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# Women in STEM networking event March 27

SPRINGFIELD – Current and future leaders in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) are invited to attend a free networking event at the UMass Center at Springfield in Tower Square.

Registration is now open for the “She Works in STEM” event on March 27 from 5-8 p.m. The Pioneer Valley Women in STEM Network wants to bring together female professionals, community college women in STEM majors and high school-aged girls considering STEM careers.

People may visit <https://tinyurl.com/sheworksinstem> to register and learn more about the event. Free food, drinks and adult beverages will be provided.

Speakers include Kristin Carlson, co-owner and president of Peerless Precision Manufacturing in Westfield and Prasha Sarwate Dutra, who hosts a website and podcast called “Her STEM Story” to inspire women to pursue careers in STEM.

Sponsors include STEM Starter Academies at the community colleges, Holyoke Community College, Springfield Technical Community College, Berkshire Community College, Greenfield Community College and



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The four community colleges in Western Massachusetts are co-sponsoring a free networking event for current and future leaders in STEM fields. Shown at an October networking event are, from left, Alysha Putnam of Greenfield Community College; Prasha Sarwate Dutra, an engineer at a manufacturing company; Melissa Paciulli of Holyoke Community College and Beth McGinnis-Cavanaugh of Springfield Technical Community College.

Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Affiliate at STCC.

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Organizers are using the hashtag

#SheWorksInSTEM. For more information, people may contact Beth McGinnis-Cavanaugh at STCC, [bmcginnis-cavanaugh@stcc.edu](mailto:bmcginnis-cavanaugh@stcc.edu); Melissa Paciulli at HCC, [mpaciulli@hcc.edu](mailto:mpaciulli@hcc.edu); Alysha Putnam at GCC, [putnama@gcc.mass.edu](mailto:putnama@gcc.mass.edu) or Connie West at BCC, [cwest@berkshirecc.edu](mailto:cwest@berkshirecc.edu).