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# Education *and* Employment Opportunities SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, Sept. 8 • *Hosted by the Community College of Rhode Island*



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**9 a.m. to noon • Thursday, Sept. 8**

Bobby Hackett Theater, Knight Campus, Warwick

Come hear from experts in high-demand fields and engage in lively discussions around the theme "Jobs of the future." The forum will be focused on in-demand industries such as health care, information technology, manufacturing, hospitality and defense. Learn how educational institutions and companies can work together to better prepare and train students for careers in growing industries.

For more information or to RSVP, email Cynthia Toti at [catoti@ccri.edu](mailto:catoti@ccri.edu).

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# Educational *and* Employment Opportunities of the Future



Working together to prepare and train students for the jobs of the future.

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Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016  
Bobby Hackett Theater – Knight Campus



The Community College of Rhode Island was awarded a Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Act grant (TAACCCT III) from the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration in 2014. The grant funds the development of an accelerated pathway for adult learners entering into the advanced manufacturing program at the college.

In addition, the grant provides the college with resources to expand its partnerships with industry sectors and build capacity and sustainability for current and future academic programs as well as other statewide initiatives.

One initiative aimed at strengthening partnerships and increasing collaboration is this symposium. The event brings together educators, employers and workforce development leaders with the goal of better preparing and training students for careers in growing industries.

This forum will be focused on in-demand industries such as construction, defense, health care, hospitality, information technology, marine trades, manufacturing and tourism. You will hear from experts in these fields and we encourage you to engage in the discussions around the theme "Jobs of the future."

CCRI, in conjunction with the Rhode Island Industry Partnership Committee of the Governor's Workforce Board, is pleased to host this event.

## Program

9 a.m.

Welcome and introductions

Thomas M. Sabbagh, Ph.D.  
*TAACCCT III program director, CCRI*

Meghan Hughes, Ph.D.  
*president, CCRI*

9:30 a.m.

Presentations

### Hospitality and Tourism

Heather Singleton, *chief operating officer,*  
*Rhode Island Hospitality Education Foundation*

### Defense

Molly Donohue Magee, *executive director, SENEDIA*

### Marine Trades

Wendy Mackie, *CEO, Rhode Island Marine Trades Association*

### Health Care

Chris Matteson, *executive director, Stepping Up*

### Construction

Andrew Cortes, *director/founder, Building Futures*  
*and Apprenticeship Rhode Island*

### Information Technology

Giselle Mahoney, *director of industry and advocacy,*  
*Tech Collective*

### Manufacturing

Bill McCourt, *president and CEO,*  
*Rhode Island Manufacturers Association*

10:30 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m.

Burning questions: "Jobs of the future" panel  
*The next three to five years.*

11:30 a.m.

Audience question-and-answer period

Endy before you go -

Consider these 3  
action items

1) ~~have~~ to effect  
assess curriculum  
& align w/ industry

2) create new programs  
or courses to  
address skills needs

3) Stop doing those things  
that don't link students to careers

# Educational *and* Employment Opportunities of the Future

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
OF RHODE ISLAND

Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs

August 22, 2016

Dear :

The Community College of Rhode Island is hosting a symposium entitled: "*Educational and Employment Opportunities of the Future*". This symposium will bring together employers, educators and workforce development leaders to discuss future job opportunities here in Rhode Island and education's role to prepare students for these careers.

You are cordially invited to attend the Symposium which will take place on Thursday, September 8, 2016, in the Bobby Hackett Theater at the Knight Campus, 400 East Avenue, Warwick, RI from 9am to Noon.

There will be a panel of speakers who are prepared to present future trends in career opportunities for their respective industry. The areas for discussions are the industries of: Hospitality, Defense, Marine Trades, Healthcare, Construction, Information Technology and Manufacturing.

It is our hope that this event will inspire educators to consider these trends and develop appropriate educational pathways.

The panel of speakers is as follows:

- Heather Singleton, Chief Operating Officer, RI Hospitality Association Education Foundation
- Molly Magee, Executive Director, SENEDIA
- Wendy Mackie, CEO, RI Marine Trades Association
- Chris Matteson, Director, Stepping Up RI
- Andrew Cortes, Director, Building Futures and Apprenticeship RI
- Giselle Mahoney, Director of Industry and Advocacy, Tech Collective
- Bill McCourt, President and CEO, RI Manufacturer's Association

Please RSVP to Cynthia Toti at [catoti@ccri.edu](mailto:catoti@ccri.edu) by September 2, 2016.

