

# 81 Things

## TO DO BEFORE YOU GRADUATE

### Prove You Bleed Blue

- 1. Kickoff your UConn experience with your class at New Student Convocation
- 2. Attend a basketball game, football game, or other UConn athletic event
- 3. Take your picture with Jonathan the Mascot
- 4. Get your very own Husky at the annual “Stuff a Husky” event
- 5. Pet Jonathan XIV
- 6. Vote in an election
- 7. Meet the UConn President
- 8. Attend a Student Government Association (SGA) meeting to meet your leadership
- 9. Get your gear at the UConn Bookstore

### Prepare for Academic Success

- 10. Meet with your advisors and stay on track to graduate
- 11. Network with alumni
- 12. Get a résumé critique or LinkedIn consultation from the Center for Career Development
- 13. Sign up for a group study room in the library during finals week
- 14. Attend your professors’ office hours
- 15. Volunteer for a campus research experiment or participate in a research survey
- 16. Visit the W and Q Centers in the library for a little extra help
- 17. Memorize the train schedule to avoid a failed commute to/from campus
- 18. Find your favorite study spot on campus
- 19. Take a one credit KINS or UNIV course

### Engage with the Stamford Campus

- 20. Have a conversation with your faculty outside of class (even better if it’s not about their academic discipline!)
- 21. Attend Coffee Hour with the Campus Director
- 22. Attend an event sponsored by a University program or department
- 23. Read the “This Week on Campus” and the “Daily Digest” emails to keep informed
- 24. Challenge your friends to ping pong or a chess match on the concourse
- 25. Take a power nap on the third floor
- 26. Enjoy one of the on-campus art exhibits
- 27. Take the UConn Shuttle
- 28. Join your fellow students for a free movie night in town, sponsored by SGA
- 29. Enjoy a cup of coffee/tea and a great conversation in the WGSS Center
- 30. Follow UConn Stamford @UConn.Stamford.SGA & @UConnStamford
- 31. Get creative in the Innovative Collaboration Space (ICS)
- 32. Get to know the UCPD officers

### Be Involved

- 33. Relax with your friends in the game room
- 34. Sweat it out at the campus fitness center or the Stamford YMCA
- 35. Express yourself or support your friends in the Outlets Fall/Spring showcase, a cappella, or improv
- 36. Donate blood during a campus blood drive
- 37. Join a student organization after visiting the fall and spring involvement fairs
- 38. Apply to be an Orientation Leader, Husky Leader, FYE Mentor, or another campus leadership opportunity
- 39. Contribute to the Stamford student publication 1 University Place (or read what your friends have published!)
- 40. Visit a friend in the residence hall
- 41. On a nice day, relax in Whitey Heist Park
- 42. Read the annual “UConn Reads” book
- 43. Mentor a Middle school student with SPEF

- 44. Join your friends on a sponsored trip to NYC, Six Flags, a Yankees game, ice skating, etc.
- 45. Participate in a Stamford Campus Sports Club event or tournament
- 46. Attend an event focused on campus civility and diversity

### Connect with UConn Campuses

- 47. Participate in an official Spring Weekend event
- 48. Visit another regional campus
- 49. Fundraise and participate in HuskyThon for the CT Children’s Medical Center
- 50. Take an online class
- 51. Travel somewhere new through Education Abroad or an alternative break with Community Outreach

### Explore Your Surroundings

- 52. Go to a performance at the Palace Theatre
- 53. Show your UConn OneCard to get a student discount at many local restaurants and shops!
- 54. Visit the city parks: Mill River, Scalzi, Cove Beach, West Beach, etc.
- 55. Take a stroll to Stamford Town Center to discover shopping, dining, and fun
- 56. Enjoy the lights on Bedford Street in the winter
- 57. Roam the aisles of Target between classes
- 58. Enjoy a free/live taping of a show at the NBC Studios in Stamford
- 59. Take in one of the Downtown Stamford events (parades, food truck festivals, craft fairs, farmers market, Alive at 5, summer art exhibit, etc.)
- 60. Go to an independent, documentary, cult classic, or foreign film at the Avon Theatre
- 61. Explore the Stamford Public Library and all it has to offer!
- 62. Ride the FREE trolley to Harbor Point
- 63. Enjoy a local museum: Nature Museum, Bartlett Arboretum, Norwalk Aquarium, etc.
- 64. Use your UPass to explore CT!
- 65. Take the MetroNorth to NYC and take in the City

