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Governor Malloy Introduces the new JobAps



Governor Malloy greets HR professionals and attendees at the “unveiling” of the new JobAps program

For decades, DAS has been the gateway to employment with the State. The process has seen many changes over the years and this year we are taking a big new step in making the process easier, more efficient and finally in keeping with the online world of this new century. On April 4, the conference rooms on the Plaza level were packed with DAS employees for the kickoff meeting announcing JobAps - the new way to apply for a position at the State of Connecticut. CT-N and WFSB were on hand to report the proceedings. Beginning in the fall of 2017, state job classes and job openings will be posted online using JobAps' technology.

Commissioner Currey kicked off the meeting by saying, “This directive was driven by my boss, Governor Dannel Malloy and I gave the task of

making this happen to Nick Hermes, Director of Statewide Human Resources Management. Now applicants will be able to truly apply online – no more faxing information and entering data for thousands of applications.” She then introduced the driving force behind the program, Governor Malloy, whose focus on modernization and use of technology has been a hallmark of his tenure. The Governor celebrated the historic moment and commented on the contrast between the old State Office Building and 450 Columbus Boulevard. “Good morning. I apologize that you are working in such a terrible building. Don't you miss the individual window air conditioners and unpolished brass? He went on to say, “We want to see Connecticut move forward not backward and we have the leadership to make this happen even if we may be the last state to get there. The system we bring to you today is six years in the making and invites new people into the team. The reality is



that the Connecticut process is changing overall – for the better. You should feel good – things are happening and investments are being made for our future.” Examples of how the new system will work were displayed on the conference room monitors. OPM Secretary Ben Barnes was then introduced and he provided some context by saying, “I am a realist. I co-chair the IT Strategy Bonding Commission to decide what should be bonded. In 2011, we realized there was a lot to be done to replace the duct-taped mainframe system in place and when Mark Raymond came on board we made a commitment to start funding this. DAS BEST deserves enormous credit for this being

successful.”



He then handed it over to Statewide HR Director Nick Hermes, with fingers crossed saying “I am very proud of these accomplishments. Good luck Nick, I hope the system works!”

Director Hermes remarked, “We are partnering with one of the best in this field. They have been on the cutting edge of this technology for many years. Today I introduce to you Dr. Jenna Berg of JobAps.”



Dr. Berg described how they met last summer to discuss this undertaking. “I understood from the beginning there was a lot to do here. But the good thing is that this is part of the Lean effort at DAS and customers – your customers – will be happy.”

She went on to give a little history about her background and the background of the company. She shared the history of the Pendleton Civil Service Reform Act of 1883 when President Garfield was assassinated by a disgruntled federal job seeker, which was an impetus for the creation of the federal civil service system.

Dr. Berg continued, “My goal is to make sure we have the advantage in hiring – competition for talent is fierce – this is a job class based system and it will be mobile friendly. The applicant’s resumé is the starting point. They will be able to apply from anywhere and check into their dashboard for updates and the status of a submitted job application. The beauty of the system is that we will attract top candidates, meet hiring goals and this system has a legally defensible audit trail which eliminates adverse impact.

The system should significantly reduce the time to hire – from months to weeks and because this system is born in the cloud there will be a huge cost savings.”

JobAps engineers are currently building the State’s site, including importing job classes into the system. The State will begin testing the stage site this summer and training of the state’s human resources employees will occur in the early fall. If everything stays on schedule, the anticipated “Go Live” date for the system is November 1, 2017.

Top: Commissioner Currey

Middle: Director of Statewide HR Nicholas Hermes

Above: OPM Secretary Ben Barnes

Matchmaker 2017

by Nina Ritson



The annual contractor/subcontractor speed dating event was held once again at the University of Hartford – and once again Matchmaker 2017 proved to be very successful! Now in its eighth year the event brought small business owners together with prime vendors for ten-minute interviews. For many small businesses this was an opportunity they could never have had on their own. These small businesses are given the opportunity to meet with larger company decision makers that they would like to do business with.



