

# ECE NEWS TO KNOW

### HIGHLIGHTS Winter Edition

#### **University Resources**

As part of the UConn community, UConn ECE Faculty have many avenues to use University resources. Your two most important identifiers are 1.) your PeopleSoft Number and 2.) NetID. PeopleSoft is the system you use to enter student grades, but it is also useful to see your class rosters and even request a WebCT Vista site. You can get your PeopleSoft number by calling our office at 860.486.1045. A PeopleSoft tutorial can be found on our website at: www.ece.uconn.edu.

Your NetID is a different number from PeopleSoft, which gives you access to all the online library resources (Interlibrary Loans, Document Delivery, Requesting a Library Book Hold, accessing WebCT Vista). The only way for faculty to request their NetID and reset their password is by contacting the University Information Technology Services (UITS) Help Desk at 860.486.HELP, option three. You will need your PeopleSoft number to confirm your identity.

Contact our office for more details on resources related to your NetID and PeopleSoft number.

Nominate outstanding an ECE instructor or Faculty Coordinators. Go online to caste your ballot, www.ece.uconn.edu.

#### Calendar of Events

Site Representative Conference– February 1, 2007 Art Workshop— March 2007 Physics Workshop— March 2007 French Workshop— May 2007 New Instructor Orientation— May 24, 2007 First Year Experience & UConn Early College Experience Annual Conference— June 5, 2007 Biology Workshop— June 8, 2007 Math Workshop— August 2007

#### Annual Site Representative Meeting: February 1, 2007

The Second Annual Site Representative Meeting is scheduled for February 1<sup>st</sup> in the Rome Ballroom, second floor of South Campus This will be a very important meeting because we will be discussing many key items, such as:

- amendments to the spring registration and the fall billing process
- piloting an online registration form
- new courses for the 2007-2008 academic year,
- new improvements and privileges, and
- teacher certification issues.

We will be handing out student registration forms and other important documents. For a smooth start to UConn ECE Registration, make sure at least one representative from your high school attends. While an invitation is forthcoming, you can already **RSVP** to: <u>eccregistration@uconn.edu</u>.

## Italian Workshop 2006

October 2006 marked the first UConn ECE Italian Workshop that was held in conjunction with the Third Annual Robert Dombrowski Italian Conference. This day-long event included many well known scholars from around the globe and our own well recognized scholars Franco Masciandaro (ECE Italian Faculty Coordinator and Italian Department Chair) and Norma Bouchard (Chair of Modern and Classical Languages) from the University of Connecticut. Dominic Corraro from Notre Dame High School (UConn ECE Italian and Spanish) thoroughly enjoyed the day. "This was a great experience – I can definitely take these things back to the classroom." From modern interpretations of Dante to the politics of Italian immigrants in the Unites States during World War II, the conference explored many areas of Italy's influence on the Mediterranean.

#### **Unprecedented Growth**

UConn ECE is a community that is growing and growing. Just this year student enrollment jumped from 3,700 to approximately 4,600 students! Instructor enrollment was also higher than any other year with 87 newly certified ECE Instructors! Not only has the existing community jumped in numbers, we have six new high schools that joined the ECE family: Bridgeport AquaCulture Vocational High School, Staples High School (Westport), Trinity Catholic High School (Stamford), University High School (Hartford), Waterbury Arts Magnet High School, and Woodland Regional High School (Beacon Falls). Welcome to UConn Early College Experience!

#### Jill Thorne - NACEP Research Chairperson

This April UConn ECE will be submitting an application for accreditation in the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP). NACEP is the national body (comparable to NEASC is to schools and universities) that unites all dual enrollment programs under common standards and guidelines lending greater visibility and prestige to dual enrollment programs. While NACEP is a young organization, UConn ECE has been involved with the organization since its inception over five years ago. This year marks our first time a member of UConn ECE has been elected to a position! Gillian Thorne has been elected and has accepted the role of NACEP Research Chairperson. Among her many responsibilities Jill will be coordinating the efforts to synthesize the follow-up information on student success and matriculation to other institutions. Congratulations Jill!