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Regional Airports Represent Economic Opportunity

Eastern Connecticut is home to three of the state's General Aviation airports: Groton-New London, Windham, and Danielson. These essential resources both drive and facilitate economic growth.

"There's a tendency to overlook the economic value of our airports," said Tony Sheridan, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT and Chair of the Connecticut Airport Authority Board. "When we talk about transportation infrastructure, the airports play a key role in our state's economy and the CAA is working hard to maximize their value."

To discover opportunities for growth, the CAA is conducting a survey of Eastern Connecticut businesses, collecting data on businesses' commercial air travel needs and annual expenditures. This information will help CAA assess the prospects for commercial flights out of Groton.

The largest of the three Eastern CT airports, Groton-New London was approved for commercial flights in 1984 and had commercial service until 2004. It has two runways, a taxiway system, and an air traffic control tower above a terminal with a full-service restaurant and car rental agencies. Retaining its certification, the airport located in an established tourism region and manufacturing center is ripe for a reinstatement of commercial service.

Currently, Groton-New London airport serves general aviation, corporate jets, recreational and tourist-related flights. The airport offers private charter flights, underwater egress training for pilots and passengers, and houses the Army National Guard's 1109 Theatre Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group. Groton-New London supports 837 jobs with \$33.8 million in labor income, \$108 million in economic output and generates \$6.54 million in state taxes.



Aerial view of Groton-New London Airport.

Groton-New London holds the distinction of having hosted aviation superstar Amelia Earhart who was married in Groton in 1931. During WWII, the airport was a major training center for U.S. Army Air Force pilots and aircrews and then transferred to the U.S. Navy who further developed the infrastructure.

Windham Airport accommodates single and multi-engine aircraft, focusing on corporate and recreational flights, with a location convenient to the University of Connecticut's flagship campus in Storrs. Learn 2 Fly CT, which operates out of the Windham Airport, is offering a drone pilot certificate program at Three Rivers Community College Workforce & Community Education program. Constructed under the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and expanded from its single runway during WWII, the airport played a role in the safe emergency landing of Hollywood royalty Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh. With 120 jobs, \$5.1 million in labor income and \$15.2 million in economic output, the 280-acre

airport is a valuable local contributor as well as a state asset with \$940,000 in tax revenue.

The smallest of the six state-owned airports, Danielson serves recreational pilots, business travelers, cargo flights and flight training at its 257-acre facility. Thrill seekers leave the plane behind with skydiving out of Danielson Airport, a unique opportunity for tourists and residents for a life-changing experience. Its economic contribution is 82 jobs resulting in \$3 million in labor income, driving \$9.6 million in output and \$580,000 in state taxes.

The airports host annual open house days that welcome the public for a behind-the-scenes look. Groton-New London invites people for an up-close look at aircraft, a chance to speak with pilots and a look at the businesses, hangers, and training facilities on August 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Danielson hosted their event early in June with a packed day of flying, skydiving, and exploring all things aviation. Windham Airport will be hosting an open house in September with details to come.

A Special Thank You

Through their commitment to the Chamber, these companies have demonstrated support for the many smaller businesses we serve.



Dominion Energy Foundation Awards Channel 3 Kids Camp Grant to Send Children to Camp

The Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation has awarded Channel 3 Kids Camp a grant in the amount of \$7,500. The funding will be used specifically to provide camp scholarships to children from New London County this summer.

Dominion Energy-Millstone's Nancy Bulkeley, Senior Community Affairs Representative, presented the check to Channel 3 Kids Camp CEO Denise K. Hornbecker at the camp's recent "Fun by the Fire" event, which welcomed more than 200 adults to camp for an evening of fantastic food and drink provided by several Connecticut restaurants along with adult-style camp games.

The Camp's mission is to provide fun, year-round opportunities for children of all abilities, families, and communities through educational and recreational programs that promote diversity, acceptance, and environmental appreciation. Channel 3 Kids Camp believes that all children deserve

a camp opportunity regardless of their economic, physical, or developmental ability.

"The support of Dominion Energy Foundation means so much to us," said Denise K. Hornbecker, CEO of Channel 3 Kids Camp. "But it means more to the many children from New London County who are able to come to camp because of their generosity."

