CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MUSIC PROF HONORED WITH
HARTT SCHOOL OF MUSIC’S REGENTS’ AWARD

Hartford, CT – Dr. Arthur Hernandez, Associate Professor of Music and Music Program Coordinator at Capital Community College, has been selected by the University of Hartford’s Hartt School of Music for the Regents’ Honor Award for Graduate Students. The most prestigious award that the University of Hartford bestows on graduate students, criteria for selection includes a cumulative GPA over 3.8, significant scholarship and community service.

Dr. Hernandez, who earned his DMA (Doctor of Musical Arts) at the Hartt School this year, has developed a first-rate music program at Capital Community College and authored the Associate Degree in Music Industry, the only such program available at a Connecticut community college, and one of the few in the state. Students in the Music Industry program learn about the business of music, such as artist contracts, copyright laws, performance booking, managing artists, directing a music institution or creating their own music business. Students also gain knowledge of state-of-the-art music technology, including how to create their own recording studio.

Concerts@Capital, an eclectic music series, free and open to the public, is another successful project spearheaded by Dr. Hernandez, one that has changed the face of the Greater Hartford music scene. Since the series’ modest beginning in 2006, which presented the Hartford Symphony Orchestra String Quartet to an audience of forty, Concerts@Capital now regularly has attendance ranging from 80-150 people. Among the ensembles and artists who have graced the college’s stage are The Hartford Symphony Chamber Orchestra, The Harry Whitaker Trio, e-cellist Jeffrey Krieger, Hartford Sound Alliance, The Alturas Duo, renowned guitarist Jason Vieaux, the Kelet Duo, Ira Braus, String Theorie, and soprano Elizabeth Lyra Ross. In 2009 Dr. Hernandez established the Hartford Composers Concert Series, which features composers from around Connecticut, but specifically Hartford. Composers featured in this series include Robert Carl, Steven Gryc, Juliana Hall, David Macbride, Tawnie Olson, Dan Roman, Larry Alan Smith, Matt Sargent, Ken Steen, and Dr. Hernandez himself. This May, Capital Community College will host its first Latin Music Festival.

“Receiving this recognition is extremely satisfying and humbling,” said Hernandez. “Studying at the Hartt School and working with and learning from the gifted and inspired faculty there is one of the highlights of my career.”