The day kicked off with welcoming remarks from Martin Roth, Dean of the Barney School of Business, University of Hartford, which graduates 1,000 students per year. Ann Hunt of the US Small Business Administration and Bart Kollen, Deputy Commissioner of DECD followed. DAS Deputy Commissioner Fatone who attended to represent Commissioner Currey, who was unable to attend because of the legislative session. Deputy Commissioner Fatone said, “As a proud sponsor of the Matchmaker event since 2010, DAS would like to recognize the Diversity Team, who have all worked very hard. There are 50 prime vendors with you today and 200 small businesses along with 25 government and non-profit resources. This also gives DAS the opportunity to put small and minority businesses on contract. The total value of our contracts in 2016 was \$4.3 billion dollars – so that’s a lot of opportunities to do business!” Representatives from MDC and Pitney Bowes sang praises about the fine results from previous



Top: Deputy Commissioner Fatone addresses the crowd

Middle: Manager Meg Yetishefsky

Left: From left to right - Ada Rivera, Marisol Rivera, Meg Yetishefsky, Deputy Commissioner Toni Fatone, Gregory Mooney, Kris Wohlgemuth.



Matchmaker events. Oz Griebel, of the Metro Hartford Alliance told the gathering, “This is the future of Connecticut’s growth. This event represents the entrepreneurial spirit.” DAS Supplier Diversity Manager Meg Yetishefsky reminded everyone to “utilize the resource partners we have here today. This is a great event and a great opportunity for everyone!”

Awards were presented to the many Gold sponsors of this event and with that the clock began running and they were off for the first interview. Interviews ran until 2:30, with a lunch

*Top: Kevin Nodwell, Gregory Mooney, and Marisol Rivera
Left: Ada Rivera, Janet DelGreco and Marisol Rivera
Other photos: small business representatives meeting with prime vendors*



Commissioner Currey and Supplier Diversity Team Honored

by Nina Ritson

On Thursday, June 8 at the Annual Meeting and Special Gala Awards Ceremony of the Connecticut Business Leadership Network (CTBLN) Governor Malloy and DAS Commissioner Currey along with Supplier Diversity Manager Meg Yetishefsky were presented an award for their ground breaking Supplier Diversity policy. In 1992, DAS became one of the First State Disability-Owned Business Set-Aside Programs.

Governor Malloy was a recipient of an award and the keynote speaker for this event.

Governor Malloy also introduced Jonathan Slifka. Slifka was appointed as the Governor's liaison to the Disability Community in 2014, joined him for this meeting and event. Governor Malloy related to these accomplishments by sharing his own experience with disabilities in his youth, "I was the youngest of eight children and I was born with serious disabilities," he went on to say, "as a child I had difficulty reading - I had good comprehension but the visual reading process was a huge challenge. It took years of physical therapy to overcome this challenge. When I went to college I was the first student in Massachusetts to be admitted to law school with a disability and with the use of aides to maintain the rigorous reading requirements. I knew I had to take the bar and part of the bar is a huge essay. I fought to be able to dictate the essay as an accommodation. Shortly after I passed the bar in New York I became a district attorney then passed the bar in Connecticut when I moved here." Governor Malloy applauded the efforts in Connecticut to lift people up by breaking barriers and to employ people with disabilities at the same pay as their working peers.

The event and luncheon was held at Eversource in Newington.



Top: Governor Malloy is presented an award by Sharon Denson, CTBLN



Middle: Sharon Denson with Deputy Commissioner Toni Fatone



Bottom: Sharon Denson with Meg Yetishefsky

Connecticut Firefighters Hall of Fame Recognizes Two from DAS

by John McKay



Above: Drenched in fire engine red lighting, Firefighter and State Fire Marshal Bill Abbott is recognized at the Connecticut Firefighters Hall of Fame.

“Honored and humbled.” That was the sentiment expressed by both State Fire Marshal Bill Abbott and Fire and Life Safety Specialist James O’Neil from DAS’ Office of the State Fire Marshal. Both were inducted into the Connecticut State Firefighters Association Hall of Fame in April.

Both Bill and James have long and distinguished careers in fire safety throughout the State of Connecticut.

Bill was with the City of Hartford fire department as both a firefighter and in the Hartford Fire Marshal’s Office for over 20 years. He was also President of the Capitol Region Firefighters Association, Fire Commissioner at the Connecticut Fire Academy and a member of the Connecticut Chapter of International Arson Investigators.

