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Outstanding Club Advisor of the Year

Congratulations to Professor David Sianez of Technology Education on being selected as the 2021 “Club Advisor of the Year” by the Student Union Board of Governors. Professor Sianez has advised the Multi-powered Vehicle club for a number of years assisting students in finding competitions, such as The Amazing Race and a canoe competition, which provide an opportunity for students to use classroom skills to compete in various product buildings that allow them to see their efforts in action. Professor Sianez is described by club members as engaging and being someone who forces them outside of their comfort zone while at the same time enabling their competence and interest in learning more.

C.A.N. Hosts Spring Concert ft. Kesha

The Central Activities Network (CAN), hosted a socially distant screening of a virtual performance at Arute Stadium on **Saturday, April 24th**. While students had the option of watching online in the comfort of their homes, others came to campus to enjoy the show.

The artist selected this year, Kesha, is know for her pop-party songs such as "Tik Tok", "Your Love is My

Drug", and "We R Who We R."As a song-writer she penned all of her own music as well as songs for artists including Britney Spears, Ariana Grande, The Veronicas, and Miley Cyrus.

While Kesha's most popular songs were hits from a decade ago, students were drawn to her personal growth and accomplishments outside of her singing career. She is an animal rights crusader as the Humane Society International's first Global Ambassador and a passionate advocate for equality being honored with the 2016 Human Rights Campaign Visibility Award. Her new cosmetic line, Kesha Rose, is vegan and includes messaging about body positivity and being uniquely you.

Not only did the event include a virtual performance, but it also included local food trucks. Craftbird Foodtruck from East Hartford, CT got to the Kaiser Parking Lot early to start serving chicken tenders, chicken sandwiches, potato wedges, and truffle mac & cheese bites. The Milkcraft ice cream truck stopped by during the show, and continued to serve ice cream cones after the performance concluded.

The Central Activities Network had a reputation this year for handing out iconic t-shirts at their events, and Spring Concert was no exception. Brightly colored tie-dye extra soft t-shirts were adorned by a hand-drawn design by SA/LD's Graphic Artist student worker, Connor Youmans. With Kesha's management team having very specific style and branding guidelines, he was up for the challenge of making a fun yet visually stunning graphic. [see photo at left]

In addition to apparel, students were able to play on glow in the dark swings and seesaws, which were sanitized between each use. This made the event even more "Instagramable". We commend these students for keeping the Spring Concert tradition alive and working within health and safety guidelines.



The SGA is Ready!

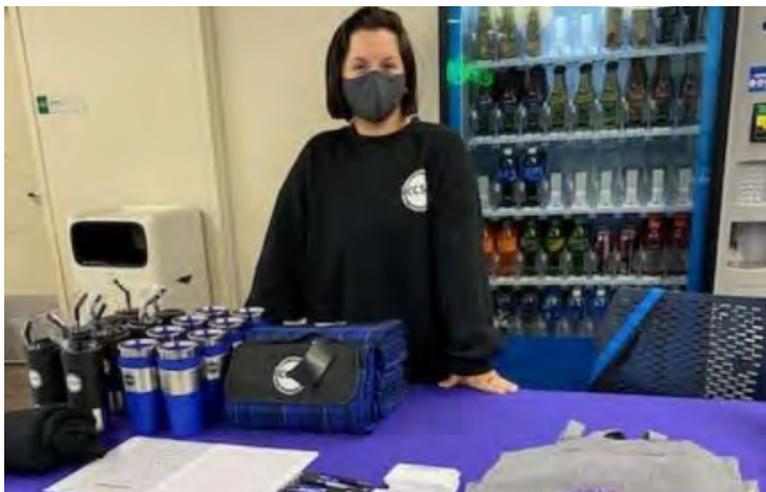


A message from the 2021-2022 Student Government Association President, Nicole Elsinger:

The Student Government is getting right to work to ensure the success of our campus. As President, I will effectively use the SGA as a link between the students and campus administration by maintaining frequent communication. Similarly, we will be more proactive with filling student positions on Faculty Senate committees, to ensure our input is given as much as possible. Next year will be challenging, and I will ensure that our students are aware of the resources provided to them by the Student Government.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you need anything:
nicole.elsinger@my.ccsu.edu.

Conferences During the Pandemic



[Gerontology Club](#) attended Southern Gerontological Society Conference. They funded nine students to attend the conference and planned an in person viewing party to watch the keynote speaker.

With food and goodies for attendees, they had the chance to spend some quality time with their peers and even watch an Executive Board member, Liliana Villar, present her research.

[Pre-Health Society](#) launched the first CCSU Pre-Health Conference on **4/17/2021** where students had the chance to meet with graduate schools around the country, participate in MCAT preparation workshops, healthcare worker panels, and more!

