



The four community colleges in Western Massachusetts are co-sponsoring a free networking event for current and future leaders in "STEM" fields. Pictured 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.

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Colleges offer 'She works in STEM' networking event

Career opportunities to be discussed March 27

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 in Tower Square.

Registration is open for the "She Works in STEM" event on March 27, from 5 to 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-age girls considering STEM careers.

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

Speakers include:

IF YOU GO

What: "She Works in STEM" networking event

When: March 27, 5 to 8 p.m.

Where: UMass Center, Tower Square, Springfield

Cost: Free

Registration and more info: Visit <https://tinyurl.com/sheworksinstem>; or contact Beth McGinnis-Cavanaugh at bmcginnis-cavanaugh@stcc.edu, Melissa Paciulli at mpaciulli@hcc.edu, Alysha Putnam at putnama@gcc.mass.edu or Connie West at cwest@berkshirecc.edu.

■ 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

■ Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Affiliate at STCC

The event is made possible by a program development grant with SWE through a donation from the Exxon-Mobil Foundation.

Organizers are using the hashtag #SheWorksInSTEM.

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