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**CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AND UCONN GREATER HARTFORD
HOST HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE**

FRIDAY, APRIL 7 AT UCONN GREATER HARTFORD CAMPUS

Hartford, CT – Students, faculty and staff from the Connecticut community colleges and the University of Connecticut tri-campus colleges are invited to attend a human rights conference on Friday, April 7, from 8:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on the Greater Hartford campus of the University of Connecticut located in West Hartford at 85 Lawler Rd.

The free conference, *From Words to Action: Human Rights in Today's World*, is a collaboration between the two college systems, and is co-hosted by Capital Community College and UConn Greater Hartford. Inspired and supported by Dr. Amii Omara-Otunnu, UNESCO Chair in Human Rights, the forum's purpose is twofold: to increase awareness regarding global human rights and to inspire people to take action.

In addition to Dr. Amii Omara-Otunnu, Eddie Perez, mayor of Hartford, will also speak. The keynote speaker is Dr. Adil Najam, Associate Professor of International Negotiation and Diplomacy at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Six breakout sessions will be offered both in the morning and afternoon. Afternoon participants may select one of the breakout sessions or one of two work groups that discuss potential cross-campus student programs and mentorships related to human rights, and curriculum collaboration, which will include dialogue about a potential Introduction to Human Rights course to be offered at the Connecticut community colleges and UConn in the near future. Both work groups will determine follow up actions to accomplish by an agreed upon date.

Besides the speakers, lunch and breakout sessions, an African drumming and dancing group from the Artists Collective will entertain participants, and Human Rights Student Ambassadors from Storrs will share their model for possible replication or adaptation.

Although the conference is free, attendees must register to attend. They may register online at <http://tri-campus.uconn.edu/humanrightsconvocation> or access a form to fax by visiting the tri-campus website at www.tri-campus.uconn.edu (then click on right hand side that reads “Click here for the Tri-Campus Human Rights Convocation Website”). Fax completed form to (860) 570-9210; ATTN: Dan O’Reilly.

Registrants may pick up materials at the Library Building on the Greater Hartford campus at 8:15 a.m. the morning of the event. The keynote presentation will be made in the auditorium in the same building.

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