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Welcome to Confratute Information Packet

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WHAT'S A CONFRATUTE?

Confratute, a professional development **conference** and summer institute with a good deal of **fraternity** mixed in, is celebrating its **40th** year in **2017!** With staff and participants from across the United States and around the world, Confratute has grown in size and diversity as a unique experience for the educational community. The continued success of our program is due to our commitment to the following:

- First and foremost, our focus is on differentiation of instruction, high-end learning, and enrichment teaching. We believe that all students can benefit from enjoyable and challenging learning opportunities and that learning is maximized when we consider each student's abilities, interests, learning styles, and preferred modes of expression. Our focus is on accommodating these differences in a variety of settings. We have shown through our research that a strength-based approach is the best way to both challenge our most advanced learners and to close the achievement gap for at risk youngsters.
- Everyone who teaches at Confratute is selected from the very best professionals who spend the majority of their time directly involved with schools, teachers, and kids. Our focus on practical skills and personalizing the learning process has resulted in nothing short of superlative evaluations over the last 39 years.
- Confratute is an informal learning environment where you can interact on a first-name basis with the staff; meet on the patio with people who share similar concerns; discuss hopes and dreams about education on a sunrise walk around the duck pond; share a late night pizza with other members of the chorus; make plans to stay in touch with new friends and colleagues or visit other people's schools; or start a nationwide blog, Wiki, or computer network of young people who share common interests.

Most of all, Confratute is a community of learners willing to put aside the roles and responsibilities of their everyday jobs to become totally immersed with others in an atmosphere that is purposefully designed to promote acceptance, trust, scholarship, hard work, hard fun, and the belief that everyone has something to contribute to educational improvement. We hope you will join us at **Confratute 2017** and will take both a vision and the know-how to make the vision a reality back to your schools.

Keep up with us using social media!

 **Twitter** users can now follow Joe Renzulli and the Renzulli Center for Creativity, Gifted Education, and Talent Development, and Confratute at:
<https://twitter.com/JosephRenzulli>
<https://twitter.com/UConnNeagGCT>
<https://twitter.com/Confratute>

 **Facebook** users can like and follow the Renzulli Center and Confratute pages at:
<https://www.facebook.com/RenzulliCenter/>
<https://www.facebook.com/confratute>

Joe Renzulli



Please read this packet carefully, then complete and return selected forms by the dates indicated.

ARRIVAL SCHEDULE

Rome Conference Housing Desk is open 7 days a week, 7:00 AM – 11:00 PM with extended hours on Sunday, July 9. Call [860-486-2697](tel:860-486-2697) to check into your reserved dorm room if you arrive to campus after hours.

When?	What?	Where?
Sunday, July 9 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Registration & Check-In	Rome Hall Lobby (ROME on campus map)
Sunday, July 9 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Dinner	Rome Dining Hall (ROME on campus map)
Sunday, July 9 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Strand Counseling	Rome Hall Lobby (ROME on campus map)
Sunday, July 9 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Welcome to Confratute & Keynote	von der Mehden Recital Hall (VDM on campus map)
Sunday, July 9 8:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Welcome Reception	Rome Patio (ROME on campus map)
Monday, July 10 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Registration & Check-In	Rome Hall Lobby (ROME on campus map)
Monday, July 10 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Welcome to Confratute & Orientation	von der Mehden Recital Hall (VDM on campus map)
Monday, July 10 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Opening Keynote Renzulli & Reis	von der Mehden Recital Hall (VDM on campus map)
Monday, July 10 1:30 PM – 12:00 PM	Strand Block B Strands begin	Registration for strands is not required. See Schedule of Events for locations.

SUNDAY CAMPUS TOURS: Take a guided walking tour around campus to see where all of our activities and events will be held during the week. Tours will run every half hour on **Sunday, July 9, beginning at 3:00 PM and ending at 5:00 PM.** Meet the tour guide on the Rome Commons Patio (weather permitting).

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: A brief overview of the schedule of events and strand offerings is located on our website www.confratute.uconn.edu. The Schedule of Events packet detailing schedules and descriptions of strands and events will be provided to you when you arrive at Confratute.