Thank you. We look forward to your participation in this event.

Sincerely,

*Thomas M. Sabbagh, Ph.D.*

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Program Director

Community College of Rhode Island

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# FINAL AGENDA

## CCRI Educational Symposium

Date | time 9/8/2016 9:00 AM |

Time	Item	Owner
9:00am	Welcome and Introductions	Various
9:30am	Individual overview by each of the 7 speakers for 5-10 minutes each on their respective industries with brief Power Point. Tom Sabbagh to make introductions and moderate.  Order of presentations: Heather Singleton – Hospitality Molly Donohue Magee – Defense Wendy Mackie – Marine Trades/Composites Chris Matteson – Healthcare Andrew Cortes – Building Futures/Apprenticeship RI Giselle Mahoney – Information Technology Bill McCourt - Manufacturing	Speakers
10:30-10:45am	Break	All
10:45 – 11:30am	Burning questions: Jobs of the Future – The next 3-5 years	Panel
11:30am - Noon	Audience Question and Answer	All



*Mention Governor's support*

## RI Industry Partnerships and The Governor's Workforce Board

### Speaker biographies

#### **Heather Singleton, chief operating officer, Rhode Island Hospitality Education Foundation**

Heather Singleton manages all operations of the enterprise including staff management, endorsed programs, educational partners and training programs. She also writes and manages grants for the organization. Singleton is a former adjunct faculty member of both the Community College of Rhode Island and Johnson & Wales University. She holds a master's in international business from Johnson & Wales University.

#### **Molly Donohue Magee, executive director, SENEDIA**

SENEDIA is a startup, woman-owned and -managed small business supporting the defense industry. Molly Donohue Magee is a leader in nonprofit, for-profit business and government for the defense industry and cybersecurity. She is the former CFO and director of corporate operations for Naval Undersea Warfare Center Newport and holds a master's degree from the University of Rhode Island.

#### **Wendy Mackie, CEO, Rhode Island Marine Trades Association**

Under Wendy Mackie's leadership, the Rhode Island Marine Trades Association has expanded its staff, acquired a new property, the Providence Boat Show and deepened its impact on the state's marine trades. She also has worked to launch the Rhode Island Composites Alliance organization. Mackie has prior experience in workforce development and served as executive director of MY TURN Rhode Island, which helps youth develop skills, goals and self-confidence through education, career exploration and employment training. She holds a bachelor's degree in public health and sociology from Southern Connecticut State University.

#### **Chris Matteson, executive director, Stepping Up**

Chris Matteson has been working in the nonprofit industry for the past 10 years. While working at Rhode Island Manufacturers Association as vice president, Matteson oversaw daily operations and programs of the organization's strategic mission and goals, working with local manufacturers regarding their workforce challenges and needs. He also serves on a number of academic advisory boards in both secondary and postsecondary institutions. Matteson holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice/political science from Rhode Island College.

**Andrew Cortes, director/founder, Building Futures and Apprenticeship Rhode Island**

Building Futures is a sector-based initiative designed to meet the construction industry's need for skilled workers through the Registered Apprenticeship system, while providing career opportunities for low-income urban residents of Rhode Island within the building and construction trades. Andrew Cortes is chairman of the State Apprenticeship Council and advisory board member of Consortium America. He has over 20 years of experience as a former superintendent, carpenter and cabinet maker in the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. Cortes has received numerous honors and awards in his career including Special Recognition of Service from Gov. Gina Raimondo in 2015, Providence Monthly Top 10 to Watch in 2010 and Apprenticeship Trailblazer and Innovator Award from U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis in 2013.

**Giselle Mahoney, director of industry and advocacy, Tech Collective**

Giselle Mahoney has been with Tech Collective since 2007 performing roles in marketing and branding, public relations, social media, grant writing and industry and community relations. As a writer, Mahoney has been published in Providence Business News, Rhode Island Small Business Journal, Employment Relations Today and many more. She serves on the board of directors for the Public Relations Society of America Southeastern New England Chapter. Mahoney holds a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Rhode Island.

**Bill McCourt, president and CEO, Rhode Island Manufacturer's Association**

Bill McCourt is a vocal advocate for the manufacturing industry. His primary focus is ensuring the public has the proper understanding of 21st century manufacturing – the economic and social contributions it makes; the prosperity it can generate; and the tremendous career opportunities available. He is a graduate of Bryant University with a bachelor's degree in business administration and is a certified public accountant.