

UCONN AVERY POINT ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Avery Point Graduate Recognition and Awards Ceremony-April 29, 2007

On Sunday, April 29 the Avery Point campus recognized students receiving a bachelor's degree. The campus holds the ceremony once a year, so unlike Commencement at Storrs, we try to catch all of our students who have, or will be, graduating during the year in one of our

four-year degree programs.

The day was chilly and breezy, but we enjoyed sitting outside and enjoying the sea views while we honored our students.

In American Studies, seven students are graduating this

spring or during the year: Phillip Breault (with a second major in History), Jennifer Hood (second major in Anthropology), Karla Ithier, Barry Keenan, Deborah Macintosh (second major in English), Tia Mincey and Jonathan Shewbrooks. Con'td on page 4

AVERY POINT BASEBALL TEAM WINS TITLE

The UCONN Avery Point Baseball Team captured their fourth straight National Junior College Athletic Association Division II New England Title this season by beating the Community College of Rhode Island Knights 6-5. The Pointers completed their sweep of the CCRI team in a best of three series at Washington Park in Groton. The Pointers 2007 record was 33 wins and 8 losses.



Avery Point Recruiting News...

Four-year majors at Avery Point are growing each year! Currently we offer four-year degree programs in American Studies, Coastal Studies, Maritime Studies and General Studies and students are enrolling from near and far. Avery Point has attracted applicants for the fall 2007-08 academic year from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode

Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey and as far away as California, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. We are seeing a growing interest in ocean-focused majors, specifically Coastal/Marine Science and Maritime Studies and the information available on our web site has attracted many new students. Prospective

students who tour our campus are always struck by its beautiful location and the personal attention they receive as visitors. As alumni, we welcome your help in recruiting new students and spreading the word about UConn Avery Point, the "campus by the sea".

AP Ambassadors:

Lola Farese

Alysia Jarmon

Amy Asmus

UCONN Avery Point Husky Ambassador Program (APHAP)

The Avery Point campus has recently begun a new program at our campus to personalize the admission process by providing information to prospective students from the perspective of current students. The Avery Point Husky

Ambassador Program also provides volunteers for campus events and community events. The 2006-2007 APHAP logged over 250 volunteer hours and conducted over 80 personalized tours for our campus. This group is currently working on plans to

recruit for next year's ambassadors and ways to inspire and motivate the next class of ambassadors.



UCONN Avery Point Alexey von Schlippe Gallery

For more information and a schedule of events at the AvS Gallery please go to:

www.averypointarts.uconn.edu

Come visit the gallery and stroll along the Sculpture Path!



UConn Avery Point Off-Campus Housing

The University of Connecticut, Avery Point Campus has been working with a luxury apartment complex about 2 miles from campus to house Avery Point students who live outside of the local area. This complex has agreed to give nine month leases for our students and works with our students to help resolve any issues that may come up. In the past year we have added a Community Assistant (CA) to our off campus housing complex. The CA is very similar to the traditional RA. She is primarily responsible for peer mediation with the students and social and educational programming specifically targeted for off campus housing students. The number of students taking advantage of the off-campus housing option has doubled every year for the past three years. During the 2006-07 academic year, close to 100 students had the experience of living in an off-campus community setting among fellow UConn students.



UConn Avery Point Women's Basketball

Women's basketball returned to the Avery Point campus this year. The season was successful in all areas. The team finished with a record of 8-8 despite playing only five home games and playing six games against either nationally ranked division III opponents or opponents from a higher level. The 8-8 record earned us a bid in the league tournament where we lost in the semi-finals to the eventual champion. Each student athlete contributed to at least one community service project and all but two members of the program earned at least a 2.6 gpa. The players and coaches also united to raise more than \$5,000 by having a pasta dinner, a car wash, a team program, a sales event / raffle / silent auction with the CT Defenders, and many other smaller events.

The women's basketball team has received oral commitments from 4 current players, one transfer student, and six high school seniors. Our players are from Milford, Higganum, Northford, Clinton, Killingly, Lebanon, East Lyme, New Haven, and North Grosvendale. Our recruiting efforts have stretched from Western CT into RI. We expect the 2007-2008 team to be just as successful as the 2006-2007 on the court, in the classroom and in the community.



In Coastal Studies, five students: Edith Carson, Lillian Cheng, Shawn Goulet, Scott Hastings, Diana Wickman.



In Maritime Studies, two students: Lucas Donahue and Rachel Sonn.

In General Studies, twenty nine students: Anna Allison, Jodie Bartnicki, Lisa Bitzer, Jessica Blais, Jeffrey Craddoc, Nicole Craddoc, Clairlyn Davis, Robert Davisson, Timothy DeVall, Patricia Engerran, Joanne Gomez, Sharon Grogan, Tyrone Hughes, Pamela Hunt, David Jacobs, Donna Jacobson, Michelle Jolly, Suk Lee, Eileen LeMontagne, Alice Matthews, Gregory McCarthy, Shannon McClelland, Joseph

Montano, David Moore, Joyce Morgan-Elias, Carlton Smith, Brian Stavesky, Melinda Tyler, Denica Wickham

We also invite students graduating from other majors at the University who are finishing up their last semester at Avery Point. This year, eighteen students with “other” majors were invited to the celebration. Joining us were Katie Flynn (Psychology), Katherine Koebbe (History, English and Anthropology), Rachael Ladyga (Political Science and History), Cory Mastrandrea (English), Nathan Pupillo (English), Dugan Tillman-Brown (Resource Economics).

We also use this spring event to recognize the outstanding academic accomplishments of continuing students. This year, we offered scholarship awards to Donna Jacobson (AAUW Ellen Baird Award), Laura Munro (Southeastern Connecticut Women’s Network Scholarship), Kevin Huffmire (Richard Montgomery Award), Deborah Macintosh (UConn Southeastern Chapter Alumni Award), Sean Monde (James Sinay Memorial Award), and Avery Point Awards of Excellence to: Zachary Binkowski, Lisa Bitzer, Louise Brown, Brandon Kress, Cory Mastrandrea, Marina Morales, Gina Ralph, Frank Silva, and Huawen Zheng.





MORE NEWS FROM THE UCAP ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT:

Head Coach James Childs will be entering his fifth season as basketball coach for the men. Although the record for last season was 4-24, the team showed a lot of perseverance and character this season. The team played every game with enthusiasm and intensity, gaining respect from other teams and coaches. The season was highlighted by a trip to play in a Christmas Tournament in Montreal,

Canada. It was a great opportunity for our players to experience a different culture. They also had to adapt to different basketball rules as they engaged in international play with international rules. The players were acknowledged by the tournament coordinators as being the most gentlemanly participants.

They were also recognized as being excellent ambassadors for their University and the United States. They had an extremely successful Benefit Dinner that covered the expenses for the entire Montreal trip with incredible amount of support from family, friends, and the community. One of the players even donated his time and DJ'ed the entire evening. We are hoping to make this an annual event.

Upcoming Events:

The Friends of Avery Point Baseball 8th Annual Golf Tournament will be held Friday, July 20th at 12:30 at the Shennecosset Golf Course with a reception at the Branford House at 5:00. Anyone who is interested, please contact Coach Bidwell at 405-9084.



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We want to hear all of your news! Send us your news about weddings, birth announcements, new jobs, engagements, job promotions. We want to hear about any accomplishments or news that you want to share with your fellow alums.

Do you have a funny story about Avery Point?

Do you have a story or experience about your Avery Point days that you would like to share?

We would love to hear from you!

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