CHECKOUT DEADLINE – FRIDAY AT 12 NOON



When?	What?	Where?
Friday, July 14 12:00 noon	Wrap-up & Check-Out	Rome Commons (ROME on campus map)

Airport shuttles are available for Sunday, July 9 and Friday, July 14. To reserve your seat, please enter your request and flight information at www.regonline.com/confratute2017 by July 1, 2017. Contact Conference Services at conferences@uconn.edu or 860-486-1723 if you have any questions.

HOW TO GET HERE

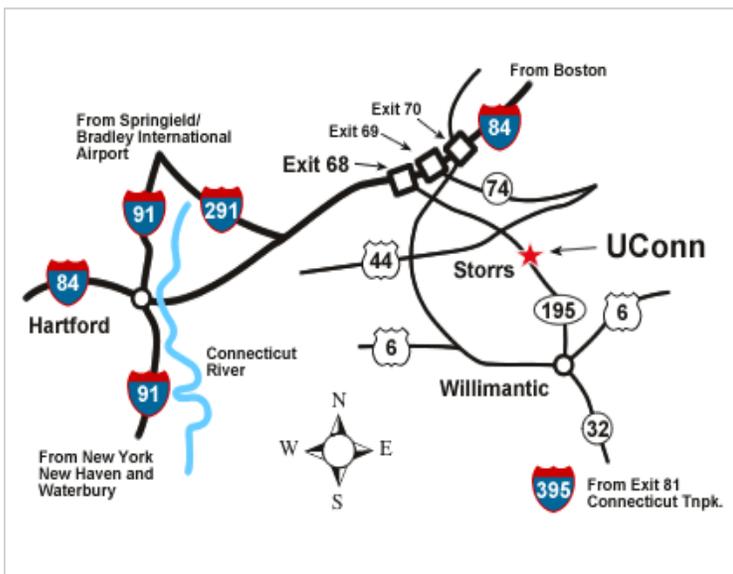
DIRECTIONS TO CONFRATUTE

The UConn-Storrs campus is approximately 45 minutes east of Hartford. When you arrive on the UConn campus, **follow the white Confratute signs** to Rome Commons found at [Map and Directions](#). If you are being dropped off by taxi or bus, use this address and coordinates: 855 Bolton Rd, Storrs, CT 06268, **41.803615, -72.248820**.

From the West (heading through or from Hartford): Take Interstate 84 East to Exit 68. From exit, take a right onto Route 195; 7 miles to UConn.

From the East (heading from Boston toward Hartford): Take Interstate 84 West to Exit 68. From exit, take a left onto Route 195, and follow directions above.

From the Southeast Interstate 95 to 395 North. Take Exit 81 West to Route 32 North. Follow Route 32 North to Willimantic. In town, turn right and go over bridge. Continue straight through the light and follow 195 North for 8 miles to campus.



TRANSPORTATION

The Bradley International Airport (www.bradleyairport.com) services Hartford, CT and is located about 45 minutes from campus. Ground transportation must be arranged for travel to the university. An **airport shuttle service** to and from Confratute is offered on Sunday, July 9 and Friday, July 14. Information about the airport shuttle service can be found online at www.regonline.com/confratute2017.

Car rentals, Limo services, local buses, and taxi services from Bradley Airport are listed at www.bradleyairport.com/Transportation.aspx. Peter Pan (Bonanza) Bus Lines have regularly scheduled stops to UConn. Schedules and ticketing information are available at www.peterpanbus.com.

Train connections can be made to Hartford, CT or New London, CT via Amtrak, www.amtrak.com; however, transportation to campus must be done on an individual basis by taxi.

Taxi and limo services for Hartford and New London train stations are listed at these sites: www.hartfordtransit.org/unionstation.html and www.shorelineeast.com/stations/new-london-station.

PARKING

Parking is available to all participants who are either residents or commuters during Confratute. Attendees will be assigned a parking area at check-in. Parking in the **Rome Lot** is for **registration purposes only on Sunday, July 9 and Monday, July 10**. You must move your vehicle to your designated parking area once you have checked in and received your parking pass.