“It’s such an honor to be recognized and inducted into the hall of fame,” said Bill. “It’s been a real passion of mine to be involved with fire safety as well as being involved in the community and to make a difference.”

DAS’ James O’Neil was inducted with Bill and has a similarly impressive resumé. He is currently the Chief of the Thomaston Fire Department, was past President of the Connecticut Firefighters Association and has served in various fire safety-related positions within state service for over 34 years.

“I still can’t believe I’m in the Hall of Fame,” said James. “I’ve always looked at previous inductees with such respect and admired their dedication to the firefighter community. I’m so honored and humbled by all of this.”

The Hall of Fame Induction dinner was held April 6, 2017 at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington.

Left: State Fire Marshal Bill Abbott (left) and Fire and Life Safety Specialist James O’Neil.



Connecticut Preservation Awards ■ 2017

by John McKay



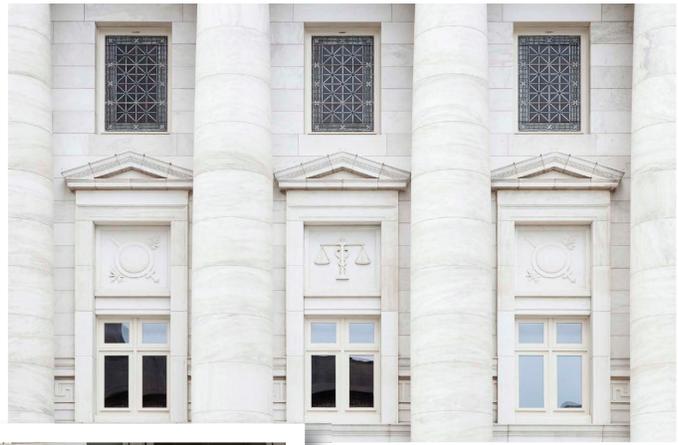
In April 2017, The Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation announced its annual Connecticut Preservation Awards, recognizing outstanding preservation projects and people and organizations that have made significant contributions to the preservation of Connecticut's historic buildings and places.

“Our 2017 awards recognize a diverse range of historic preservation projects and achievements from across Connecticut,” said Daniel Mackay, Executive Director of the Connecticut Trust. “Each person and project that the Trust has recognized demonstrates the skill and determination required to protect our state’s rich architectural and cultural heritage.”

DAS’ Division of Construction Services, along with other partners, was an award winner for their work on the New Haven Courthouse.

The Division of Construction Services has begun to reverse decades of neglect and outright abuse by cleaning, repairing, and restoring the exterior of the courthouse, a landmark on the New Haven Green. Future phases are expected to continue this impressive beginning.

“Preservation of our state buildings is an incredible undertaking,” said DAS Deputy Commissioner Bud Salemi. “To have the opportunity to revive this building and resurrect it to its former glory has been an incredibly rewarding experience. It looks new, yet timeless, and we have much more work to do, but we are heading in the right direction for this amazing building.”



Ribbon Cutting in Fairfield Fire Training Facility

by John McKay



Under clear blue skies Fairfield Fire Officials, local politicians, DAS staff, friends and family came together to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Fairfield Regional Fire School.

Several fire officials spoke and gave their thanks and recognition to the community and team who helped make this new facility a reality.

Fairfield First Selectman Michael Tetreau stepped up -- with his oversized ribbon cutting scissors in hand. "If your dreams aren't big enough, you need to dream bigger," he remarked with reference to the realization of so many dreams by so many people in attendance and creating a state-of-the-art facility that will serve Fairfield and the region for decades.

Project Manager of DAS Construction Services David Wlodowski then took the podium.

"On behalf of Commissioner Currey and Deputy Commissioner Salemi and everyone at DAS, we are particularly proud of this specific project. To be involved with the construction of a building that will literally save lives doesn't happen every day. The training and education that will happen within this facility is second to none and should be the model for all future projects."



He was followed by Project Manager of Consigli Construction Lisa Thomas, who called her decision to support the project "personal" and then related three occasions in which firefighters had saved her or family members.

Capping the presentations was DAS State Building Inspector Joseph Cassidy, before the collective speakers and other officials organized behind a red ribbon strung across the front entrance which First Selectman Tetreau cut on a count of three.