### Eat Across Town

- 66. Enjoy #UConnDairyBar Ice cream when the truck visits campus
- 67. Get a cup of coffee at one of the local cafes like Lorca or Franklin Street Works
- 68. Use your HuskyBucks to buy a snack at the café on campus
- 69. Try some pizza at all of the local pizza hot spots: Remos, Fairfield, Pappas, Atlantic, Pieology, and Planet!
- 70. Get cones and nuggets from Garden Catering
- 71. Take in all-you-can-eat sushi at Sushi X
- 72. Try out all the local favorites like Fiesta and Tomatillo... or find your own new one!
- 73. Explore new cuisines at any of the downtown Stamford international restaurants (during summer or winter, restaurant weeks can save you a buck)
- 74. Visit a food truck in Downtown Stamford

### Become a Husky Forever

- 75. Follow @UConn on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube
- 76. Try to avoid getting a parking ticket...but if you do, try to appeal it!
- 77. Take a picture in front of the UConn sign...if you’re in a cap and gown that’s even better!
- 78. Proudly sport your UConn Senior button
- 79. Celebrate your upcoming graduation at the Senior Ceremony or another graduation celebration
- 80. Thank everyone who made your college experience possible
- 81. **Tradition never graduates but you do. Walk across the stage during Commencement and remember: Students Today, Huskies Forever!**



# Why 81 Things?

In 1880, brothers Charles and Augustus Storrs (a.k.a Chuck and Augie) donated land and money to start an agricultural school in Connecticut. In 1881, the Connecticut governor signed legislation accepting the Storrs' gift, and classes at Storrs Agricultural School began on Sept. 28. More than 130 years later, here we are as one of the top 20 public universities in the nation.

In commemoration of our founding in 1881, UConn's list of 81 Things to Do Before You Graduate shows you how to be a student today and a Husky forever, and it honors UConn's history, present, and future. On behalf of UConn, this list is curated by the UConn Student Alumni Association, and more information can be found online at [saa.rso.uconn.edu](http://saa.rso.uconn.edu). We hope you'll enjoy learning about UConn traditions as much as we enjoy creating and preserving them.

## UConn Husky (Fight Song)

U Conn Husky, symbol of might to the foe.  
Fight, fight Connecticut, it's victr'y, Let's go  
Connecticut U Conn Husky, victr'y again for the White and Blue  
So go, go, go Connecticut, Connecticut U. Fight!  
C-O-N-N-E-C-T-I C-U-T. Connecticut,  
Connecticut Husky,  
Connecticut Husky, Connecticut C-O-N-N-U. Fight! (repeat)

## Old Connecticut (Alma Mater)

Once more, as we gather today,  
To sing our Alma Mater's praise,  
And join in the fellowship strong,  
Which inspires our college days.  
We're backing our teams in the strife  
Cheering them to victory!  
And pledge anew to old Connecticut,  
Our steadfast spirit of loyalty.  
(Chorus)  
Connecticut, Connecticut,  
Thy sons and daughters true  
Unite to honor thy name,  
Our fairest White and Blue.

# UCONN

**Chants & Cheers:** Follow along with UConn Cheer, UConn Dance, and Jonathan the Husky during games!

### Let's Go Huskies!

*Clap, Clap, Clap,  
Clap, Clap*

*Make the letters with your arms*

**U-C-O-N-N  
UConn! UConn! UConn!**

*Stadium call & response*

**Blue (Blue!)  
White (White!)  
Go (Go!)  
Huskies! (Huskies!)**

**HU  
SK  
I  
E  
S  
Go Huskies!**

**UConn! Huskies!  
UConn! Huskies!  
UConn! Huskies!  
Huskies! UConn!  
Wooooooooooooof!**

*Make the Husky hand symbol*

### Find Your Hashtag

#UConn | #UConn81  
#UConnNation | #UConnBucketList  
#HuskiesForever | #UConnStamford  
#BleedBlue

### Get in Touch!

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