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Tunxis Customized Training Helps Businesses Grow

Joseph Jenecaro and Victor Mitchell Join Tunxis

Since 1989, Tunxis Community College has provided customized on-site training to over 13,000 employees in central Connecticut. The College has also assisted companies in cutting costs for training and education at Tunxis by securing nearly \$1.5 million in state and federal grant subsidies not otherwise accessible to client companies.

To continue to grow the College's business and industry training initiatives, Joseph Jenecaro and Victor Mitchell and have joined the Workforce Development & Continuing Education Division of Tunxis Community College. They will be offering customized programs responsive to the needs of companies and organizations.

"Our experience in career programs, employment trends, training and grant-writing is a great resource for the companies who consult with us," said Jenecaro. "We can provide expertise in the industries of health care, pharmaceuticals, financial services, insurance and transportation, to name a few," he continued. "We are very aware of the hands-on types of training needed by these industries and by manufacturing. There are a lot of manufacturing firms out there doing business. Our job is to provide them the training that helps them advance."

Jenecaro, director of workforce development, will be working with the private sector. A former member of Capital Community College's Customer Service Institute of Connecticut, Jenecaro will be responsible for facilitating the growth of a customer service program offered by Tunxis. In addition to his higher education experience both at Capital CC and as an adjunct instructor at Rensselaer at Hartford, he has also worked in a sales and marketing capacity for two leading Connecticut-based human resource and consulting firms. "Our aim at Tunxis is to help companies get where they want to go," said Jenecaro.

Mitchell, director of business & industry services, will be addressing the training needs of the public sector. He has worked in programs that serve the unemployed, notably in the area of plant closings, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Workforce Investment Act (WIA) clients, and has assisted people in securing meaningful and employable job skills. Mitchell will facilitate a recent grant to Tunxis to offer computer literacy training through CT Department of Labor's One-Stop career center in New Britain. He will also collaborate with case managers to identify training opportunities that help people take command of their lives and develop employable skills.

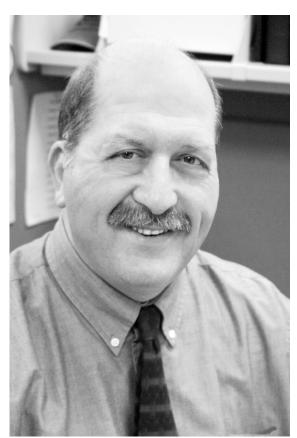
"We address the cost issue more competitively while offering high quality," said Jenecaro. "Contact Tunxis when you want a training program tailored to your needs. It can make a real difference in your business."

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