UCFS seeks nominations for the 2019 Palmer Davies Leadership Award

UCFS Healthcare is accepting nominations for the 2019 Palmer Davies Leadership Award, which recognizes an outstanding leader in the community who has improved the health and well-being of the community or region through advocacy, leadership and by fostering a community spirit that reflects the mission and values of UCFS.

Nomination forms are available at ucfshcare.org or by calling Pam Kinder at 860.822.4146. Completed nomination forms are due by Friday, August 23. The award will be presented at our Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 24.

CT PTAC Wins Statewide Non-Profit Partnership Award

Last month, the CT Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) was awarded the Non-Profit Partnership Award at the Annual CT Minority Construction Council (MCC) Awards Dinner. The event hosted prime contractors, local and state politicians, as well as other CT state agencies.

The Non-Profit Partnership Award is awarded to a non-profit organization that has worked with the Minority Construction Council in the areas of development and advocacy for minority contractors. CT PTAC, a statewide program located in Groton, provides procurement assistance to businesses that are interested in selling their goods or services to federal, state, or local governments.

Procurement Specialist, Frank Dixon, led workshops and trainings with the MCC and was honored to accept the award on behalf of the CT PTAC the evening of May 15. "PTAC has and will continue to work with its strategic partners to ensure that small business in the state of Connecticut receive the best possible technical assistance to grow efficiently and effectively," Dixon explains.

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U.S. Congressman Joe Courtney Provided Comprehensive Update from Washington D.C. at Chamber's Business Breakfast

Speaking to a full room at the Groton Inn & Suites on Friday, June 14, U.S. Congressman Joe Courtney began his review of his legislative agenda with an explanation of his need for a cup of coffee after a long Armed Services Committee session: "We began a markup at ten o'clock Wednesday morning and didn't finish until seven a.m. Thursday morning."

The important bill they were working on moves forward almost \$24 billion in the shipbuilding account, which increases the bottom line and percentage of the budget, with almost half going to the undersea fleet. The bill authorizes funding for three submarines, continues the Columbia-class funding, and restores funding to essential submarine maintenance. Congressman Courtney noted the ripple effect of this work across the community, mentioning the seCTer "Leading the Way" event that connected suppliers to General Dynamics Electric Boat.

With the shipyard increasing to 20,000 employees in the coming years, Congressman Courtney noted the demographic shift at General Dynamics Electric Boat where in 2013 Baby Boomers represented 47% of the workforce and now make up 26% compared to the growing 51% of millennials.

A national conversation around workforce readiness has shown Eastern Connecticut in a strong light. Congressman Courtney commented on the recently commissioned South Dakota. "When that boat came back from its initial sea trials, it actually recorded the highest score in terms of quality of any of the Virginia class ships."

As a member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, he has a broad perspective on the issue. "We are blessed in this region that we had such incredible vision and leadership with the Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board," he said. "It is the model in terms of an accelerated pre-apprenticeship program in terms of trying to meet these incredibly challenging work force demands...We are seeing that model being replicated ...They are scrambling to emulate what we have put together here."

Congress is moving forward a number of bills, even as the media focuses on other issues. Congressman Courtney cataloged three recent bills that passed with bipartisan



Congressman Joe Courtney speaks with Bob Congdon, First Selectman, Town of Preston.

support. The Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act helps small businesses channel employees into retirement plans with tax credits and increased enrollment. It also rectified a tax bill provision that impacted Gold Star families negatively. The Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act extends coverage for exposure to Agent Orange to military who served offshore. Third, the Bipartisan Background Checks Act closes loopholes in federal background check requirements for firearms purchases.

Congress also passed the Climate Action Now Act to rejoin the Paris Agreement, Equality Act to ensure civil rights for LGBTQ Americans, the American Dream and Promise Act to offer a path to legal status for 8,000 "dreamers," and the Save the Internet Act to restore net neutrality which is important to small and new businesses. In healthcare, the bills include protecting coverage of preexisting conditions and lowering the price of prescription drugs through several measures around generic drugs. These bills move onto the Senate.

