

**BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
AGENDA & NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE
originating from 1st Floor Boardroom
39 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT
11:30 a.m., Friday, April 13, 2012**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Regents for Higher Education will be held **11:30 a.m., Friday, April 13, 2012, via teleconference** originating from the 1st floor Boardroom at 39 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT.

- 1) Call to Order and Roll Call
- 2) Approval of Honorary Doctorate Nominees (*subject to approval at 4/13/12 BOR-ASA Committee meeting*)
- 3) Manchester Community College/Great Path Academy (*subject to approval at 4/13/12 BOR-ASA Committee meeting*)
- 4) Adjournment

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ITEM

Approval of Nominations for Honorary Degrees

RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR FULL BOARD

That the nominees for an honorary degree, as presented below, be approved according to the guidelines in the board policies presently in effect granting honorary degrees to honor a person for unusual and exemplary accomplishments and to advance the work and reputation of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities

BACKGROUND

Granting of Honorary Degrees will be conferred at commencements. Identification of recipients is under the supervision of the presidents, with approval of the Academic & Student Affairs Committee and confirmation of the Board of Regents. The candidates below have been recommended by the college or university president and approved by the Academic & Student Affairs Committee for conferral of an honorary degree at commencement.

ANALYSIS

Honorary Degree Nominations for 2012 Commencements:

Western CT State University**Ronald Bruder**

Ronald Bruder, has founded companies in real estate, and in the oil, medical technology, and travel industries. In 1977, he founded The Brookhill Group which owns and manages properties throughout the US. A decade ago, Mr. Bruder founded the Education For Employment (EFE) Foundation to promote programs to reduce chronically high youth unemployment in the Middle East and North Africa. EFE currently has offices in Washington, New York and Madrid, and has formed collaborative partnerships with businesses, universities, nonprofit organizations and government agencies in the United States and abroad. Fundamental to EFE's success on the ground has been its establishment of a network of semi-autonomous affiliates in Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Yemen, Palestine and Tunisia.

Outside of his work for EFE, Mr. Bruder has served on Amnesty International's Presidential Advisory Council and on the Board of Directors of Lighthouse International, which enables visually challenged individuals to lead full and productive lives. Mr. Bruder was recognized for his contributions to global equity and stability as the 2007 recipient of the Americans for Informed Democracy "Innovator in Coexistence" award. He also received the 2010 Amy and Tony Polak Distinguished Advocate Award, presented by the Anne Frank Center USA. A senior fellow of the Foreign Policy Association, Bruder has published articles in the New York Times, Huffington Post and other national media, and his work with EFE has been featured by the Financial Times, Fortune Small Business, Forbes, the Christian Science Monitor as well as PBS and Discovery Channel programs.

In 2011, Mr. Bruder was named one of Time Magazine's "100 most influential people in the world." Mr. Bruder has a BA in Economics (Adelphi University), an MBA in Finance (New York University) and a post-Masters degree in Accounting & Taxation (Iona College). He currently lives in New York.

Central CT State University**Carol A. Ammon**

Carol A. Ammon, a 1973 graduate of CCSU in Biology, began her career as an Associate Scientist at E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, rising through positions of increasing responsibility to become first, President of the generic pharmaceutical business division of DuPont Merck Pharmaceutical Company, and then, President of the US Pharmaceuticals Division of DuPont Merck. In 1997 she led a management team that formed Endo Pharmaceuticals, Inc. As their CEO, Ms. Ammon presided for ten years over a company that grew to over a thousand employees with a net sales of over a billion dollars.

Ms. Ammon has been the recipient of many honors and recognitions, including the "Young Entrepreneur of the Year in Health Sciences" in Philadelphia in 2003, the CEO of the Year in 2004 by the Eastern Technology Council, and the Paradigm Award in 2005, the Philadelphia region's most prestigious award for business women. Under her leadership Endo Pharmaceuticals was also recognized in 2004 as Company of the Year by the Eastern Technology Council. Since her retirement from Endo in 2007, Ms. Ammon has remained active as an adjunct professor at the University of Delaware and as a member of several executive boards. She also established the Carol A. Ammon Foundation which provides support for education and healthcare initiatives.

In recognition of her unprecedented generosity to Central CT State University to support student scholarships, the university formally named the Carol A. Ammon School of Arts and Sciences in her honor.

ITEM

Authorization of the contract between Hartford Public Schools (HPS) and Manchester Community College (MCC), the host college of Great Path Academy, which sponsors and manages Great Path Academy (GPA), a middle college high school located on the campus of MCC.

RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR FULL BOARD

The Board of Regents resolves and authorizes that Manchester Community, the host college, continue to sponsor and manage Great Path Academy, including entering into and signing contracts to manage the daily operations of the school. Beginning July 2012, the management contract will be between Manchester Community College and Hartford Public Schools.

BACKGROUND

The Board of Trustees of Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of Manchester Community College (“Board” or “Board of Trustees” or “College”) is the sponsor of Great Path Academy (“GPA”), an inter-district magnet high school established that was established under Connecticut General Statutes (“C.G.S.”) 10-264l.

Great Path Academy is a separate legal entity established under Section 10-264l of the Connecticut General Statutes. Public Act 04-213 amended C.G.S. 10-264l to permit the Board of Trustees of Community-Technical Colleges, on behalf of Manchester Community College, to sponsor and apply for funding to construct and operate an inter-district magnet school.

Effective July 1, 2004, the Board of Trustees assumed responsibility from the Manchester Board of Education, as the sponsor of GPA. The Manchester Board of Education had been the sponsor since the school’s inception in 2002.

ANALYSIS

The current contract for management services for GPA which expires June 30, 2012, is between the management entity and the Board of Trustees of the Community and Technical Colleges. At the May 2011 meeting of the Board, the Board of Trustees for the Community and Technical Colleges resolved that:

“The Chancellor is authorized to issue notification as to not exercising the option for renewal of said agreement, in order that a Request for Proposals process be opened, with new contract language, to begin with the school year 2012-2013, for a contract period not to exceed five years.”

The new contract for services for the management of Great Path Academy is between Manchester Community College, the host college, and Hartford Public School, the management entity. Given that Manchester Community College is the host college and responsible for the management of Great Path Academy, the request for ratification of the contract between the college and the management entity provides clarity that the college is responsible for managing and operating Great Path Academy.