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**CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SELECTED FOR METLIFE GRANT
ADDRESSING STUDENT SUCCESS**

Hartford, CT - Capital Community College has been awarded a \$125,000 grant from the MetLife Foundation for its **Pathways to Student Success** program, an initiative to help disadvantaged students prepare for and succeed in college. Capital is one of ten colleges awarded the competitive grant, and the only one in Connecticut.

The \$1.2 million MetLife Foundation initiative supports expansion of proven methods and introduction of innovative strategies to aid students in preparing for college, gaining essential knowledge and skills in college, completing degrees and securing employment.

This grant program initiative aims to serve first-generation, minority, part-time, working, and career-changing students. "Community colleges play a vital role by providing opportunities for students of all ages and backgrounds to develop the skills they need for economic stability and success in life," said Sibyl Jacobson, president, MetLife Foundation. "These grants respond to the needs of aspiring students in ways that will help assure more of them reach their goals."

At Capital Community College, the grant will build on the **MetLife Academy of Success**, a one-year program to prepare high school juniors for the rigors of college. Capital provides students with classes, workshops, mentors and continuing support from program faculty, staff and tutors. The college anticipates dramatically improved rates of retention as educationally disadvantaged students gain access to higher education and help through the program.

"The support of MetLife is critically important in our efforts to reach high school students early in the transition from high school to college," said Calvin Woodland, Capital Community College's president. "It not only builds on what we have already accomplished with the program, but it makes it possible to utilize interventions that will significantly advance the probability of academic success for these first generation college students."

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The only public undergraduate college in the city of Hartford, Capital Community College provides access to higher education to the diverse residents of the region. The college develops students' academic and professional skills to prepare them for transfer education, careers and other ongoing challenges and opportunities.