Parking is available in the [Nathan Hale Inn](#) for hotel guests ONLY.

Parking on campus is strictly enforced. It is the responsibility of all participants to be aware of and abide by the parking policies posted by the university.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DETERMINING YOUR CONFRATUTE GOALS

To help you reflect on your educational or professional goals before arriving at Confratute, we encourage you to complete the **Adult Interest-A-Lyzer** that can be downloaded from www.confratute.uconn.edu/welcome_packet. You are not expected to turn in the *Interest-A-Lyzer*. The instrument is designed to help you examine and articulate your ideas about personal and professional interests to assist you in determining which Confratute experiences will be most professionally relevant for you.

MEETINGS WITH STRAND COORDINATORS

Each Strand Coordinator will be available for individual and small group meetings. Speak with your strand coordinator to schedule a meeting. Generally, individual meetings are scheduled in 15-minute intervals and group meetings are scheduled for 30 minutes each.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

Bringing your own laptop, iPad, or Tablet for technology and other strands is highly recommended. All technology strands will be held in regular classrooms where individual work stations are not available. Strand offerings and the Confratute schedule are located at www.confratute.uconn.edu/schedule/.

INTERNET ACCESS

Wireless internet access is available in all areas of campus including the residence halls, classrooms, and common areas.

FITNESS & RECREATION

There are many opportunities to stay fit at Confratute. Bring your fitness wear, swimsuit, yoga mat or towel, and comfortable shoes. The UConn Student Recreation Facility offers a pool, exercise equipment, and other recreational facilities for a small fee. Walking, biking, and jogging maps will be available at Confratute.

WHAT TO WEAR

Participants should dress comfortably in casual clothing, as most activities are informal. If you plan to attend the Farewell Banquet on Thursday evening, dinner attire is recommended. *Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended, as UConn is predominantly a pedestrian campus.* Our days are usually warm to hot, but evenings and air-conditioned buildings can be cool. We suggest that you bring a sweater, sweatshirt, or light jacket to dress in layers. Rain gear or an umbrella may also be useful.



AVOID CONFRATUTE OVERLOAD

Each day of Confratute is packed with keynote presentations, strands, special sessions, social events, and other activities. Past experience has shown us that you should be selective in scheduling your time. You should leave some time for working on an educational product, having informal conversations, or sitting under a tree to simply think a little and enjoy yourself. Confratute is a total learning experience and we firmly believe that a part of that experience should be devoted to informal discussion, recreational and social activities, and just plain relaxation.

RESIDENT INFORMATION

CAMPUS RESIDENT HOUSING

In one sense, resident participants at “Tute” go back to college. Planning for this in advance will help make your stay on campus more enjoyable. If no preferred roommate is listed on your registration, you will be assigned a roommate and/or suitemates. Please contact our office at confratute@uconn.edu if any special arrangements are required.

The South Campus Residence Halls’ rooms are comfortable and air-conditioned. The double occupancy rooms are “suite-style” with two bedrooms, a common living room, and bathroom shared by four suite occupants. The single occupancy rooms include a bedroom with shared bathroom. A very limited number of single occupancy rooms are available and they will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Parking is available for participants who are assigned to residence halls.

Rooms come with linen packets (includes flat sheet, fitted sheet, 2 towels, 2 face clothes, pillow w/ pillow case, cotton blanket). A towel exchange service and washer/dryer are available at no charge and laundry supplies can be purchased at the local stores. Rooms include paper cups, soap, up to 2 rolls of toilet paper, box of tissues, and garbage can. Rooms do not have some of the traditional amenities you will find in a hotel (such as daily maid service, televisions, alarm clocks, hair dryers, irons, coffee makers, or refrigerators). For your comfort you may wish to bring a desk lamp, bed light, alarm clock, extension cord, and small personal mirror.

The Rome Conference Housing Desk is open 7 days a week, 7:00 AM - 11:00 PM. The Conference Housing Staff is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at (860) 486-2697.