Appropriations bill highlights included the construction of a new pier at the New London Sub Base, \$1 billion increase in grants to schools, increased funding for employment and training programs, and preservation

of Plum Island by prohibiting its sale and seeking further protection.

Articles in The Day and the Norwich Bulletin cover more details from Congressman Courtney's presentation. Watch the event recorded by Connecticut Network.



Congressman Joe Courtney with Teresa Jackman, Community Relations Specialist, Eversource.

Arts, Culture and Tourism (ACT) Policy Update Provides View of Current Budget and Goals Moving Forward



Left to right: Sam Quigley, Director, Lyman Allyn Art Museum; David Kooris, Deputy Commissioner, DECD; Wendy Bury, Executive Director, SECT Cultural Coalition; Amanda Ljubicic, Vice President, Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT; Paul Formica, State Senator

In a year of a flat budget for ACT—the new acronym for a new state-level committee: arts, culture and tourism—DECD Deputy Commissioner David Kooris called the budget a win as compared to the trend of cuts under the previous administration. With a dedicated source supporting the Tourism fund, he noted, “We have a mechanism to protect where we are and it sets a foundation we can build upon.”

At a June 19 legislative update presented by the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut and the Southeastern CT Cultural Coalition and hosted by the Lyman Allyn Art Museum, Mr. Kooris was joined by State Senator Paul Formica and ACT Committee Co-Chairs Wendy Bury, Exec. Director, SECT Cultural Coalition, and Steve Tagliatela, Chair, CT Tourism Coalition, to discuss the impact of the recent legislative session and budget. Senator Formica commented on the union of arts, culture and tourism. “It seemed to be a natural extension of the collaboration necessary to move our state forward... in any issue collaboration is the way to make it work,” he said highlighting a theme of public-private partnership intrinsic to the plan.

In 2018, tourism secured a dedicated revenue source with 10% of lodging tax, which solidifies the foundation. Funding of \$13 million covers Office of Arts, Office of Tourism, CT Humanities and several line items for various cultural institutions, will support a statewide marketing campaign of \$4.3 million as well as funding three tourism districts at \$400,000 each.

In a comprehensive marketing strategy, Mr. Kooris described a data-driven, quantitative approach designed to make the most of every dollar by being responsive to digital engagement. Tracking consumers from a click on a webpage to a visit to the venue using Arrivalist, marketing in expensive areas like Boston and New York have measurable impacts through digital campaigns and maximize dollars spent.

The goal is to expand public-private partnerships. Mr. Kooris pointed to the “rolling billboards” created by wrapping DATTCO buses in advertising. The Districts are working with budgets heavily weighted toward marketing with less going to administrative costs. The Eastern Regional Tourism District arranged a partnership with Norwich Community Development Corporation to reduce overhead costs and secure the funding from FY2019. Mr. Kooris noted that he will be bringing forward in special sessions proposals to refine boards and commissions, which can be honed to most meaningfully use volunteer members’ time.

Rest areas will be reopening with \$550,000 in funding provided to the Department of Transportation, although Westbrook will remain

closed. Funding to open the rest areas, however, only covers the DOT maintenance staff for the facilities; no funding was given to the Office of Tourism to staff or stock the kiosks at the rest areas. This issue is being explored by the Office of Tourism, which is in a difficult position without allotted funding.

Major bills related to ACT that passed allow establishment of Municipal Cultural Districts and send forward recommendations from the Speaker of the House of Representatives’ Blue Ribbon Commission on Tourism for implementation by the DECD. Municipal Cultural Districts will be in a position to do increased marketing and create distinctive local character. Districts can coordinate with state office marketing and receive services from DECD and Cultural service districts.

Arts and Culture funding constitutes \$5.8 million or 45% of the tourism fund. Portions of the funding are distributed through grants by the Office of the Arts, \$1.5 million, and CT Humanities \$850,000. The Office of the Arts is able to leverage state funding to secure an additional \$1 million from the National Endowment for the Arts. The remaining \$3.5 million is distributed through specific line items in the state budget.

