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**“NEVER STOP LEARNING. LEARNING IS A LIFELONG, NEVER
ENDING JOURNEY NO MATTER WHAT CAREER PATH YOU CHOOSE,”**

-Satvinder Mayall, OPIM

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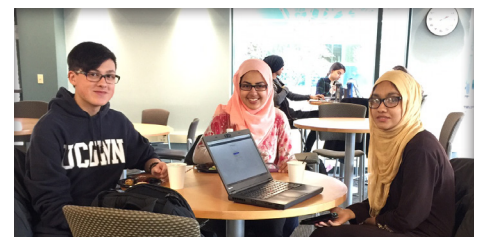
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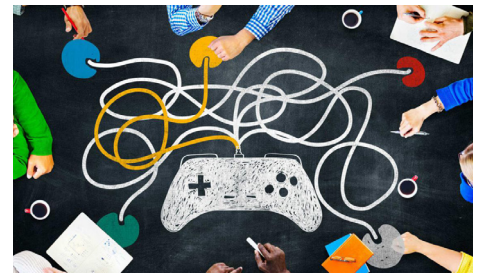
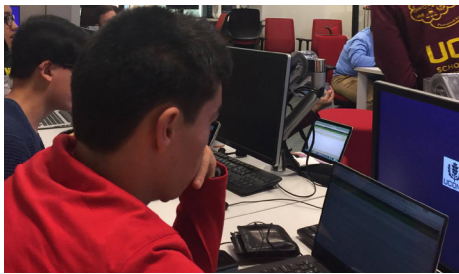
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IMA wants to wish all
Graduates good luck on
their future careers!

New schedule available
late August!



INSTALLING IOT THROUGH SPLUNK

The final technology workshop of the Spring 2017 semester held by the Operations and Information Management (OPIM) Department explored Internet of Things (IoT) through Splunk. It was the last in a series of technology workshops part of the OPIM Innovate Initiative.

Professor Ryan O'Connor instructed the workshop, preparing students to use the technology. O'Connor said he wanted to make the workshop practical for the students in attendance. The goal was to get students to install the application to ultimately be able to utilize it beyond just the workshop. He said the workshop went very well and commented

on the great turn out of attentive students in attendance, especially for the end of the semester.

O'Connor said that understanding IoT through Splunk is a very important emerging field.

"Big data is becoming increasingly important, if not already important, and students looking to enter the information technology field should have a familiarity with it," O'Connor said.

It is very attractive to companies when students can say that they have worked with IoT through Splunk and have actually installed it, O'Connor said. This fact is what made this workshop and topic so important for students.

GAMIFICATION WORKSHOP

The UConn OPIM Department conducted a Gamification workshop on Friday, April 14.

The workshop gave students some background on the process of Gamification and an engaging group activity on the topic. Jonathan Moore, who led the workshop said his goal was to spark students' interest in Gamification and to introduce the topic to those who did not know about it beforehand. He said he hoped to gain the interest of potential students and to lead them into taking his Gamification class in the Fall.

The OPIM Department would again like to congratulate its scholarship recipients on their impressive academic achievements this semester and wishes the best of luck to the graduating seniors as they begin their new careers.



MIS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

On Tuesday April 25th the Operations and Information Management (OPIM) Department gathered to honor a number of students majoring in Management Information Systems (MIS). Over 30 undergraduate students, freshman through seniors, were selected and recognized for their excellence in the MIS program.

IMA president Tyler Lauretti was pleased to see "a lot of familiar faces from around the department who attended workshops or from IMA being recognized". He believes that by the department acknowledging the consistent involvement of these students it will further motivate them to participate in the future.

A word frequently used by the students while describing their experience with the OPIM Department was growth. Senior Mark

Senatore spoke about how he feels he is leaving with a profound amount of confidence and knowledge due to the OPIM Department. He recalls coming into the MIS program, "not knowing any coding, and now I consider myself competent to learn any language [of code]." LaBranche described the passion of the department as "incredible" and the professors "always enthusiastic to teach". The department's dedication to improvement is what allows students with limited knowledge of MIS content to succeed in their major.

Several students also spoke about the impressive networking opportunities the OPIM Department offers them. OPIM Professor and Assistant Department Head Ramesh Shankar expressed the importance for graduating seniors to come back and recruit MIS

students into their companies. Senatore supported Shankar's advice by sharing how the departments networking helped him: "through a past UConn MIS alum I was able to intern for a company called Synchrony Financial, formally known as GE Capital". The connections he made led to his recent offer for a full time position at Synchrony Financial.





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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT - SATVINDER MAYALL

Satvinder Mayall is an Adjunct Professor in the OPIM Department. He has an extensive background in information technology throughout his career, holding senior management positions involving business and technology. Mayall has been teaching at UConn for eight years now. Currently, he teaches two sections of the introductory course, OPIM 3103 (Business Information Systems), and BADM 3760 (Business Information Systems) over the summer for students outside of the Business School.

As for his advice to his students, Mayall said to always keep learning. He also wanted to leave students with one last word as they begin their careers in the field.

"I envy young students of today, who will participate, develop, and enjoy the fruits and pains of new technologies in all fields. Now go make it a better world," Mayall said.



FAREWELL SENIORS

Congratulations to this year's graduating class. Thank you for your hard work and dedication over the last few years. As you get ready to embark on an exciting next step, we hope you continue to learn and grow. Best of luck to you all!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - TANYA MALIK

Tanya Malik is a senior majoring in Management Information Systems (MIS) here at UConn. Tanya is very active in the Operations and Information Management (OPIM) Department as a member in both the Information Management Association (IMA) and the Advisory Group for the OPIM Innovate Initiative.

As for her advice for younger MIS students, Tanya said to take advantage of internship opportunities as soon as possible to find out exactly what area of MIS you are interested in taking your career.