**Check-in begins at 1:00 PM on Sunday, July 9.
Check-out begins at 6:00 AM and ends at 12:00 noon on Friday, July 14.**

MEALS

Meals are served in the Rome Commons Dining Hall beginning with a light meal on Sunday evening, July 9 and ending with lunch on Friday, July 14. A list of local restaurants will be available at Confratute if you do not choose a package with lunch or all meals.

ALTERNATIVE HOUSING

If you are looking to register for a commuter package for Confratute, we have listed a few hotels and inns in the area for your choice of an **Alternative Housing Option**. You can access the alternative housing listing at www.confratute.uconn.edu/welcome_packet/.

The Nathan Hale Inn is located on campus across from the South Campus “hub” of Confratute. Contact them at 860-427-7888 and let them know you are a Confratute participant. Or, make your room reservations online at www.nathanhaleinn.com and enter the group code **CONFRA** to receive the discounted rates. Note: You will need to register as a commuter if you choose to stay at the hotel.

SMOKING, SAFETY, AND RESPECT

Smoking is prohibited in all University owned or leased buildings, facilities, and vehicles and is not allowed within 25 feet of all campus buildings, including residence halls. Candles and open flames of any kind are not allowed in the dorm rooms. Code Blue Phones are placed around campus for emergencies and connect directly to the UConn Police Department.

While in our casual campus atmosphere, please reduce the use of perfumes and scents in consideration of fellow participants with asthma and chemical sensitivities.

Please respect the **quiet hours** in and around the dorms: 11:00 pm to 6:00 am.

ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR CONFRATUTE

Confratute can be taken for graduate credit and is fully accredited in Educational Psychology at the University of Connecticut, earning you three (3) graduate credits in either **EPSY 5195: Workshop in Education** or **EPSY 5198: Curriculum Lab**. Additionally, all of our strands for Confratute are offered through the Educational Psychology Gifted and Talented Department at the University of Connecticut and may be considered for purposes of teacher certification in the field of gifted in some states.

APPLICATION AND PAYMENT FOR CREDIT

Application and payment for graduate credit is accepted during Confratute Tuesday through Friday. Application for credit after the conclusion of Confratute is not accepted. **Payment for academic credit is a separate, additional cost beyond the Confratute registration fee.** A tuition fee of **\$2,289.00** for three (3) graduate credits is due when you apply. An additional one-time enrollment fee of **\$65.00** and a Technology Fee of **\$30.00** are required for non-degree students. Degree students pay an additional enrollment fee of **\$45.00** and other activity fees as required. Payment is to be made by cash, check, money order, purchase order, credit card, or electronic check.

Students (via the [Student Administration System](#)) and Authorized Users (via the [E-bill and Payment Suite](#)) can make a payment with VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, JCB, BC Card, DinaCard and Diner's Club. Participants paying by credit card will have to provide a home e-mail address to be e-billed or they can pay by electronic check. Degree students will pay directly in their PeopleSoft Financials account. **A 2.75% convenience fee will apply to your transaction and is required to offset the expense of offering credit cards as a payment option and is paid directly to the credit card processor. Participants can pay by electronic check to avoid the credit card transaction fee.*

STRAND SELECTION AND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

Participants who register and pay for graduate credit will select a strand as their "major" and work independently with their strand coordinator to develop an independent project or product to fulfill the requirements for earning credit in either **EPSY 5195** or **EPSY 5198**. Guidelines for product development will be discussed in each strand and will be included in the information you receive when you arrive at Confratute. Complete the product and submit it to the strand coordinator during Confratute to have your grade submitted to the Registrar. If you wish to have your coordinator

return your project, enclose an envelope addressed to you with sufficient postage. The cover page of your project should be a copy of your approved *Management Plan*, which is included in your participant packet. If you need your grade submitted prior to **October 1, 2017**, please inform your strand coordinator and request that your grade be submitted early. Products or projects not completed by the end of Confratute must be completed and grades submitted by the instructor within one year of application. Transcripts can be requested through the Registrar at registrar.uconn.edu/transcripts/. There is no fee for this transcript service.