The project added a 14,294 square foot Administration and Training Building and apparatus wing, along with a 5,000 square foot Burn Building and came in on budget.

Conducted mid-afternoon Wednesday, May 17, the event observed a set agenda, with Deputy Fire Chief Kyran Dunn providing a welcome to the gathering and serving as the Master of Ceremonies. There followed a modest honor guard and official flag raising along with the Pledge of Allegiance. Fire Chief Denis McCarthy said a few words, commending the teams involved with the planning and building of the site, and the supporters who helped take the idea from paper to reality.

Fairfield Regional Fire School Training Director and Assistant Chief Scott Bisson reported in, thanking four critical people in his life, including his godfather and father for helping him become a 4th generation firefighter of distinction.

Tours of the facility ensued as well as the drafting station, two multi-story training buildings and a footprint with a car shell, barbecue grill and other implements that will be routinely set on fire to test firefighters' skills.



DAS Completes New Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center at Asnuntuck Community College

by John McKay



On Monday June 19, Asnuntuck Community College and the Department of Administrative Services' (DAS) Division of Construction Services invited the public to a ribbon cutting ceremony for Asnuntuck Community College's new 27,000 sq. ft. Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center. The center, which will support the State of Connecticut's model for Advanced Manufacturing studies, features computer labs and technology enhanced classrooms.

In addition, the center includes manufacturing lab space for metrology and inspection and an impressive 27,000 sq. ft. for the ever growing, in demand, additive manufacturing technology equipment. Additive manufacturing, commonly termed 3D Printing, will be featured as a new certificate program and provide students and their future employers with skill sets that include the ability to manufacture aerospace and medical devices using both composites and metal-related materials.

Welcoming remarks were given by Governor Malloy, as well as DAS Deputy Commissioner Bud Salemi.

Deputy Commissioner Salemi thanked Project Manager Lisa Humble and John Cavacas for their tireless efforts to produce such an amazing building.

"Thanks to Lisa and the Construction Services team, this project came in on time and under budget," stressed Salemi. "This building will stand for generations and countless numbers of students will come through these doors, receive a top-notch education in manufacturing and leave with good paying jobs in their future."



Top: Governor Dannel P. Malloy cuts the ribbon during the opening of the new Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center at Asnuntuck Community College. At left, is Dr. James P. Lobella, President of Asnuntuck, second from left, Mark E. Ojakian, President of Connecticut State Colleges and Universities and Frank Gulluni, Director of Asnuntuck Advanced Manufacturing Technology is at right.

Below: (From l to r) DAS' John Cavacas, Kim Symmonds of Bemis Associates, DAS' Lisa Humble, DAS Deputy Commissioner Bud Salemi, DAS Chief State Architect David Barkin, AIA, Kenneth Pilon, AIA of Moser Pilon Nelson Architects, Lynn Fusco of Fusco Corporation, Inc.

State Police Trooper Trainee Exam Yields 4,537 Applicants

by Nina Ritson

In anticipation of several job openings this year the Connecticut State Police enlisted DAS to prepare for the State Police Trooper Trainee and Protective Services exams, once again.

“This is huge!” said Deb Mainville of Statewide Human Resources Management, “and this is the exam taken for many positions other than State Police, this exam covers other protective services positions like Department of Energy and Environmental Protection wardens and DMV inspectors.”

DAS held a Job Fair at Manchester Community College on April 3 to meet interested applicants and answer questions. “The exam application posted on the DAS website on March 21 and closed April 11. Of this posting 4,537 people registered to take the written exam and we expect that 30% did not actually end up taking the test at the Cheshire Correctional facility on one of many dates,” said Francine Dew of DAS Statewide HR. “It was all hands on deck for this exam as everyone in DAS Statewide HR was deployed to cover shifts during testing between April 20 and May 6 with results of the testing posted on the DAS website under secured access on June 30. Francine described the process, “After the 4,537 applicants results are reviewed, the screening process begins. They must undergo a physical fitness assessment, polygraph examination, background investigation, psychological evaluation, medical evaluation and a structured interview. In addition, there is a strict tattoo policy. From a pool of 500-600 selected candidates they usually yield 100 applicants who are vetted and qualified to move on to the next process. The polygraph test alone screens out many people.”

