan out quite as the Husky faithful had hoped as the squad finished with a record of 3-9. A five-game skid culminating in a valiant yet heartbreaking comeback attempt which saw the Huskies fall to conference foe Cincinnati marked the end of the 2017 season. Nevertheless, a pair of Huskies, senior linebacker Junior Joseph and senior defensive lineman Cole Ornsby, were distinguished with postseason awards for their efforts on the field.



Article by Mike Carlson Photographs by Owen Bonaventura & Caroline Puma Design by Chin Rochester





# John Mulaney

As the month of November came to a close, SUBOG hosted comedians Max Silvestri and John Mulaney at the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts. Max Silvestri, former host of the Bravo series *Recipe for Destruction*, has opened for Mulaney, as he did for the length of his North American Tour. Silvestri has written for the Netflix animated series *Big Mouth*, which offered audiences an insight into his humor. Silvestri kicked off the show discussing the dynamic of machismo among groups of men and how he was nowhere near the leader of a pack. “I close my eyes when I drink water,” said Silvestri. “It’s like kissing a wet ghost.” He joked he would bully his own son one day if he was more masculine than him. He even compared the stereotypes of “manly” men to the intimacy of his wife’s group of friends. Silvestri then addressed the woes of growing older and his worst realization —

his body breaking down. Silvestri spoke about a situation in which his tooth fell out of his mouth before catching a flight. The punchline? He had forgotten it was a crown cast from nearly a decade before and suffered a panic attack. Silvestri left the crowd in hysterics with the image of a toothless, woozy man scaring people in an airport.

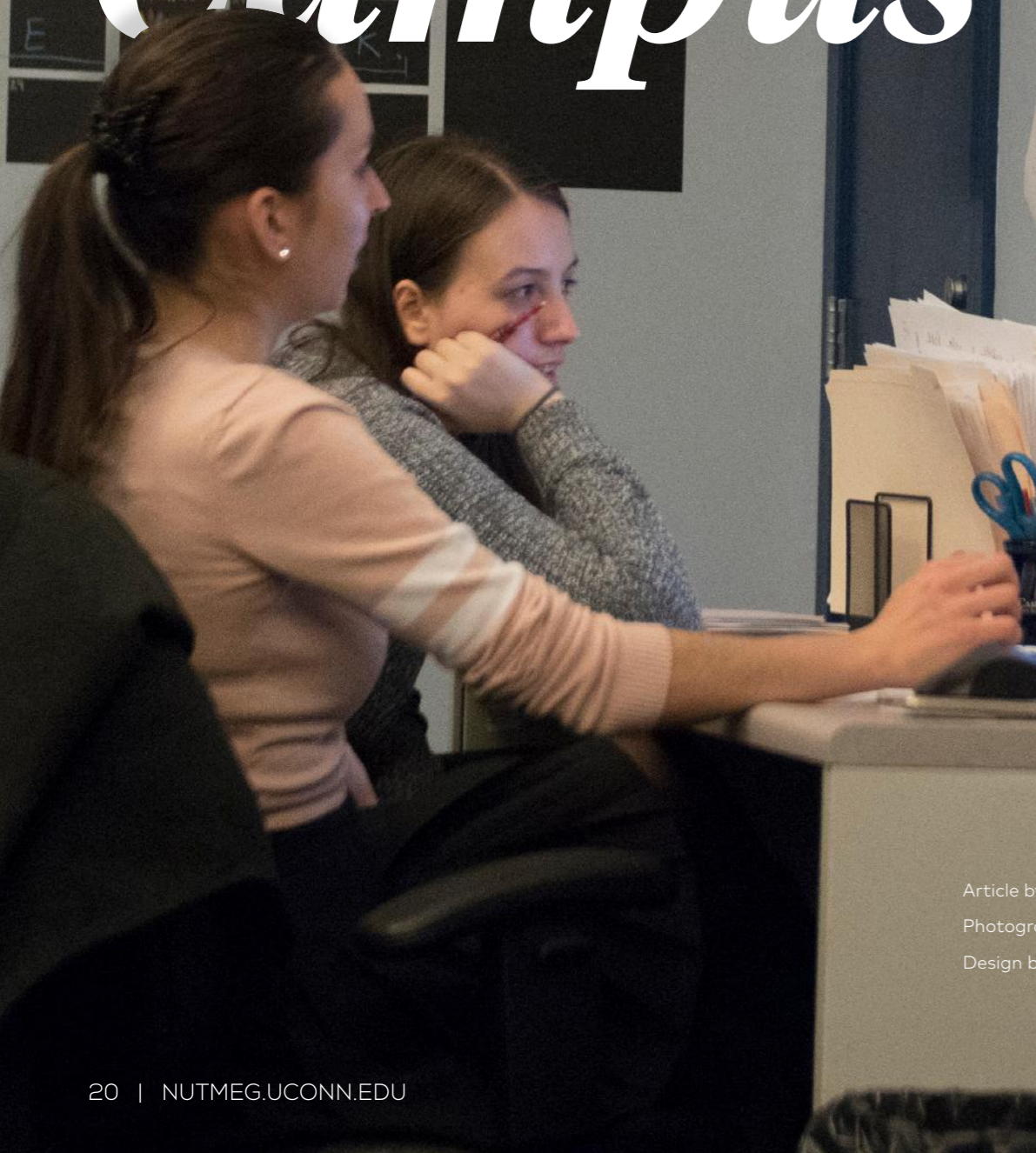
With that, out walked “Kid Gorgeous” — John Mulaney. Mulaney wrote for *Saturday Night Live* and has garnered popularity with several stand-up specials on Netflix. Mulaney began discussing the trope of Connecticut being haunted. He recalled a moment his childhood how his own mother believed their house was haunted by a Victorian-age girl, and how his father comically disregarded the thought immediately. Digging deeper into his youth, Mulaney vividly retold a school assembly with an eccentric police detective. Mulaney listed

