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CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE LAUNCHES ACADEMIC ADVISING WEBSITE

Hartford, CT – Capital Community College students now have one more tool at their disposal to help them succeed: ACE, the college’s new advising website. ACE, which stands for “Achieve College Excellence,” was developed to support students in finding their way around numerous college concerns from admissions and selecting a major to tutoring, transfer, career information and more.

“The advising web portal is a key element of our advising strategy,” said Mary Jean Thornton, Assistant Professor of Business and the lead person coordinating the project. Thornton describes Capital’s advisement strategy as one that provides intensive personal contact – “high touch” - to new students with the highest need. New and continuing students with low to moderate needs receive support in the use of the easy-to-navigate web portal – “high tech” - that offers information along with access to advisors. The central goal is to guide all students toward self-sufficiency.

ACE was modeled after Monroe Community College’s Advising Atlas, whose advising plans have been recognized by the National Academic Advising Association. Funded by Travelers and Perkins, ACE was a two year effort from concept to implementation and involved faculty and professional staff volunteers from all areas of the college. Students were asked for feedback regarding the design and logo.

“I’m exceptionally proud of this tool and the people who made it happen,” said Mary Jean Thornton. “We needed outside support to help our most important stakeholder...our students.”

Capital’s advising website is believed to be the only such site in the Connecticut community college system.

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