In a side note, marketing for Connecticut will no longer include the tagline “still revolutionary.” Any logos from this campaign should be replaced on websites and other marketing materials. For more information and to download logos without the tagline, search use the Connecticut Brand at CT.gov.



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Scholarships Awarded by Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT Foundation

On June 13, the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut Foundation awarded four high school seniors scholarships for college. Heading to ECSU in the fall, Alyssa Milette, Griswold High School, will be studying education and psychology, and Chloe Chenot, Stonington High School, will be exploring several areas before choosing a major. Graduates of Norwich Free Academy, Jayleigh Tefft will study nursing at CCSU and Saphira Dorelus will pursue the same at Three Rivers Community College. The scholarships were presented by Lou Ziegler, Chair of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT Foundation.

The four annual scholarships of \$1,250 meet the Foundation's goal to enhance and enrich

education and economic opportunities for the region's rising workforce by providing financial assistance to promising high school seniors in the Chamber service area.

The foundation selects scholarship recipients based on a variety of criteria including academic persistence, community involvement and service, career interest, and financial need. High school seniors who are continuing their education by attending college or a technical, vocational, or apprenticeship program are eligible to apply.

Information about the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT Foundation, scholarships and grants is available at ChamberECT.com/chamber-foundation.



Lou Ziegler, Chair of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT Foundation, with scholarship recipients, Alyssa Milette, Saphira Dorelus, Jayleigh Tefft, and Chloe Chenot, and Amanda Ljubicic, VP of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT.

SHARED INSIGHTS

Manufacturing a Successful Future

Joe de la Cruz understands the manufacturing pipeline from start to beautiful, high-shine finish. His perspective is gained from 30 years in metal fabrication and its machinery, from the shop floor to management of Hillery Company in Groton. Mr. de la Cruz now brings that perspective to the state legislature as Representative for the 41st District.

Hillery Company, a family-owned business for over 60 years, does custom metal fabrication for a diverse client base in industries from defense to entertainment venues. Beginning as a mechanic at Hillery in 2006, Joe has worked the last six years jointly managing the company with Jesse Riley who also joined Hillery as a union worker.

The challenges small businesses are facing in Eastern Connecticut are the same as our major manufacturers, finding and retaining skilled labor, but with the added issue of competing with those larger employers.

"At the end of the day, it's skilled labor that puts something on the pallet," said Joe. The quality of the product and success of the business depend on finding the right people and getting them in the right positions.

To this end, Joe values the Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board programs and has supported bills across the state that promote interest in the field of manufacturing in all its aspects. The hands-on experience and training in the pipeline programs through EWIB are particularly important as long-term success in a field comes from enjoying the work. "People who love the job are the ones who succeed," he explained, saying there are people who really thrive in the shop environment, love welding or have an interest in drawing or engineering.

Hillery Company supports hands-on learning through their work with Fitch High School's FIRST robotics team, The Aluminum Falcons. Crafting parts for student-designed robots, Hillery engages with students and along with team mentors who come from area industries, helps expose them to the many jobs connected to manufacturing.

Success of Connecticut manufacturing is also connected to sourcing locally. Joe often finds the best product and the best pricing locally, especially when accounting for shipping costs. Hillery has developed



Jesse Riley and Joe de la Cruz have managed Hillery Company for the last six years.

strong relationships with Connecticut businesses that will last for the long-term.

Finally, Joe recommended businesses look at opportunities from the state. The Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund Voucher Program where "eligible companies can apply for vouchers up to \$50,000 for the purchase of specialized equipment and expertise that will help improve operations, including marketing, LEAN, compliance, and other technical needs," according to their website ctmvp.ccat.us. The program requires a match, but the vouchers open opportunities that may otherwise be out of reach.

Joe sees a new urgency in the region's response to the growing economy. He is excited to see that rather than just ride the wave while it lasts, businesses are looking for ways to enhance the current upswell and planning carefully for a successful future.

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Connecticut Siting Council approves Killingly Energy Center

On June 6, the Connecticut Siting Council approved NTE Energy's application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, paving the way for continued development of the Killingly Energy Center.

NTE Chief Executive Officer Seth Shortlidge said the council's decision reaffirmed the need for the new 650-megawatt natural gas-fired facility at a time when older, less-efficient power plants across New England are nearing retirement.

