



A number of UConn administrators, student-athletes and coaches are honored at various points during Husky football games. Here, members of the UConn community who have served in military duty in Iraq and Afghanistan are honored.



“THE HUSKY WALK”

A new pregame tradition was started last year at Rentschler Field as UConn fans got a chance to greet the Huskies as they arrive at the stadium. “The Husky Walk” takes place about two-and-a-half hours before each game as the UConn buses pull up to Gate D of the stadium and the players make their way to Gate C.



JONATHAN THE HUSKY MASCOT

The official mascot of the University of Connecticut is a Siberian Husky dog named Jonathan. Jonathan XIII made his debut on the Storrs campus in the winter of 2008 and attended the 2008 Blue-White Spring Football Game at Rentschler Field. He will be on hand for the '08 season. The first Husky dog came to UConn in 1934 and the puppy was named for Jonathan Trumbull, the Governor of Connecticut during the Revolutionary War. The pedigree of Jonathan I was traced back to include a great-grandfather who traveled to the North Pole with Admiral Bryd in 1909. Jonathan III was with Admiral Byrd when he undertook “Operation High Jump” to the Antarctic in 1946-47.

A costumed mascot has also gained popularity over the past several decades.

HUSKY TRADITIONS

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT ALMA MATER

“UCONN HUSKY” FIGHT SONG

“UConn Husky” is the fight song of the school. It was written in the mid-1930's by Herb France, who was UConn's Director of Music until the mid-1950's. The song is widely known for its playing at different sporting events, but got “out of this world” attention in October 1989 when it was played aboard NASA's Space Shuttle to wake up the shuttle astronauts. Among those astronauts on the mission was Franklin Chang-Diaz, a 1973 UConn graduate.

*UConn Husky
Symbol of might to the foe.
Fight, fight Connecticut,
It's victory, let's go!
Connecticut UConn Husky,
Do it again for the white and blue.*

*So go, go, go, go, Connecticut,
Connecticut U.
C-O-N-N-E-C-T-I-C-U-T, Connecticut
Connecticut Husky, Connecticut Husky,
Connecticut C-O-N-N-U. Fight!
(Repeat first verse)*

*Once more, as we gather today
To sing our alma mater's praise
And join in the fellowship strong
That inspires our college days.
We're backing our teams in the strife
Cheering them to victory.
We pledge anew
To old Connecticut,
Our steadfast spirit of loyalty.*

*Connecticut, Connecticut
Thy sons and daughters true
Unite to honor thy name
Our fairest white and blue.*

*When time shall have severed us far
And the years their changes bring,
The thought of the college we love
In our memories will cling.
For friendships that ever remain
And associations dear
We'll raise a song
To old Connecticut
And join our voices in our long cheer*

*Connecticut, Connecticut
Thy sons and daughters true
Unite to honor thy name
Our fairest white and blue.*

VICTORY BELL

An enduring tradition of UConn football is the ringing of the Victory Bell after each UConn score. The bell was moved from the previous home of UConn football, Memorial Stadium, to its new home – Rentschler Field. After each score, the bell is rung once for each point UConn has scored in the game.