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Press Announcement

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Derby Public School, City of Derby Partner with Post University to Bolster Higher Education opportunities.

The Derby Board of Education and the City entered into a partnership, signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Post University officials.

The intent of this memorandum is to outline the understanding between the Derby Board of Education ("BOE"), acting on behalf of itself and the City of Derby ("City"), and Post University is to provide access to educational benefits as a means of improving employee recruitment, retention and qualifications and affordable access to Higher Education for all Derby residents.

Post University will provide access to a variety of undergraduate and graduate degree programs that meet the needs of residents and employees of the BOE/City and their dependents. Individuals will have the flexibility and convenience of taking accelerated degree program courses online, at any of Post University's Regional Locations in Connecticut or a combination of both; or enrolling at Post University's traditional, four-year main campus in Waterbury, Connecticut.

Post University will offer a 15 percent tuition grant to individuals taking undergraduate and graduate courses at Post University. This offer is extended to employees of the BOE, City, immediate family members (including spouses and children) as well as all residents of the City.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Conway stated, "We are thrilled to partner with Post to provide Higher Education learning opportunities to our employees and residents while promoting the vital importance and need for college education in today's competitive work environment." This partnership is the first of its kind between Post University and a municipality. Mayor Dugatto stated, "This partnership represents the great working relationship we have with our schools and the value we place on Higher Education for all".

Post University President, Dr. Mroz says “I’m thrilled to welcome the residents and employees of the City of Derby into the Post University family! This is a wonderful example of how two institutions can work together to provide students with the education they [desire](#), in the way they need it. Partnerships like this recognize the growing need to offer flexible ways for working professionals to leverage their [education](#) and experience and accelerate their path to a college degree.” – Donald W. Mroz, Ph.D., Post University President.

[Post University](#) provides students with the knowledge, personal skills and experience required to be leaders in their chosen fields. Located in Waterbury, Conn., Post University offers a wide array of undergraduate and graduate degree programs for on-campus and online students of all ages, and is known for its quality, career-driven academic programs, small classes, competitive NCAA Division II athletics, and a growing Honors Program. The University’s full- and part-time students come from the United States and abroad, and are supported by faculty whose mission is to prepare students to compete and succeed in today’s global workplace. To learn more about Post University, call 800.345.2562, or visit www.Post.edu or <http://blog.post.edu>.

This is one of two partnerships Derby Schools is entering into with Post University. The other partnership provides students with the opportunity to earn college credits while enrolled at Derby High.

An official signing ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 9:00 AM at Derby High School.