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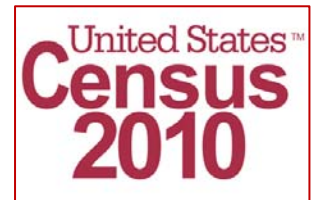
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Connecticut State University System Begins Preparation for 2010 U.S. Census

Central, Eastern, Southern and Western to Support State and Local Efforts Aimed at “Complete Count”

The Connecticut State University System (CSUS) has begun efforts to ensure its 36,000 students — including those who live on and off campus — are counted in the United States Census in 2010. The U.S. Census Bureau conducts the Census every 10 years as mandated by the United States Constitution.

Each of the four CSUS universities — Central in New Britain, Eastern in Willimantic, Southern in New Haven and Western in Danbury — have appointed Complete Count Committees which include students, faculty and staff who will work to educate students about in their role in the 2010 Census. These committees will plan activities to encourage participation, work with U.S. Census representatives and partner with local Complete Count Committees in their respective communities



“Getting the message out to students and ensuring their response will be challenging but it is very important to the universities, their local communities and our state,” said William Gammell, associate vice chancellor at CSUS and member of the Governor’s Complete Count Committee.

The primary mission of the Complete Count Committees at each university is to inform students that federal law requires all citizens to fill out the census questionnaire in the location where they live for the majority of the year. All students, whether they live on campus or off campus, are from in-state or out-of-state or are citizens or non-citizens, must complete the census form when it is distributed on campus next spring.

The data collected from the 10-minute, 10-question Census survey will have an effect on college tuition grants and loan programs. More than \$4 trillion of funding that is distributed to states and communities over the next 10 years will be based upon the data obtained from the questionnaire. Data collected from the Census will also have an effect on representation in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as decisions about government funded projects, services and research.

According to the Connecticut State Data Center, three of the cities in which the universities are located — New Britain, New Haven and Danbury — are among the “10 At-Risk Towns” because of low return rates in the 2000 Census.



CSUS Chancellor David G. Carter applauded the efforts getting underway at the universities to encourage students to recognize the importance of the Census.

“The Census is both an educational opportunity for our students and an obligation as citizens. Their participation will have an impact on their futures, and the state. We are beginning our efforts early, and look forward to working with the U.S. Census and our local communities in the coming months,” said Carter.

-CSUS is Connecticut’s largest university system, with approximately 36,000 students. For more information about the CSUS’s effort to improve students’ participation in the Census 2010 visit the website: www.ctstateu.edu/census.htm.

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