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CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CELEBRATES LAB SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

Hartford, CT – Friday, April 15th from 5-8 p.m. Capital Community College will celebrate the 35th anniversary of the college’s Early Childhood Education Laboratory School at “35 Years of Love.” The event is free and open to the public. Former and current Lab School graduates and their families, as well as the entire community, are invited to attend.

When Capital Community College’s Lab School opened its doors in 1975 it was the only lab school in Connecticut’s community college system, and one of the few in the state. Prompted by faculty requests for a child care center, the model school in early childhood education was created as part of what was then known as Greater Hartford Community College, and it served children of the college’s students, faculty, and the Greater Hartford community.

Now located in the Elaine Stewart McKirdy Early Childhood Education Center at 950 Main Street, Capital Community College’s Lab School is a nationally accredited lab school for young children with modern facilities for early childhood education degree classes and child development associate (CDA) classes. The lab school upholds the same mission it began with: To provide an authentic, child-centered approach to the education of young children and to encourage learning as a life-long process. Capital students who major in early childhood education intern in the center, and prepare and carry out their student teaching there.

Britt-Marie Cole-Johnson, an attorney at Robinson & Cole, attended the lab school 25 years ago and said “I have very fond memories of my time there, and am forever appreciative of the nurturing environment provided by my teachers, Carmen and Sue. The Lab School was my first introduction to formal education, and I definitely got off to a great start!”

For more information on the April 15 event, contact Carmen Marrero at 860-906-5239 or cmarrero@ccc.commnet.edu