the hilarious tips the detective offered when, not if, you were kidnapped. One of the tips called for a child to always have a money clip with a \$100 and toss it away to distract a criminal. In the middle of the show, Mulaney brought with him a copy of that day’s issue of the *Daily Campus* newspaper. He read through and joked about an article of what were the worst Christmas songs. Since Mulaney was performing at a college, it was natural he transitioned to tell the crowd about how his own university days; “I lived like a ninja turtle.” Mulaney even poked fun at himself for his own English degree: “I paid \$120,000 to read *Jane Austen*.”

“I’ve never seen a comedian do material straight out of the newspaper before. It was good, but not what I was expecting,” said fifth-semester civil engineering major David Duff. “I love John Mulaney and got my ticket the day they started selling them.”



# Meet Daily Campus



Article by **Laura Gelb**  
Photographs by **Christian Partenio**  
Design by **Dan Araujo**



**T**he Daily Campus has been informing the students and staff at UConn since 1896. Since then, thousands of students have utilized the publication to express their opinions and inform their peers of happenings at UConn. The Tier-III organization welcomes students of all majors and strives to deliver fair, accurate and relevant information, while also giving students an opportunity to learn new skills. UConn senior and Life section editor at the Daily Campus Schae Beaudoin emphasizes how vital it is to present news with a student perspective. “As students ourselves, we are...the best people to be reporting on students and on the campus because we are the closest to it,” she says.

The paper covers an array of topics including Life, Sports, News and Opinion. The paper can be easily spotted around campus, too, either at their own building in downtown Storrs or in various buildings that offer free papers for students to take. Schae says writing for the newspaper gives people real world experience that can carry into any job. “I’ve learned so much...we cover press conferences and get press passes for events around campus just like a professional paper would,” she says.

They also get to write some less serious articles, too, like one titled “DIY Ugly Sweaters” or “Don’t Call It A Comeback Tour: Finding your peak is hard.” At the Daily Campus, the staff strives “to take on student interests as [their] own interests.”

That concept is reflected through the content they produce. Schae says they’re even trying to improve their digital footprint, since that’s where everything is headed to. “We try to weave in video packages and live streams whenever we can,” she explains.