Candidates who continue in the process will then enroll in rigorous paid training at the Connecticut Police Officer Standards and Training Council’s training academy. For municipal officers and other positions this is around eight weeks of training but for state police this can last up to six months.

This is a huge task for Statewide Human Resources Management that occurs every two to three years. Specials thanks to all who helped make this a successful recruitment!



Green Surplus by John McKay

The DAS State Surplus team was named a finalist for “Doing a little extra to help improve the quality of life in our beautiful state” in the annual “GreenCircle Award” sponsored by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.



Since 1998, DEEP’S GreenCircle Award Program has recognized businesses, institutions, individuals, and civic organizations who participated in energy conservation, transportation, pollution prevention or recycling related activities or projects that promoted natural resource conservation or environmental awareness.

In 2015, the program was revamped and renamed the CT DEEP GreenCircle Sustainability Award program to focus on the importance of sustainability and the importance of coordinated and holistic approaches to reducing environmental impacts and resource demands.

“Since the Agency launched the GreenCircle Award Program 19 years ago, more than 1,100 individuals, businesses, schools and organizations have been recognized for making a real difference in preserving natural resources and protecting the quality of the state’s air, water and lands,” said DEEP Commissioner Robert Klee. “As a result of these efforts – and the contributions of this year’s recipients – Connecticut continues to be a leader in energy conservation and environmental protection. We intend to stay on this course and build a prosperous and sustainable 21st century economy – even in the face of what appears to be a retreat from this focus by the federal government.”

DAS State Surplus was recognized at an awards event on June 8, 2017 at the Hartford Convention Center.



The goal of the DAS State Surplus Program is to encourage reallocation, first and foremost, throughout state agencies and municipalities, ultimately saving the state real dollars by reusing items no longer needed in an agency while also keeping these items out of the local landfill.

The process of using the online forum has also allowed the DAS State Surplus Unit to make a huge impact in re-using items, reducing the amount of trash generated by agencies, reducing the amount of fossil fuel previously used to truck these items to a central warehouse, eliminating the need for a central warehouse and allowing state and municipal purchasers to ‘shop’ first on our website before purchasing items elsewhere.

In 2016, DAS State Surplus had 3,704 online auctions resulting in \$394,383.97 in revenue to the General Fund.

DAS Surplus encourages all agencies to scan our State Property Auction site for any items they are about to purchase, or may be in need of, but do not have the funds at the time.

You can also contact the DAS Surplus Program manager Veronica.Coty@ct.gov

For a complete list of 2017 GreenCircle Sustainability Awards Finalists, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/j8qe57e>.

Connecticut Campaign for Charitable Giving says “Thank you”

by Nina Ritson

On Thursday, April 27 the DAS Mail and Courier team was treated to lunch in the Page Hall Auditorium at Connecticut Valley Hospital in Middletown by Jan Gwudz of the State Employees Campaign for Charitable Giving. They were also surprised when they received the Sherbie Worthen Volunteer Recognition Award for enthusiasm and commitment to the campaign. For many years they have transported materials and delivered checks helping the Campaign raise money for needy families in our state and beyond. Josh Scollins and Jan successfully surprised the team who gladly accepted the award on behalf of DAS.

Great job team and get ready ...the 2017-18 campaign is right around the corner!



From left to right: Charlie Olang, Andrew Seegobin, Sean O’Connell, Yanneris Victorino, Sammy Thompson, Nereida Lopez, Juan Hernandez, Eileen Griffin, Mike Pierce, Aaron Barksdale and Supervisor, Michael Guimond with speaker.

Red Nose Day

by John McKay

In 1985, Comic Relief launched in the United Kingdom with the goal of using comedy to raise money and help those leading really tough lives. The goal? Creating a world free from poverty.

The very first Red Nose Day was held in 1988. With millions of people participating in its first year, it was clear that a truly amazing movement was underway.

With every fundraiser held, TV special aired, partner enlisted, and Red Nose sold the movement continues to grow. Red Nose Day has raised over \$1 billion globally.

Since 2015, Red Nose Day in America has raised over \$60 million to help kids and young people most in need.

From left to right: Shane Hubeny, Cathy McGuire and Tony Santos don red noses.



Governor's 33rd Care & Share Volley Ball

by John McKay

Once again the Connecticut State Armory was turned into a massive state employee charity volley ball tournament in January.

