



Women's Leadership Institute, Launch Your Leadership Journey Program

CT State Community College
Fall and Spring Semester

VISION

A WORLD ENHANCED BY CT STATE COMMUNITY
COLLEGE WOMEN LEADERS

GOALS

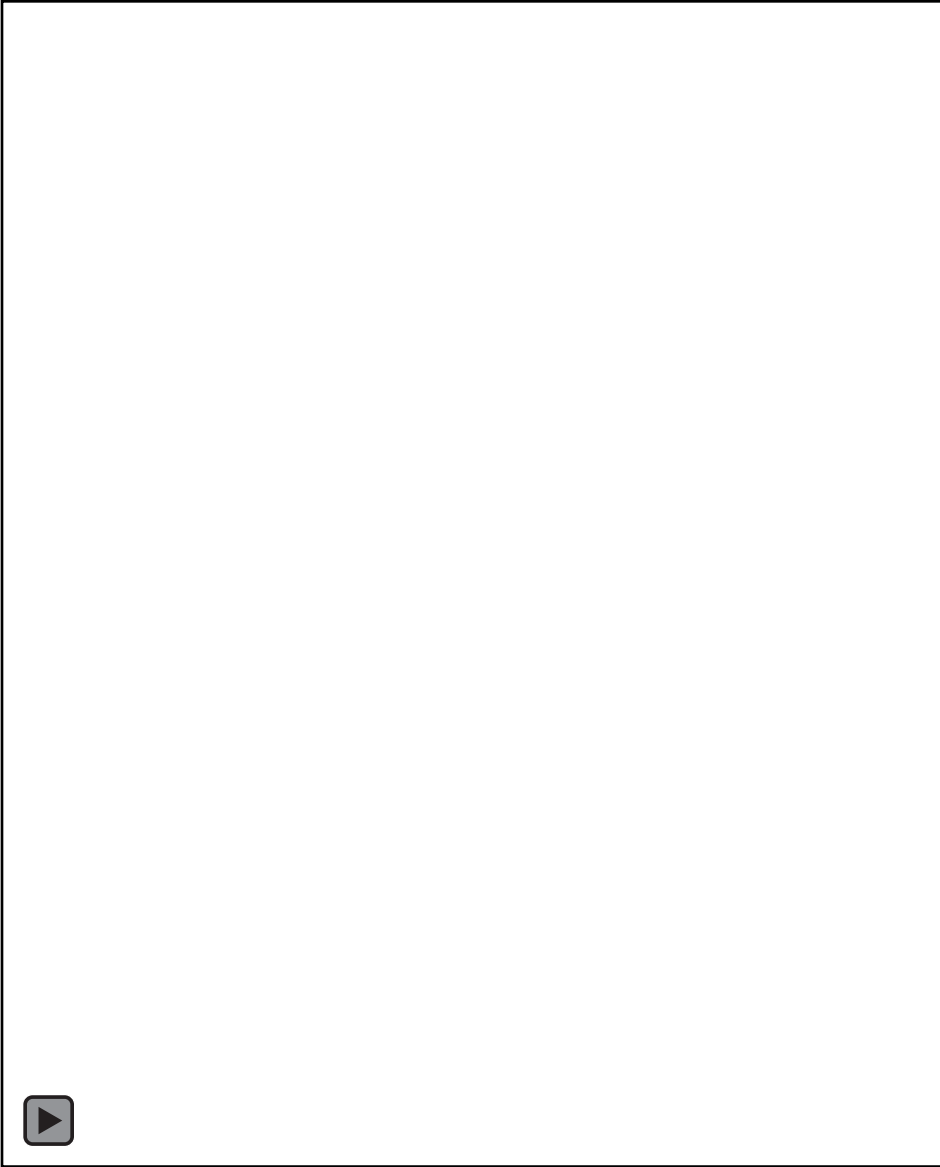


- To provide life changing leadership development experiences for college women
- To promote women students' success and retention to graduation
- To provide outstanding women leaders as role models / facilitators / mentors
- To promote women students' work readiness
- To develop leadership skills, values, and attitudes

4 DRIVERS OF PROGRAM SUCCESS



- Our definitions of leadership and Social Change Model of Leadership Development
- The 'Women Only' program design
- Exploration of gender bias and leadership identity
- Sessions run by local women leaders



Student Testimonial

Angela Owusu-Sotia
Spring 2023 LYLJ Graduate
Tunxis Community College
Student

SESSION TOPICS

- ▶ Discover your leadership identity
- ▶ Neutralize gender bias
- ▶ Networking
- ▶ Assertiveness
- ▶ Financial literacy
- ▶ Problem solving
- ▶ Leading with courage
- ▶ Leading without authority
- ▶ Leading groups and teams
- ▶ Ethically leading social change

SOCIAL ACTION PROJECTS

- ▶ Traumatizing toll of eviction in CT
- ▶ How to advocate for a social cause
- ▶ Climate crisis
- ▶ Financial literacy
- ▶ Mental health crisis
- ▶ Black lives matter
- ▶ Sandy Hook promise
- ▶ Asnuntuck Community College Food Pantry
- ▶ Civil discourse

Launch Your Leadership Journey Program



231 graduated from the LYLJ program, representing all community colleges in CT



Over 70 LYLJ students were Pell Grant recipients from Fall 2020-Fall 2023



Students representing over 14 different countries and ethnicities have participated in the LYLJ Program



The program also embraces diversity by age, career and academic interest, experiences, abilities and disabilities, parenthood, sexual orientation, neurodiversity, and religions, etc.

Workforce and Career Placements

- ▶ Vice President of Lending, Dutch Point Credit Union
- ▶ Social Media Representative for MuggleNet
- ▶ Certified Dental Assistant, West Hartford Family Dentistry
- ▶ Product Definition Engineer, Pratt and Whitney
- ▶ Talent Sourcer, Pfizer
- ▶ Tax Intern, Raytheon Technology
- ▶ Fiscal Administrative Trainee, Connecticut Judicial Branch
- ▶ Physician Assistant
- ▶ Office Of The State Comptroller, CCT (Connecticut Career Trainee)

Involvements, Clubs, Volunteer Work

- ▶ Board member, Aurora Women & Girls Foundation
- ▶ Grants Committee Member, Main Street Community Foundation, Enfield Greater Community Fund
- ▶ Coordinator for Women's Leadership Program at Raytheon Technologies

LYLJ Opportunities

- ▶ Leadership Greater Hartford
 - ▶ Mid-career women receive a 1-year membership
- ▶ UConn Graduate School of Social Work, Campaign School
 - ▶ Helping students make positive social change through the political system