

## From the Desk of the CEO

Update from Capital CEO, Dr. G. Duncan Harris



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*Spring is just around the corner* and 2020 has already brought new energy and excitement to campus. Students and faculty have settled into their classes. And even though the year has just begun, we already have a lot to celebrate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Duncan Harris".

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

Capital Community College conducted its annual Town and Legislative Breakfast. *CCC is fortunate to have a committed and student-centered legislative delegation*, a virtual “who’s who” of CT’s state legislature.

I’d like to thank our representatives and municipal leaders that attended:

**Representative Matt Ritter**, Majority Leader

**Senator Doug McCrory**, Co-Chair of Education

**Representative Jason Rojas**, Chair of Appropriations

**Representative Brandon McGee**, Chair of Housing and Co-Chair of the Black and Latino Caucus

**Representative Bobby Sanchez**, Co-Chair of Education and Co-Chair of the Black and Latino Caucus

**Representative Joshua Hall**, Vice Chair of Labor

**Mayor Michael Rell**, Wethersfield

**Councilman Nick Lebron**, Hartford

CCC's Equity Agenda aligns with many of the themes shared by our legislative delegation: jobs, training and apprenticeships, childcare support, free community college (PACT), support for re-entry populations, creation of a minority teacher pipeline, support for veterans, and housing security.

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## THE FUTURE OF CAPITAL

### CAPITAL MASTER PLAN

In order to provide our students with an accessible, efficient, and functional campus Capital has decided to embark on a master planning project. The College is looking forward to the site upgrades which are the most significant since our move to Downtown Hartford in 2002. These physical plant upgrades support our student learning and retention agenda and will surely have an impact on student success for years to come.



## NEW GRANTS

### CAPITAL PARTNERS WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOR A KRESGE FOUNDATION GRANT

Capital Community College, along with Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Hartford, are honored to be one of six community colleges in the nation to be selected by the Kresge Foundation to participate in its BOOST Program - a program designed to strengthen partnerships between community colleges and community based organizations. We will target 700 families at three neighborhood-based Family Centers to receive coordinated supports in three areas: (1) academic supports such as college application and financial aid assistance; (2) workforce services, including job placement, career planning, and financial coaching; and (3) social capital activities that promote healthy child-parent and parent-to-parent relationships.

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## CAPITAL HEROES

### OFFICER SCOTT DORIO SAVES A LIFE

Last month, Officer Scott Dorio rescued a woman who was involved in an accident at the intersection of Church and Main Streets. He pried the victim's door open because she was trapped behind the wheel due to the deployment of her car's airbags. Not surprisingly, she was in shock and tearfully collapsed into Officer Dorio's arms. The CCC College Community wishes her a speedy recovery and I feel extremely fortunate to have such an experienced and competent team of safety professionals at Capital.

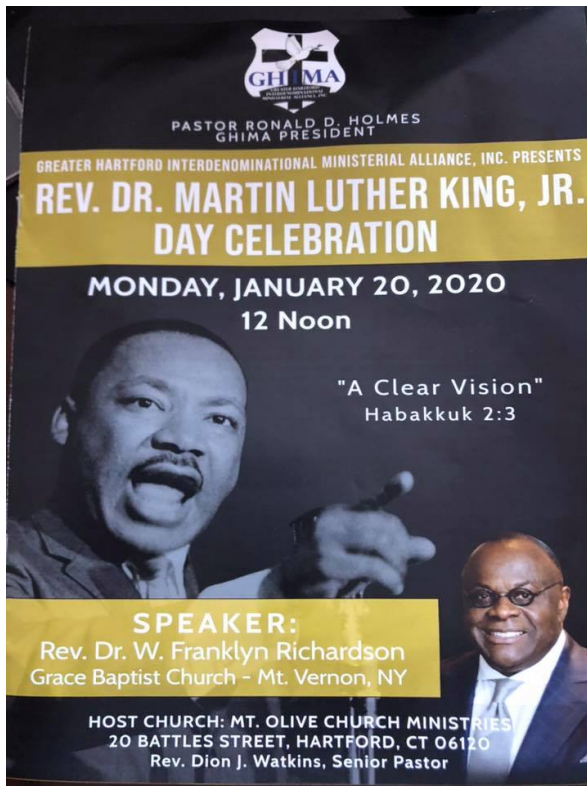


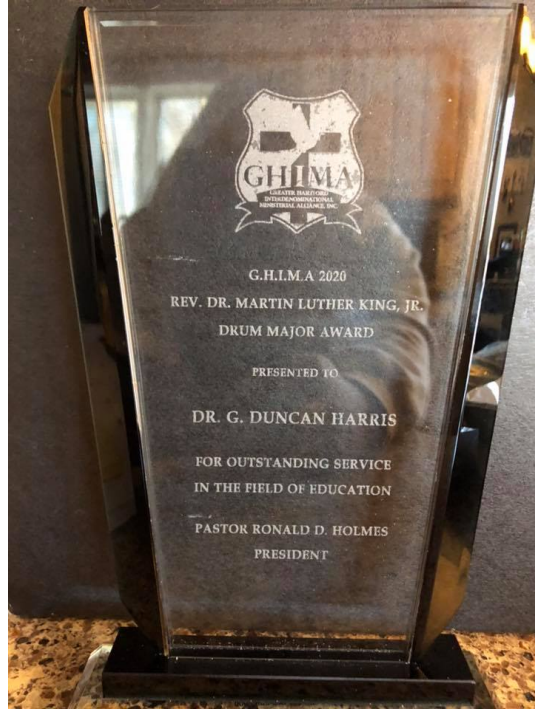
## AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### CEO DR. G. DUNCAN HARRIS RECEIVES MLK AWARD FROM MT. OLIVE CHURCH

I was truly humbled to wrap up my 2020 MLK Celebration Weekend at [Mt. Olive Church](#) where the Greater Hartford Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance presented me with the Drum Major Award for Education. Kudos to my fellow Drum Majors: State Representative, Bobby Gibson (Politics), Bishop Designate, Marichal Monts (Religion,) and Executive Director of the Minority Construction Council, Jennifer Little-Greer (Community Service).

For generations, the Harris Family has recognized the liberating power of education so to be recognized for my efforts, and the stalwart efforts of Capital faculty and staff colleagues, to promote educational access and attainment, especially with an award named in honor my fraternity brother and idol, Rev. Bro. Dr. Martin Luther King, means the world to me. I am truly honored and grateful.





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