

# SUMMER 2018 UCONN CO-OP LEGACY FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS



We are delighted to announce the four students selected to receive UConn Co-op Legacy Fellowships to support projects they will complete summer 2018.

Born out of the UConn Co-op's commitment to public engagement, innovative entrepreneurship, social impact, and active mentorship, the UConn Co-op Legacy Fellowship Program provides undergraduates the opportunity to pursue funded summer research projects and/or creative endeavors. Projects pursued through this program represent the legacy of the UConn Co-op's commitment to public engagement, innovation, and social impact.

Special thanks to the faculty and staff that supported student applications to the UConn Co-op Legacy Fellowship and to those who will be mentoring the award recipients as they complete their projects.

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## **Erdit Abedini '21** (ACES)

*Hartford United – A Pilot Soccer Program for High School Students*

- Erdit will establish *Hartford United*, a Hartford, CT based soccer club that provides high school students in an economically disadvantaged area the opportunity to play soccer off-season at no cost.

## **Madeline Beckman '19** (Allied Health Sciences, CAHNR)

*Level of Acculturation and Hispanic Children's Consumption of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages: A Study to Understand and Help Prevent Childhood Obesity*

- Madeline will investigate the relationships between Hispanic parents' level of acculturation, parental perceptions of the healthfulness of sugar-sweetened beverages, and childhood consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages.

## **Celeste Kurz '19** (Nutritional Sciences, CAHNR)

*Addressing Childhood Obesity by Improving Personal Factors and Language Acquisition in Middle School Students: Implementing a Bilingual, Hands-On, Gardening, Cooking, and Nutrition Education Program*

- Celeste will implement and evaluate a bilingual (Spanish-English), hands-on, gardening, cooking, and nutrition education program to preventively address childhood obesity and resulting health consequences among at-risk Hispanic youth.

## **Maria Latta '20** (Pre-Pharmacy, ACES)

*Racial and Generational Influences on the Usage of Chinese Alternative Medicine compared to American Pharmaceutical Treatments*

- Maria will conduct a study using survey data to examine how racial and generational factors influence the decision to use Chinese alternative medicine with the goal of improving public health education programs and health insurance coverage to reduce economic and health disparities for minority racial groups.