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A VIEW FROM THE INSIDE
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Community college credits now easier to transfer

Thanks to an agreement reached between the Connecticut State University System (CSUS) and the Connecticut Community College System, students are now able to transfer all credits received at community colleges to state universities, and have the credits count toward the individual student's major. The agreement also allows for community college students with less than 15 credits to apply for guaranteed admission to Eastern, Central, Southern or Western.

Until now, students attending any of Connecticut's 12 community colleges were able to transfer their credits to Eastern, Central, Southern or Western Connecticut State universities, but the credits would not count towards any students' chosen major. Often times, this resulted in students having to take certain courses more than once, which could prove unnecessarily costly and obviously didn't make much sense.

Community colleges are a cost-effective way for many students to begin their post-secondary education. Those students who wish to continue on to earn a bachelor's degree, etc. after attending a community college, can now do so without having to duplicate courses. This type of initiative shows the positive things that can happen when state entities work in a collaborative manner.

Statistics show that, in 2005, approximately 14 percent of new students enrolling in state universities came from community colleges. Overall, 61 percent of students in our state universities transfer from other schools.

If you would like to read the complete text of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Connecticut State University System and the Connecticut Community College System, you can do so by visiting www.ctstateu.edu. (Under “Academics” click on “Transfer Agreements”) For those without access to the Internet, you may contact my office at 240-8700 for a copy of the March 30, 2007 agreement.

Rep. Ruth Fahrback represents the 61st District, including Suffield, and parts of Windsor and East Granby, in the General Assembly.