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 43rd year in 2020! With staff and participants from across the United States and the world, Confratute has grown in size and diversity as a unique educational experience. The continued success of our program is due to our commitment to:

• **Differentiating instruction, high-end learning, and enrichment teaching.** 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 research demonstrates 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.

• **Selecting 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 42 years.

• **Creating 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 guitar sing-along with other members of the chorus; or make plans to stay in touch with new friends and colleagues or visit other people’s schools.

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 designed to promote acceptance, trust, scholarship, hard work, and fun. We believe that everyone has something to contribute to educational improvement. Please join us at Confratute 2020 and create a vision and the skills to make the vision a reality in your schools.

Keep up with us using social media!

Twitter users can follow Joe Renzulli @JosephRenzulli; the Renzulli Center for Creativity, Gifted Education, and Talent Development @uconngifted, and Confratute @confratute

Facebook users can like and follow the Renzulli Center @uconngifted and Confratute @confratute

*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 a.m. – 11 p.m. with extended hours on Sunday, July 12. Call 860-486-2697 to check into your reserved dorm room if you arrive to campus after hours.

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020

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<td>Registration for strands is not required. See Schedule of Events for locations.</td>
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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 12, beginning at 3 p.m. and ending at 5 p.m. 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 at 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

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<td>Wrap-up and Check-out</td>
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Airport shuttles are available for Sunday, July 12 and Friday, July 17. To reserve your seat, please enter your request and flight information in the Confratute Registration by July 1. Contact Conference Services at conferences@uconn.edu or 860-486-1038 if you have any questions.
HOW TO GET HERE

Registration Location
Ground Floor Portico
Lewis B. Rome Commons Building
626 Gilbert Road Ext.
Storrs, CT 06269

Street Address for GPS
855 Bolton Road
Storrs, CT 06268

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From the West (heading through or from Hartford): Take Interstate 84 East to Exit 68. From exit, turn right onto Route 195; 7 miles to UConn. Starting from the “UConn” sign on the right, proceed straight through five sets of lights. At the 5th light, turn right onto Bolton Road (between the UConn Fine Arts Complex and E.O. Smith High School). "S" Lot is the largest parking lot behind the South Residence Halls. From the Northwest corner of “S” Lot, walk up the sidewalk to the Lewis B. Rome Commons Building on the left. Check-in is located in the ground floor portico across from the Conference Housing Desk.

From the East (heading from Boston toward Hartford): Take Interstate 84 West to Exit 68. From exit, turn left onto Route 195; 7 miles to UConn. Starting from the “UConn” sign on the right, proceed straight through five sets of lights. At the 5th light, turn right onto Bolton Road (between the UConn Fine Arts Complex and E.O. Smith High School). "S" Lot is the largest parking lot behind the South Residence Halls. From the Northwest corner of “S” Lot, walk up the sidewalk to the Lewis B. Rome Commons Building on the left. Check-in is located in the ground floor portico across from the Conference Housing Desk.
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 Route 195 North; 8 miles to UConn. Immediately past E.O. Smith High School on the left, turn left onto Bolton Road (between the UConn Fine Arts Complex and E.O. Smith High School). "S" Lot is the largest parking lot behind the South Residence Halls. From the Northwest corner of "S" Lot, walk up the sidewalk to the Lewis B. Rome Commons Building on the left. Check-in is located in the ground floor portico across from the Conference Housing Desk.

TRANSPORTATION

Bradley International Airport services Hartford, Conn., 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 8, and Friday, July 13. Information about the airport shuttle service can be found on the Confratute Registration page.

Find a list of car rentals, limo services, local buses, and taxi services from Bradley Airport. Peter Pan (Bonanza) Bus Lines have regularly scheduled stops to UConn. Schedules and ticketing information are available at peterpanbus.com.

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

Find information on taxi and limo services for:

- Hartford train stations
- New London train stations

PARKING

Parking is available for Confratute participants and guests beginning July 12 to July 17. If you indicated that you will need parking when you registered for Confratute, you will receive a follow-up email message about how to get your parking permit and where to park before arriving to UConn.

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.
DETERMINING YOUR CONFRATUTE GOALS

To help you reflect on your educational or professional goals before arriving at Confratute, we encourage you to download and complete the Adult Interest-A-Lyzer. 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 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.
TEXTBOOK PREORDER 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. These recommended texts are available at the listed discount prices only on preorders of the textbook bundle. Prufrock Press will also be on-site at Rome Hall during Confratute with these resources and more.

If you plan to attend the SEM strands, you may pre-order these books by completing this form and sending it to Prufrock Press, Inc. before June 26, 2020. A receipt will be sent to you enabling you to pick up the books while you are at Confratute. This arrangement will save you the cost of postage and handling fees.

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