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS

Confratute International participants **may apply for credit as non-degree students** by first completing the I-20 and Financial Declaration Forms **3 months before arriving to campus**; however, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) regulations may restrict or prohibit registration for credit by students who are not citizens of the United States of America. It is the student's individual responsibility to comply with INS rules and regulations. When applying for a visa, please be sure to verify that your visa category will allow you to enroll for credits. Check the Office of Global Affairs website issu.uconn.edu/ for information, forms, and procedures.

CONTACT HOURS

Attendees can earn Contact Hours for participation at Confratute by attending a full schedule of keynotes, strands, special topic sessions, and other activities. To receive contact hours, *A Planning and Documentation Guide* must be completed and returned to the Credit Desk at Confratute before you leave. You may NOT receive both academic credit and contact hours for the same activity from UConn. The Contact Hours given by the State of Connecticut may or may not be honored by other state agencies. *More details are in the schedule of events you will receive upon arrival to Confratute.*

TEXTBOOK ORDER FORM

TEXTBOOKS

Several strands recommend textbooks or manuals. These will be available for purchase at Confratute. For details see the Schedule of Events packet that is given to you upon registration at Confratute. Textbooks may be recommended for strands that participants take for credit.

THE SCHOOLWIDE ENRICHMENT MODEL (SEM) strands provide an overview of the major components of The Schoolwide Enrichment Model. The recommended texts for these strands are listed below. We were able to secure a publisher's discount on these books for Confratute participants. If you plan to attend the SEM strands, you may order these books by completing this form and sending it to Prufrock Press, Inc. **before June 20, 2017**. A receipt will be sent to you enabling you to pick up these books while you are at Confratute. This arrangement will also save you the cost of postage and handling fees. Prufrock Press will be on-site at Rome Hall during Confratute where these books can be purchased at discount prices.

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

COUNTRY _____ PHONE: _____

Prufrock Press, Inc. accepts all credit cards.

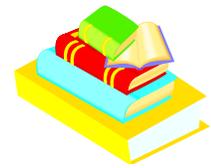
Credit Card _____ Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

<u>Book Title</u>	<u>List Price</u>	<u>Cost to Participants</u>
<i>The Schoolwide Enrichment Model (Third Edition)</i> _____	\$ 80.00 _____	\$ 60.00 _____
<i>Enrichment Clusters (Second Edition)</i> _____	\$ 40.00 _____	\$ 30.00 _____
<i>Curriculum Compacting (Second Edition)</i> _____	\$ 30.00 _____	\$ 25.00 _____
<i>Interest-A-Lyzer Family of Instruments</i> _____	\$ 20.00 _____	\$ 15.00 _____
TOTAL	<u>\$170.00</u>	<u>\$ 130.00</u>

Please make out your check, money order, purchase order, or credit card information for **\$130.00** in U.S. funds to Prufrock Press, Inc. and mail or fax along with this form **before June 20, 2017** to:

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 Waco, TX 76714-8813
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CONFRATUTE'S DAILY NEWSLETTER

ConfraNotes

Confratute is an excellent opportunity to network, share ideas, and disseminate information. Each day the Confratute staff puts out a daily newsletter to keep participants in the loop on important Confratute happenings, reviews of keynotes and special events, announcements, and various other informative tidbits.

We invite you to submit short articles or announcements for publication in ConfraNotes. We will try to publish all of the entries that we receive. There are three methods for submission.

1. Make submissions by email to Confratute@uconn.edu
2. Complete this form and send it by **June 30** to:
University of Connecticut
Confratute Newsletter
2131 Hillside Road Unit 3007
Storrs, CT 06269-3007
3. Bring this form with you and drop it in the submission box in the Rome Hall Lobby. Submissions will also be accepted on a daily basis during Confratute.

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

(Preferably your cell phone so we can contact you after your arrival if we have any questions.)

Please check the type of item you are submitting:

- Memorable events/anecdotes from a past Confratute
- Job listings for your district
- Conference announcements for the coming school year
- Websites you would recommend
- Books or curricular materials you would recommend
- District/school/program success stories
- Great programming ideas; helpful tips for implementation
- Limericks or poems to be shared
- Other: _____



Item (please limit to 50 words or less):