This conference was free for collegiate students. This effort was led by student co-founders Johanna McIlveen and Kim-Tran Vo, Conference Leadership Coordinator Adedamola Adele, Conference Communications Coordinator Ava Gorneault, Conference Marketing Coordinator Lauren Real, and Conference Intern Ingrid Shwartz.



The [Newman Club](#) attended SEEK 2021, a 4 day live broadcast event to help students encounter the heart of the Gospel. There were opportunities to join small group discussions, ask questions, and discuss topics from speakers from across the country.

[Theatre Unlimited](#) attended the Kenedy Center American College Theater Virtual Festival at the beginning of the semester, to learn more about theater and develop their craft.

The Senior Class Committee Finishes Strong

CLASS OF 2021

On **Thursday, May 13** the Senior Class Committee hosted their final event of the year. The "Senior Sendoff" was their way of congratulating seniors for making it to the end.

Those at the event were greeted by a table full of blue shirts reading "Central Class of 2021" as well as pint glasses bearing the committee's logo. This event coincided with cap and gown distribution, with many in attendance either wearing or holding onto their robes as they came in.

Two popular food trucks were there to make sure no senior left hungry. The first was a CCSU classic, Disco Forno. With their wood fired oven, attendees got all you can eat pizza and cold brew coffee. Blue Chip Creamery served massive gourmet ice cream sandwiches and waffle cones to over 100 students.

SA/LD advisor, Michael Theriault, was very pleased by the turnout. As somebody who planned events for the senior class at his undergraduate institution, he saw the importance of recognizing seniors and providing them with ways to connect with one another.

Committee member Hannah Loisel looked back at her time on the committee in a positive light. She was very happy that the committee hosted two in-person events this semester, the Senior Toast and Senior Sendoff.

While pandemic safety measures made senior programming a bit scaled back, the committee was pleased to have offered seven events, both in person and virtually. Plenty of memorabilia was given out, including the creation of an online marketplace. The Senior Class Committee is ready to see what the next year has in store!



IN THE NEWS WITH *campus recreation*

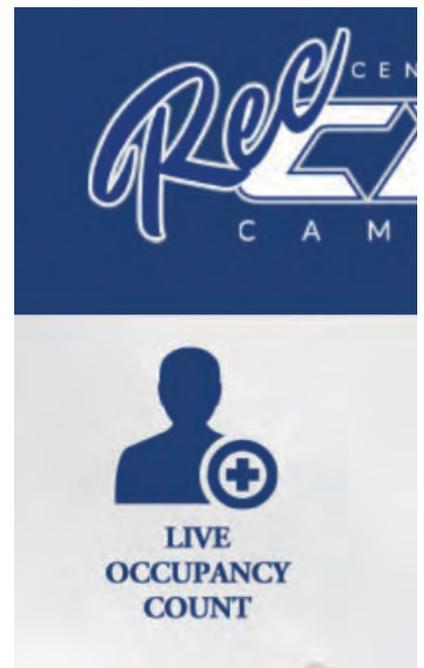
WHAT'S NEW?

New Yoga Classes with Rebecca

Campus Recreation welcomed a new yoga instructor! Rebecca taught two new Yoga classes this spring semester. On Wednesdays from 6:00 PM – 6:45 PM, Rebecca offered 'Power Yoga'. On Wednesdays from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Rebecca offered 'Power Up'. Please check RECentral's Instagram for more information!

Campus Recreation Occupancy Tracker

Do you want to know how many people are in each section of the C.J. Huang Recreation Center during the day? Look no further! Now, Campus Recreation has a new Occupancy Tracker to check how many patrons are using the facility at any given time. Please visit myrec.ccsu.edu or download the RECentral App to check live occupancy!



CONTINUED campus recreation

EVENTS:

3 Point Contest

On Monday **April 19**, CCSU Campus Recreation hosted a 3-Point Contest for the CCSU community. Over 50 students and faculty came out to participate in the event. Each participant had two, 1-minute rounds to score as many 3 pointers as possible. The winning student made 16 shots in one minute to take home the crown! Thank you, Dr. Tully, for coming out to support the event, and donating \$430 to the CCSU General Scholarship Fund.

Field Day

Field Day was an outdoor event held on Arute Field with the purpose of allowing students to take a break from Finals Week. As the semester comes to an end, Campus Recreation wanted to provide a day filled with fun in the sun before the beginning of summer.

In addition to lawn games, free ice cream, and giveaways, they hosted multiple sporting events such as the 100 Yard Dash, Farthest Football Throw, Farthest Punt, and more. With many students coming to participate, it made for a great event with many smiling faces. The event was held on **May 6th**, from 3:00pm - 6:00pm.