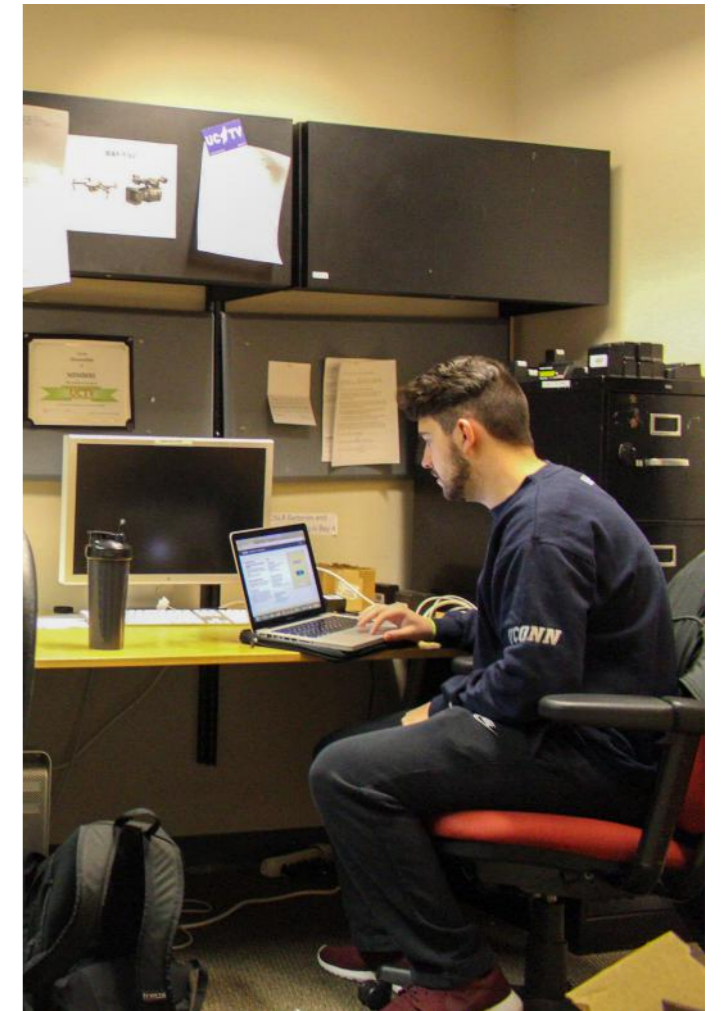
The Daily Campus doesn’t shy away from any UConn-related topic, and has produced some hard-hitting pieces, such as personal interviews with UConn President Susan Herbst, as well as a transcribed interview with Lucian Wintrich, who made national headlines after his controversial speech at UConn. The Opinion section provides a space for students to offer their feelings on both on-campus and off-campus events and write about topics that specifically interest them. Some big Daily Campus stories have even been picked up by national news outlets, Schae says.

After she graduates, Schae says she hopes the paper will continue to utilize new technologies in their reporting: “We make sure we evolve as the way people consume news evolves.” When it comes to worrying over whether the print publication will survive, Schae says she isn’t concerned about the longevity of the paper. The Daily Campus has been a staple at UConn for a very long time, and she’s confident “that it will continue to grow long after I graduate.”



# Meet UCTV

Article by **Katie DePalma**  
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Design by **Dan Araujo**



University of Connecticut Student Television, more commonly known as UCTV, is a completely student-run organization that works to educate students in the fields of production and broadcasting. This is done through the implementation of original student-made programming as well as preparing students for future careers or endeavors in the broadcast and entertainment industry. UCTV encourages students creative freedom and expression and is open to all interested undergraduate students.

The organization has five main content producing departments: News, Sports, Entertainment, Advertising, and UCSPAN. News develops content related to current events and local news, therefore news members try to seek out stories relating to current campus events. Sports develops content related to current sports news, including both college and professional sports. Members of the Sports department film most home games and some away games for UConn's major sports teams.

Entertainment is made up of all the other UCTV shows. Members of Entertainment also design music for all shows within UCTV. Advertising makes commercials customized to a specific organization or business. The commercial would both be aired on UCTV and posted online. The University of Connecticut Student Public Access Network (UCSPAN) specializes in filming UCONN events.

"[UCTV] members acquire experience including anchoring, writing, editing, control room/technology use, and camerawork. Other experience includes project management and music composition," says the UCTV General Manager, junior Alexis Alvarez.