As part of the Governor's Care & Share Food drive, agencies were encouraged to form teams to compete in the event.

DAS' team consisted of a mix of employees and friends of employees, from different divisions throughout the agency.



Front row from left to right: Melanie Goodin, Pamela Wright, Kaylee Bodnar, Rose Mitchell
Back row from left to right: Fabrizio Buonannatta, Dana Zordan, DJ Zordan, Bob Struzenski, Ahmed Behery

Replica Ships Pinta and Niña in Hartford

by John McKay



On Thursday, June 8, the Pinta and the Niña, replicas of Columbus' ships, were open in Hartford. The ships were docked at Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, 300 Columbus Boulevard, until they departed on Wednesday, June 14.

Many employees at 450 Columbus Boulevard had the opportunity to visit the ships or even see them from their office window.

The Niña was built completely by hand and without the use of power tools. *Archaeology* magazine called the ship "the most historically correct Columbus replica ever built." In 2005, the Pinta, also a caravel, was launched in Brazil and was the first ship to sight land in the New World. Historians consider the caravel the Space Shuttle of the fifteenth century.

Both ships tour together as a new and enhanced sailing museum for the purpose of educating the public and school children on the caravel, a Portuguese ship used by Columbus and many early explorers to discover the world. Before him, the Old World and the New remained separate and distinct continents and ever since their fates have been bound together for better or for worse.

More information can be found on the website www.ninapinta.org.

Aspiring Leaders Graduation 2017

by Nina Ritson



On June 22 school ended for 27 state agency managers who were selected to be part of DAS' 11-week Aspiring Leaders training program.

They gathered at Central Connecticut State University to present their capstone projects to their peers and to their superiors. With the completion of those presentations, they received their certificates of graduation and were encouraged to continue their projects in their agencies.

Presenting for DAS were Lateisha Rainey, whose project was to develop an Intranet for the Watchdog agencies (Office of State Ethics, the Freedom of Information Commission and the State Elections Enforcement Commission). "This is most beneficial for employees of these commissions and the beauty of this project is it costs absolutely nothing to create."

From the DAS Small Agency Resource Team, newcomer Kristen Pepin proposed a Labor Relations Training for managers who work in a unionized environment. "This training would cover EAP issues, misuse of equipment, falsifying documents, workplace violence, ethics, and the usual topics in the employee handbook. But it would also cover State Law, setting expectations, coaching, regular one-on-one with employees, the importance of documentation - good or bad, and one critical item -- due process and the progressive discipline process." She went on to say "We need to be able to hold employees accountable for poor performance, decrease the numbers of disciplinary decisions overturned, and avoid lawsuits, not to mention minimizing the costly impact of unfavorable decisions in arbitration."

From the top: Kristen Pepin presents her Capstone Project to the audience

Middle from left to right: Brenda Abele, Deputy Commissioner Toni Fatone, Kristen Pepin and Commissioner Currey.

Left: Lateisha Rainey with Commissioner Currey



Commissioner Currey, who has sponsored the training since becoming commissioner, spoke to the graduates as they take their knowledge into their agencies. As she congratulated the 27 managers and thanked the instructors and development team for their hard work making this possible, she had a somber message to share. "I think I said this last year and I feel like I am saying it every year - this is the most difficult year to be a manager in state government. You are always tasked to do more with less and to make hard choices."

Peggy Zabawar, was recognized for her service and dedication to the program for many years. Peggy was given a standing round of applause and presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Department of Correction Deputy Commissioner Cheryl Cepelak and Cheryl Malerba of the Department of Transportation.



Above: Deputy Commissioner Cheryl Cepelak joins Cheryl Malerba to present a Certificate of Appreciation to Peggy Zabawar.

Below: The Aspiring Leaders Class of 2017.



Art Speaks on the Twelfth Floor by Nina Ritson



The first ever art gathering in 450 Columbus Boulevard was a fun event held on June 16 and hosted by Carol Wilson Director of Procurement. The entire Procurement team gathered to join Carol and Commissioner Currey to unveil the new art that will grace the walls of Procurement. "I am excited to kick off this chapter and highlight our new Business plan through art," said Carol. After a recent call for entries the selected photography of Procurement employees was matted and framed for display in the large wall areas along with the newly designed Vision, Mission, Values and Goals statements. Commissioner Currey commended Carol's leadership and the Procurement team's hard work and dedication, "I really enjoy working with you and your staff. Thank you very much Carol and Devin for your leadership and cooperation. It really shows and makes my job so much easier." With that everyone was treated to a lunch buffet from Bear's Barbeque, compliments of NASPO.