Scan this QR Code to watch a video of Field Day by student Videographer Molly Knybel.



RECentral Social and Award Program

On Friday **April 30**, CCSU Campus Recreation held their 1st annual Social and Award Program. The goal of the Social is to honor all of the hardworking student staff at Campus Recreation. The event lasted two hours on Friday; and included food trucks, games, and an award ceremony specifically for the staff to enjoy. Thank you to all the staff that came out, and congratulations to those who won awards!



SUMMER HOURS

campus recreation



Holidays Closed (May 28th, May 31st, July 5th)

Summer Hours will be in effect as of Monday, 5/17/21

Any and all COVID-19 FAQ can be found on their [website!](#)

C.J. Huang Recreation Center *SUMMER HOURS*
(*BEGINS MAY 17th*)

MONDAY - FRIDAY
8AM - 7PM

SATURDAY
CLOSED

SUNDAY
CLOSED

Rec **CENTRAL**

DEVIL'S DEN REWIND

Throughout this last month, Thursday late-night Devil's Den programming has allowed students to enjoy the end of their semester and take breaks before finals.

April started with an event that was "Out of this World" from **Geology & Planetary Sciences Club**. They showed the film *Contact*, had astronaut ice-cream, and space themed giveaways for attendees. There were free Dippin' Dots and a greenscreen photo booth novelty with backgrounds that made it look like they were in a galaxy far-far-away. The students worked with their SA/LD program advisor to secure the movie, decorate their event, and enjoy time with their club members and the campus community.

CCSU Habitat for Humanity hosted a "Be Mindful" event where FUN Enterprises provide succulents and air-plants, with ceramic pots that could be decorated with markers and stickers. This event allowed for students to feel some Zen and calmness while listening to music and hanging out with friends doing crafts and learning about how to care for their new plants.

A paint night was held by the **Muslim Student Association**, where an artist live on Zoom for students to follow along with while they were in Semesters or at home. The club members decorated the room with colors and cultural decorations to celebrate the end of the fasting from Ramadan.



DEVIL'S DEN REWIND

CONTINUED

We then had **Women's Club Rugby** host a BINGO night, with live custom air-brush t-shirts as the novelty item for students. The Women's Rugby team captain and club president hosted the game up in the front of the room, and students were given two BINGO cards as they entered the event. There were 2 games with 3 rounds each, and the winners won gift-card prizes from the Lady Hooligans..



The **United Caribbean Club** brought DJ Osocity in-person to perform for them in Semesters. The students had stations set up with tie-dye t-shirts for students to make, and the Muncher's International Food Truck that served authentic Jamaican food. The UCC e-board purchased glowsticks and table games, such as Dominos, for student to play as they sat and enjoyed their food and music.



The last Devil's Den of Spring 2021 was hosted by the **CCSU PRIDE Club**: "Pride Through the Decades". This was the second Drag Ball event of the year, the first one was also a Devil's Den event back in October. They had popular Drag Queens from CT, and had a handful of student drag performances as well. The event was hosted in the Vance Lawn tent, and the PRIDE eboard decorated the space to be so beautiful and ready for the show. They also had a Ben & Jerry's food truck for students to each get an ice cream, a green screen photo booth, a basketball toss, and also a popcorn and cotton candy vendor. Special thanks to our vendors FUN Enterprises & Party People for helping us make these events memorable for students.





CLUB DRIVE & EARTH DAY COMBINED

One of the events that had originally been planned for 2020 was a large Earth Day celebration. On **April 22, 2021**, CAN & IRC joined forces with the SA/LD Club Fair in the Devils Den to add to the engagement at the event.

CAN & IRC FULLFILL SPRING WEEK 2020 PLANS FOR NYC THEME

As mentioned in a previous issue of this newsletter, the Central Activities Network (CAN) and Inter Residence Council (IRC) partner each year to host a jam-packed week of events for students known as Spring Week. When Spring Week 2020 plans were cancelled, students still harbored some love for the ideas they had hoped to bring to campus before COVID-19. Thus the 2020 NYC themed Spring Week moved to **April 19 - 24, 2021!**

Students who attended were able to see what various clubs were up to this year while enjoying fried dough, fruit smoothies, and giant games such as Connect 4.

CAN hired a live CT cover band, The Sulls, who were supplemented by the DJs from the WFCS Radio Station.

The Inter Residence Council handed out free t-shirts as well as seed growing kits. They decorated Semesters to look like a large outdoor picnic, complete with gingham and fake ivy.

Students could also learn more about endangered species at the stuff-a-pal station which included elephants, tigers, and pandas.