"We appreciate the diligence and thoughtfulness with which the siting council reviewed our application," said Shortlidge, adding that with the receipt of the certificate, construction could begin as early as this fall. "The approval of the certificate supports the need for cleaner, flexible electric generation that will help secure the region's power reliability."

Shortlidge noted that the Killingly Energy Center will support the State of Connecticut's compliance with the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2008 through NTE's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emission levels at least 80 percent below initial operating levels by 2050. Beyond this, NTE has committed to retiring the facility in 2050 or otherwise operating it with zero net greenhouse gas emissions.

In addition to providing New England with a cleaner and more efficient source of electric generation, the Killingly Energy Center promises to provide economic benefits to the area. In 2018, the Killingly Town Council approved a Tax Stabilization Agreement through which the Killingly Energy Center will become one of the town's largest taxpayers, contributing more than \$100 million to the town over the 20-year term of the agreement.

NTE is also providing an additional \$5 million for scholarships and other town projects under the Community Environmental Benefit Agreement between NTE and the town. In addition, NTE has committed to providing Ellis Tech students with valuable hands-on work experience on the Killingly Energy Center's construction.

NTE Energy is investing approximately \$700 million in private capital to construct the Killingly Energy Center. Once the project's financing has been finalized, construction will begin. Construction of the plant is expected to generate approximately 450 well-paying construction jobs as well as 20 permanent, full-time jobs with a total annual payroll of approximately \$2 million once the facility becomes operational.

ConnectiCare Employees Support Junior Achievement's JA in a Day

ConnectiCare, one of Connecticut's leading health plans, has a long-standing history of giving back to local communities. ConnectiCare employees volunteer at several events throughout Connecticut and they were at the Ellen P. Hubbell School in Bristol on June 6, volunteering for Junior Achievement of Southwest New England's JA in a Day program.

JA in a Day is a high impact way to deliver Junior Achievement lessons for a particular grade level all in the same day. ConnectiCare employees led classroom discussions on workforce readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy with students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

"JA in a Day is an opportunity to share knowledge and inspire students in our community," said Eric Galvin, President of ConnectiCare. "We're working to create healthier futures for the communities we serve and participating in JA in a Day aligns with this goal. We're proud to contribute to the future success of these students."

Junior Achievement's purpose is to prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. The not-for-profit is dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to plan for their futures, own their economic success, and make smart academic and economic choices.

Pfizer Awards Community Grants in Connecticut and Rhode Island

Pfizer's Groton Laboratories and the Clinical Research Unit, New Haven will support more than 60 programs in Southeastern Connecticut, the greater New Haven area, and southern Rhode Island through its 2019 competitive grants program.

Priority was given to programs that bring science and math to students from elementary through high school. Additional awards were made for programs that provide for the underserved or to support local civic and cultural institutions. A list of all the groups receiving support in 2019 is available at ChamberECT.com/2019PfizerGrantsAwarded

Organizations can apply online for the next round of grants at pfizercommunitygrants.versaic.com no later than March 31, 2020. For information, please contact us at PfizerConnecticutLabs@pfizer.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 13-14	Sailfest: Information Booth Sat: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm Sun: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Downtown New London
JULY 17	Business After Hours and YPsocial: Tamarack Lodge 5:30 - 7:30 pm 21 Ten Rod Road, Voluntown <i>Sponsored by Community Concierge</i>
JULY 18	Seminar: Connecticare Medicare Plan Information 2:30 - 4:30 pm 914 Hartford Turnpike, Waterford
JULY 19	State of "Thames River:" Update from Groton, New London, and TRIP 7:45 - 9:15 am Submarine Force Library and Museum
JULY 22	Ribbon Cutting: Artists' Trail at Florence Griswold Museum 11:00 am - 12:30 pm 96 Lyme Street, Old Lyme
JULY 24	Business Breakfast: By Land, By Sea, By Air - Transportation Update 7:45 - 9:15 am Location TBA
JULY 24	Workshop: "Wertz on Words" Miranda Creative Best Practices for Google Products to Drive Conversions 12:00 - 1:00 pm 914 Hartford Turnpike, Waterford
JULY 26	One-Year Anniversary Celebration: Binet Cuts 12:00 - 4:00 pm 944 B Poquonnock Road, Groton
JULY 27	Let's Go Local: Shoreline Brewery Tour 11:30 am - 7:00 pm 30 Mile Brewing Company, Old Saybrook Beer'd Brewing Company, Stonington Barley Head Brewery, Mystic <i>Sponsored by Tours of Distinction</i>
AUG 7	Business After Hours: The Spa at Norwich Inn 5:30 - 7:30 pm 607 West Thames Street, Norwich <i>Sponsored by Community Concierge</i>