Featured photographers included: Don Casella, Kevin Nodwell, Marisol and Frankie Rivera, Linda Loschiavo and Carlos Velez.



Speaking of Art..... by Nina Ritson



The halls of the plaza level of 450 Columbus Boulevard are now graced with art, complements of our soon to be tenants, the Department of Economic and Community Development.



Please feel free to view the display which runs from the hallways of the North to the South buildings.



People are talking..... by Cindy Rusczyk

Program Manager Zach Zelms from the Uconn Health Center BioScience Program sent the following message of praise to **William Hannon** from the Office of the State Building Inspector and **Kevin Griffith** from the Office of the State Fire Marshal, "We just received the CO for the Outpatient Pavilion. I want to thank the two of you for working so diligently and patiently with us, and with the contractors over the past few years. I have worked on many different projects in many different states and cities, and from my perspective you are the best of the best. Your proactive approach and willingness to talk through issues and suggest resolutions is truly refreshing. I know some of the contractors think you're 'tougher than you ought to be' but I don't see that. The truth is that you are 'more engaged than you have to be' which ultimately adds a ton of value to the project. Thank you."

Linda Shackett-Blue "wanted to thank **Angela Fuggetta** of DAS Mail and Courier for doing some research and contacting me regarding my package. I ordered toner for our copier about two to three weeks ago and did not receive it. I was getting ready to contact the vendor and say I did not receive my package. Well, Angela contacted me and said are you aware that there was a box sitting on the floor in the mail room? I replied no. After talking with Angela then it came to me this might be the package I was waiting for that never arrived. Kudos to Angela for being so attentive and going the extra mile to track me down and get the package to me. Outstanding service, thank you."

Nina Ritson from the Communications/Print, Mail & Courier Office would like to give a heartfelt thank you to Equal Employment Opportunity Director **Alicia Nuñez** and **Dorian Lord** for designing and presenting a Diversity class for the Print, Mail and Courier team at 18-20 Trinity. "Because of the nature of their jobs spent driving all day they rarely can attend meetings or social gatherings like most state employees. Alicia and Dorian prepared a slide presentation and gave a follow-up talk to all employees at their Trinity Street address. All employees engaged in a very insightful Q and A session following the presentation. Thank you so much!

Each issue we publish letters of praise that we have received about DAS employees going above and beyond. If you have received great service or would like to write about a DAS employee going the extra mile, email Cindy.Rusczyk@ct.gov Don't be shy - good work deserves a good word- DAS employees are the best!

Kerry DiMatteo, P-card Administrator from Procurement applauded **Kimchi Le** for her work with the POL system to Program Manager J. Carlos Velez: "I spent a lot of time in the new Core system and it has given me a better perspective on exactly how intricate our POL system operated. Kimchi really thought of all the checks and balances in the system. She anticipated what some of the troubleshooting would result in and created a system that blocked access preventing duplicate entries or incorrect information. I took it for granted that a system would not allow certain things to pass through, but she was the brilliant designer behind all of those interlocking tables and rules and restrictions. POL really developed into a great program and Kimchi created that level of excellence."

Procurement Program Manager J. Carlos Velez shares this message of praise from Kerry DiMatteo, P-card Administrator, with **Kimchi Le**: "Good morning Kimchi – It's a pleasure to share this note with you...I know that most often when we communicate ... it's to address a particular system issue ... but in this case we wanted to make sure you are aware of the enormous benefit that our P-Card Program received from the system that you developed POL. The POL system enabled us to more effectively address our customers while maintaining and adhering to all of the program's policies, procedures and rules. We know that the system was and continued to be instrumental in our level of service to all of our client agencies as well as earning over a million dollars in rebates to our State. Today...The POL system has been 'put to rest' ... but not before providing valuable and accurate data to our new P-Card Core System... making this transition much smoother than anticipated. Thank you for a job well done. Kerry... Thank you for taking the time to write this important note. Have a good day all."



