



SPRING 2023 CHANGE GRANT RECIPIENTS

UConn Co-op Legacy Fellowship Program

The Husky Hangout: Rethinking the Way We Eat Ice Cream

Elisabeth Helmin '24 (Landscape Architecture, CAHNR)

Mentor: Dr. Mariana Fragomeni (Plant Sciences and Landscape Architecture)

Elisabeth is developing a temporary multi-use structure near the UConn Dairy Bar that will be used for outdoor education, recreation, and relaxation. Reclaimed materials will be utilized to create a sustainable and immersive space that will benefit the UConn community and the greater public through social and educational engagement.

Tolland County Robotics Foundation

Youssef Macary '25 (Management, BUS)

Mentor: Dr. Ryan Coles (Management)

Youssef is establishing the Tolland County Robotics Foundation, a non-profit organization that will run PreK-12 robotics programs for students in Tolland County, with an initial focus on the Mansfield area. The goal is to create a network of 10 teams to give local students the opportunity to be part of FIRST Robotics, an international robotics program that provides students hands-on experience with STEM.

Growing Green: UConn Experimental Garden

Mia Tunucci '24 (Landscape Architecture, CAHNR)

Mentor: Dr. Mariana Fragomeni (Plant Sciences and Landscape Architecture)

Mia is creating a temporary exhibition space that displays nature-based experiments that are sustainable, educational, and impactful for both the UConn and greater community. Using reclaimed and recycled materials, Mia will incorporate demonstrations of sustainable food production and rainwater harvesting, as well as educational activities that can be used for hands-on learning.

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