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Leadership Eastern Connecticut Class of 2019 Celebrates Graduation



Class of 2019 Co-Presidents, Brenton Terry and Larry Warner address their fellow graduates.

Twenty-eight professionals from across fields and across the region celebrated their completion of our two-year program that invited them to explore Eastern Connecticut, learn about its leaders and challenges, and discover how they can participate in its success. Leadership Eastern Connecticut's Class of 2019 built networks, friendships, and a remarkably large shed for The Arc of Eastern Connecticut.

“The program has provided me with such a greater appreciation of my community at large and has exposed me to so much that I would never have had the opportunity to experience.”

On June 19 at the Hilton Mystic, participants and their colleagues and mentors gathered for a graduation ceremony and luncheon. In its 32nd year, Leadership Eastern Connecticut has been connecting rising leaders with opportunities to grow professionally and serve the community, forming the foundation of long-term contributions to the region by its hundreds of graduates.

The Chamber's Citizen of the Year 2019 Rodney Butler, Chairman Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Council and Interim CEO Foxwoods Resort Casino came to congratulate the graduates. Remarking on Eastern Connecticut's unique sense of community, Mr. Butler saw his passion for improving the world reflected in this group.

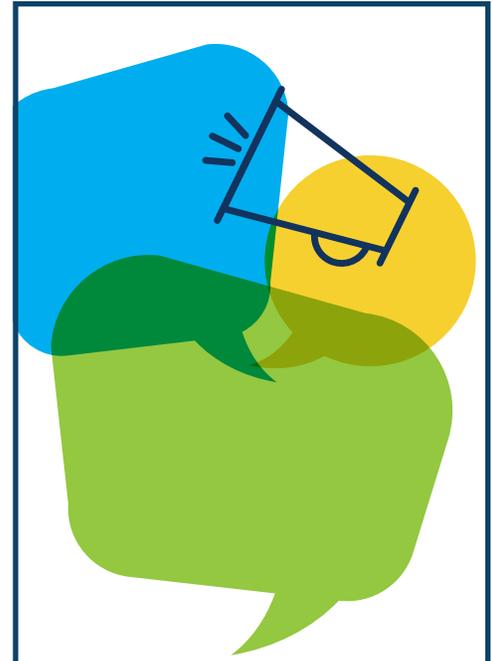
Gaining a leadership perspective through the program, graduates understand the motivation behind their hard work. “It's not just about you—in fact, it's never about you. It's about your coworkers. It's about the organization that you work for. It's about the philanthropic organizations that you support. It's about your family. That's what we are doing this for.”

The Class of 2019 completed an ambitious community service project for The Arc Eastern Connecticut, raising \$14,000 in donations to construct an outbuilding to support clients' landscaping microbusiness. Fundraising and donations of labor and supplies were so successful that \$3,500 in remaining funds were directly donated to The Arc program.

Echoing a sentiment heard throughout the class, Co-president Brenton Terry, Norwich Public Utilities, said, “The program has provided me with such a greater appreciation of my community at large and has exposed me to so much that I would never have had the opportunity to experience.” The behind-the-scenes looks at government, military, human services, media, and industry taught participants about leadership in different areas and the ways each sector connects in the region. “I was able to take a little piece from each speaker and relate it to who I am and the professional I want to be,” said Mr. Terry.

The new Leadership class is forming now, and applications are being accepted through August 9. For more information, visit ChamberECT.com/leadership-program.

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