HELLO RESLIFE FRIENDS

Guess what? We made it through the academic year here at CCSU in the Department of Residence Life!

This year our resident students were amazing, as well as our ResLife staffs. Plus, many of our staffs are also our CCSU students. Without this support we would have not been able to keep the halls open for this entire year. On Saturday May 15th after closing our halls we took time to recognize our professional staff and RAs on their remarkable accomplishments. We did this with our first face to face gathering in over a year. We loved seeing each other on the ground. We celebrated our graduating seniors too.

We are also grateful for our campus COVID support teams who helped us keep our students healthy and safe, as well as our partners in Student Affairs who collaborated with us to keep students active and engaged.

Now on-ward to the future, we are going to conquer COVID and get back to programs and activities on the ground again! We will also re-open up more of our hall spaces, so things will look and feel more normal again. As we come out of COVID we have been giving everyone ample time to get vaccinated, so we will not offer any general on-campus housing this summer. We will instead spend the time preparing for a strong fall return and will also be participating with the New Student Programs Office on summer Orientation and opening days in a big way!

We have already elected an incredible Inter Residence Hall (IRC) board ---ready to connect with our new freshmen students who will be here on August 24th. RAs will move back in during mid-August and they will be trained and ready to attend to all of our on-campus resident students with resources as well as fun engaging activities!

Please continue to follow us on Instagram at @CCSUReslife. We will be featuring our graduating seniors over the next few weeks. Space still available in our new LLCs. Students can learn about them and apply here: <https://www.ccsu.edu/reslife/lc.html>

Faculty and staff, “Want to partner on programs with @CCSUResLife?”
Email us at Reslife@ccsu.edu

Happy Summer!
From The Department of Residence Life





Student Activities

UPCOMING CLUB TASKS

Club Officer Elections

It is that time of year when most clubs have elected officers to lead for the next academic year. If you advise a club or organization, and are unsure of who the next leaders are, please let us know! We can either connect you with the new e-board or encourage the former leader to host elections at the very start of the fall.

Each club and organization should consult their Club Constitution for guidance on how to run elections. A copy of each constitution should be on the club's Link page. Below is a general election process that many clubs have adopted:

Nominations: students nominate or self-nominate current eligible members for different leadership positions within the organization.

Campaign/Debate/Q&A: those who are interested in running for positions may have the opportunity to present their case as to why they should be elected to the position they are running for. Often, voting club members are able to ask questions for the candidate to answer.

Voting: clubs can setup online elections on The Link! You can connect with your program advisor to help you set it up and make sure it is fair and secure. Sometimes clubs elect officers anonymously and other do write in ballots.

Club Re-Registration

Clubs and organizations are expected to register each year in order to reap all of the benefits to being a recognized student organization at Central Connecticut State University. This year, **re-registration is due by June 1.**

Before clubs register, they should be prepared with the following information:

- Name, contact information, and ID for the club President for the 21-22 academic year
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- Faculty advisor information, or someone in mind for the position
Must be a fulltime faculty member or administrator, **please see the next page if you are interested in advising a student-led club or org.**

To complete the club's registration, the current Primary Contact listed on The Link will:

1. Log on to TheLink.ccsu.edu using their CCSU Bluenet username and password.
Please note, IT has made updates which require one to reset their password!
1. Go to your club's page
2. Click Manage Organization in the upper right corner of the screen
3. Click Re-Register This Organization
4. Don't forget to click submit at the end!



FACULTY

ADVISEMENT FOR STUDENT-LED CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

INTERESTED IN ADVISING?

Many academic based student run organizations and have enjoyed greater participation from faculty members in planning and running meetings as a result of meetings taking place on line. While in the fall we expect a number of student organizations to return to meeting in person we expect most meetings will offer the option to attend online or in-person. Student Activities and Leadership Development provides a pamphlet on the role of a student organization advisor that we can share with interested parties. The pamphlet on advisement provides a template that you can review with the club officers to assist you and the students in defining an advisor role that will best support the success of the organization.



Many departments work with clubs in selecting advisors to the student run organization most closely aligned with the mission. Though student organizations are permitted to choose their own advisors most students are grateful that the Department attempts to assure faculty support each year by rotating this responsibility.

Student Organizations that support a special interest or affiliation group are all required to have a fulltime faculty member serve as their advisor. If you wish to express interest in becoming an advisor please contact Sue Sweeney, the Associate Director of Student Activities at Sweeney@ccsu.edu to share your interest or to find out which groups are in need of an advisor. The Department of Student Activities and Leadership Development assigns each group a program advisor from our staff who will work in concert with the Faculty advisor to support the success of the group.