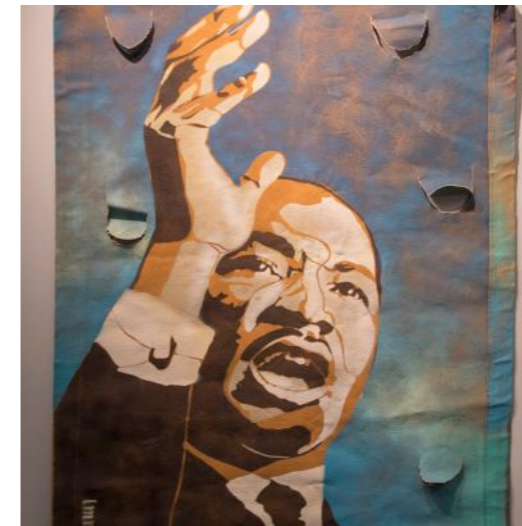
UCTV covers a variety of events, whether they be cultural, UConn specific, sports or any other of the organization's specific events. Specific occasions vary year to year, but in the past year UCSPAN has doubled the amount of events they covered since the previous spring semester. Over the course of 2017, UCSPAN covered more than 150 events. Involvement in UCTV is a great asset to many UConn students' college experience as it allows students to gain knowledge in the fields of media and broadcasting by actually taking part in creating and producing news.

"In being a part of UCTV, students gain real life experience as well as the opportunity to make their own show, cover sporting events, be paid for filming on-campus events and to be a part of a live news broadcast. They will find the culture at UCTV to be open and fun and are guaranteed to develop friendships with our awesome members," comments Alvarez.

# Metanoia

Together: Confronting Racism

Article by Nicole Sanclemente  
Photographs by Christian Partenio  
Design by Dan Araujo



Every year since 1979, the UConn community comes together to talk about racism in the annual “Metanoia” event. This year’s event, “Together: Confronting Racism” was used to confront and respond to the recent events taking place in our country. The definition of metanoia is “change in one’s way of life resulting from penitence or spiritual conversion.” Students, faculty, staff, and members of the community came together throughout separate times of the day to discuss very important social problems that result from racism and discrimination. They met all around campus, from the Student Union to the Library. Conferences and presentations ranged from racism through the media, racism through sports, to even racism depicted in art. These individuals united to not only try and educate others in respect to these issues, but to help advocate for ways in which we as a community can combat these racist attitudes.

UConn sports management professor Joseph Cooper, history professor Oskar Harmon and economic professor Jeffrey Ogbar conducted a

very educational presentation regarding racism seen in sports. They talked about the recent “Taking a Knee” protest that was started by Colin Kaepernick, a professional football player for the San Francisco 49ers. Kaepernick started kneeling for the national anthem in solidarity with the black men and women killed by police officials with no repercussions. When his contract ended, no team out of 32 NFL teams offered him a contract to join their organizations. Due to this he is currently still a free agent in the NFL, and has decided to file a lawsuit against the league. The professors explained how this peaceful protest had nothing to do with disrespecting the veterans or current soldiers in the United States military, nor did it have to do with the national anthem or the country’s flag.

At the Puerto Rican and Latin American Cultural Center, Professor Samuel Martinez led a discussion with other faculty and current students regarding the recent treatment of Puerto Ricans after Hurricane Maria. They also explained the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and opened

up the floor for the audience to express their feelings regarding the recent decision to rescind this policy. Current freshman Tiffany Sanclemente was very involved with the conversation as a member of the audience as she took notes of the presentation. When asked how she felt as a woman of color on a college campus, Tiffany said, “Sometimes I feel like certain people undermine my capabilities, and I obviously prove them wrong, but the fact that I have to do that for them to actually take me serious is what bothers me.” Tiffany said that she believed the Metanoia events, especially the PRLACC presentation, are “important for the UConn community to share experiences, stories, and information to try and fix the current issues we are facing.” The entire day was dedicated to not only what is going on, but also how we are going to fix it. It was great to see so much support from the UConn community, all trying to become more educated about very controversial topics and trying to find solutions to the problems.

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