May 13 CT Learns and Works Event Features Second Chance Initiatives, Women in STEM Careers Workshops

WETHERSFIELD, April 21, 2016 – Developing Second Chance initiatives, advances in digital badging, the reenergized role of manufacturing in today’s workforce, and the expanding availability of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) careers for women will be topics discussed at the May 13 Connecticut Learns and Works Conference taking place 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel in Rocky Hill.

Title “Climbing to New Heights,” the event is geared for educators, counselors, employment and training specialists, as well as business people involved with career and workforce development issues. Anne Parmenter, a physical education instructor at Trinity College and coach of the school’s Bantam field hockey team, is guest speaker at the event. Parmenter, who in 2006 fulfilled a lifelong dream of climbing Mount Everest, will talk about determination and goal setting.

Now in its 21st year, the annual conference is sponsored by the Connecticut departments of Education and Labor, Connecticut Career Network, Connecticut State University System, Connecticut State Board of Regents, and Connecticut Department of Rehabilitation Services.

Workshops at the conference include:

- Best Chance for a Second Chance
- College and University Honors/Scholar Program; College Career Pathways
- The Digital Badging Revolution
- Financial Industry Opportunities in Connecticut
- Labor Market Information
- Latinos in Connecticut Schools
- Manufacturing (Non-Traditional Students/Alternate Pathways in Higher Ed)
- Women in STEM Careers: Realities, Resources and Road Maps

The Sheraton Hartford South Hotel is located at 110 Capital Boulevard, Rocky Hill. Additional information and registration details for the Connecticut Learns and Works Conference can be found at www.ctlearnsandworks.com.

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