

STCC to celebrate International Women's Day

SPRINGFIELD – The Hispanic Association in Higher Education (HAHE) at Springfield Technical Community College will host the 14th Annual International Women's Day Celebration featuring discussions about challenges and adversities facing women.

The public is invited to attend the event on Friday, March 8, between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., in Scibelli Hall (Building 2), Seventh Floor, on the STCC campus. The event serves as a relaunch of the association's "Café Con Leche" series which highlights local community members making a difference in our communities.

The cost is \$5 for a food plate and \$1 for a beverage. Attendees are asked to wear a yellow piece of clothing to represent friendship.

This year's theme is "Women Overcoming Challenges and Adversities

While Achieving Success and Making a Difference Today."

"All women, friends and family are highly encouraged to attend this special presentation," said Jennifer Wallace-Johnson, chair of the Hispanic Association. "We have put together an amazing panel and are excited to hear them share their stories."

Speakers include: Miranda Ronke-Czarniecki, Branch Manager of Norcom Mortgage of Belchertown; Sophia Rios, Assistant Director for Academic Success Initiatives at Western New England University; Waleska Lugo-DeJesús, CEO of Inclusive Strategies and the Director of the Healing Racism Institute of Pioneer Valley; and Danielle Petrangelo, a sexual assault counselor at the YMCA of Western Massachusetts.

Those with questions can contact Jennifer Wallace-Johnson at 413-755-4832.