Gregory Bereski



Pamela Bowe



Linda Dutkiewicz



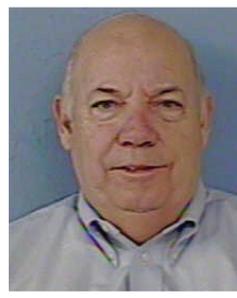
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Allen Herring



Paul Levesque



Nereida Lopez



David Lynn



Ana Matos



Michael Nearing



John Nolan



Bernard O'Donnell



Doris J. Rolon



Rita Rose



Anthony Smith



Susan Turko



Emilio Pizzoferrato

COMINGS and GOINGS

RETIREMENTS

Gregory Bereski – BEST – July

Pamela Bowe – Fleet – June

Linda Dutkiewicz – Procurement Services – July

Kimberly DeLisa – Business Office – May

William Fusick – BEST – June

Michael Gosselin – Fleet - July

Allen Herring – DCS – June

Paul Levesque – Properties & Facilities Management - July

Nereida Lopez - Print, Mail, Courier - July

David Lynn – SmART – June

Ana Matos – Business Office - July

Michael Nearing – Statewide Security – June

John Nolan – DCS – May

Bernard O'Donnell – BEST – July

Doris J. Rolon – Collection Services – May

Rita Rose – Statewide HR – June

Anthony Smith – Properties & Facilities Management - July

Susan Turko – SmART – May

Emilio Pizzoferrato – DCS – July



Robindranath Davis



Sharon Davis

Robindranath Davis - BEST - July
Sharon Davis - BEST - July

NEW EMPLOYEES

Elena Vazquez – SmART
William Lussier – Office of Education & Data Management (ODEM)
Kristina Swierad – Fleet New Haven
Srinivas Govindu - BEST

TRANSFERS

Jamila Goolgar– UConn



Elena Vazquez



William Lussier



Kristina Swierad



Srinivas Govindu



Jamila Goolgar



A Transportation Fair was held on Wednesday, June 28 in the Plaza at 450 Columbus Boulevard. The team provided many informative publications about CT Fastrak and CT transit. Featured in their display was information on how to download the **Transit App** for iPhones and Androids for an easy-to-use route planning tool. Go to www.transitapp.com to download this today or visit www.cttransit.com for more information.



A Fond Farewell.....

Employees wished a fond farewell to Jamila Goolgar of the Equal Employment Opportunity Unit in the Commissioner's Office. She has transferred to UConn in Storrs. *We wish her the best!*

From left to right: Dorian Lord, Jamila Goolgar and Alicia Nuñez

Hello to Our New Employees



*Above with Commissioner Currey:
Elena Vazquez – SmART
William Lussier – Office of Education & Data Management (ODEM)*

*Right: Don Poulin, Anthony Smith, Carol O'Shea, Gary Fara-
ci, Doug Moore*

Wishing the Very Best To Our Recent DAS Retirees!!



Below: Pam Bowe joins Director Frank Sanzo, Assistant Director Jim Palmer and Yanira Segarra

Al Herring is presented a Proclamation from the Governor by Commissioner Currey and Deputy Commissioner Salemi

John Nolan is bid a warm good bye by his coworkers in Construction Services



*Above:
Kim DeLisa receives a Proclamation from the Governor from Commissioner Currey
Sue Turko walks the final steps into retirement joined by Director Dave Lynn and Commissioner Currey
Commissioner Currey and Director Ray Philbrick present Mike Nearing with his Proclamation from the Governor.*



Clockwise from Above: Michael Gosselin is joined by Yania Segarra, Amanda Nattinger, and Director Frank Sanzo.

*Greg Bereski shares a laugh with Commissioner Currey and Mark Raymond
....As does Sharon Davis of Best*

Bernie O'Donnell and Sharon Davis gather for a group photo with family and coworkers

Bernie O'Donnell receives his proclamation



A Warm Send-off to Director Dave Lynn



*....and to Linda
Dutkiewicz -
Procurement style!*



....and to Emilio Pizzoferrato.... who is headed to Maine to buy his outdoor pizza oven!



In Memoriam



*David Surprenant
Construction Services
June 1, 2017*