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Burlington CEDO and Champlain College Host 'Pathways to College and Career' Fair on Nov. 3

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BURLINGTON, Vt. -- The Community and Economic Development Office (CEDO) is partnering with Champlain College to host a "Pathways to College and Career" Fair on Friday, Nov. 3 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Champlain College. This free event in the Champlain Room of the Center for Communication and Creative Media (CCM) is designed to support high school students' access to career resources and opportunities. The event will feature a resource fair and workshops on applications and financial aid with refreshments provided.

"At a time when Vermont is looking to increase our high school graduates' continuation rates to 70 percent by 2025, the City of Burlington is proud to support initiatives to ensure all Burlington children have the opportunity to succeed," said Mayor Miro Weinberger. "We work hard to provide pathways to success through internships, work experience and national service opportunities. Since we accepted President Obama's My Brother's Keeper Challenge in 2016, we have focused on ensuring that refugee and immigrant youth, youth of color, and first generation college students have access to opportunities to find employment and continue their education. Thanks to our Community and Economic Development Office and Champlain College, this fair will continue the important work of helping all Burlington youth achieve their full potential"

"Now more than ever, it is critical to support initiatives like this that give under-resourced students exposure to dialogue relating to post-secondary outcomes," noted Lisa Bunders, Champlain College's Vice President of Enrollment Management. "Champlain College's focus on career-focused, pragmatic education provides options for students considering both employment and educational opportunities. As an institution with Pell Eligible students and one that offers Vermont First and New American scholarship programs, we are proud to partner with CEDO on efforts to increase access and inclusion for students locally and beyond." For more information about Champlain College, visit www.champlain.edu



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“We welcome this city wide initiative to support pathways to college for all students in the area. The district is happy to provide language access and information to students and families through our multi lingual liaisons” expressed Tracy Racicot, Burlington High School Principal.

The “Pathways to College and Career” Fair is part of Burlington’s My Brother’s Keeper (MBK) Initiative to assist youth, ages 16 to 24 and particularly low income and youth of color, who face barriers securing a path to higher education or career. MBK “Pathways to College and Career” Fair is open to all students but is designed to assist first-generation students with access and connections to higher education opportunities.

The schedule for the Fair is as follows:

- College application process workshops and panel discussion on accessing funding opportunities
- Vermont Colleges and Technical Centers resource fair

To register for the fair or workshop visit CEDO’s Facebook event <https://tinyurl.com/yao8pggc>

My Brother’s Keeper is a cradle to career initiative, launched in 2014 to address and recognize the persistent opportunity gaps in employment and education faced by youth of color. In support of the MBK Initiative goals, the City of Burlington is coordinating to improve delivery of resources between City departments, businesses, schools and youth organizations for all youth in the Burlington community. For more information about My Brother’s Keeper, visit <https://www.mbkalliance.org/>

This year, the CEDO EACH Youth AmeriCorps program is proud to support the City MBK initiative. The EACH Youth AmeriCorps program will provide collective responses to pressing community issues, keeping youth on track, safe and engaged, accessing employment and educational opportunities, as well as supporting leadership opportunities for youth and community engagement for their families. For more information about CEDO AmeriCorps, visit <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/CEDO-AmeriCorpsState-Program-EACH-Youth-MBK>



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