

OUT & ABOUT

EHartford teacher, students take part in relay

Over Columbus Day weekend, East Hartford High School math teacher Jennifer Marinko, EHHS students, and staff members participated in the annual "Stride & Ride Relay," an event that spans 911 miles from Boston to Arlington, Virginia. Marinko and her team took part in Stage 11 of the relay, a 1-mile "walk/ruck" portion that passed through East Hartford along Burnside Avenue on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 8:30 p.m. Stride and Ride Inc., from Newton, Massachusetts, created the relay to honor and remember those who perished on 9/11, our military men and women who deployed on Oct. 7, 2001, those lost at war, and those who lost their lives due to the invisible wounds of war. This relay also provides a way to support those currently serving, including our veterans and first responders. Proceeds from the relay are distributed to charities that provide support and services to those currently serving, as well as veterans, first responders, and their families. Pictured at top are: front row, from left: Brianna Garcia, Danielle Ortiz, Ma'Kayla Todd, Jaliyah Rice, Lorriane Ocasio, and Jasmarie Burgos; back row, from left: Shantez Bailey, Marinko, James Carrillo, Omar Ochoa, Davian Rivera, Isaias Martinez, and Tristan Burke.



Women's Leadership Center hosts forum



The Women's Leadership Center at the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford hosted a forum on "Grit." Based on the TED talk by Angela Duckworth, author of "Grit, The Power of Passion and Perseverance," the conference included an interactive discussion

by women leaders about building and sharing traits that are statistically proven to help individuals succeed in achieving their long term goals. Pictured at the event held in the USJ Hoffman Auditorium are, from left: moderator Nancy Roath, college consultant and founding partner, FUTURE 5; and panelists Leslie Torres-Rodriguez, superintendent of schools, Hartford; Florence Crisp, vice president and senior legal counsel, CVS Health; Julie Daly Meehan, vice president, investor engagement and retention, Metro-Hartford Alliance; and Erin McHugh Nadeau, director of data engineering at The Hartford.

KITE presents the 2018 Children's Champion Award

Key Initiatives to Early Education (KITE) presented Kristin Raiche, head of Children/Teen Services at Enfield Public Library, the 2018 Children's Champion Award at its recent annual meeting. The award recognizes Raiche for her hard work and dedication to improving the lives of Enfield children. Pictured left to right are Christine Gomeau, KITE coordinator; Raiche; and LeAnn Beaulieu, KITE chairperson.



Tolland Lions Club provides free eye screenings

The Tolland Lions Club recently completed three weeks of free pediatric eye screenings at the Birch Grove Primary School and at eight local daycare and preschool centers. Two open, walk-in sessions were also offered at the Tolland Library. This is the sixth year the Tolland Lions have participated in the nationwide KidSight program. Training and funding for the sophisticated camera is provided by the Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation. The screening test takes only seconds, requires no eye drops or contact, and provides parents with a detailed report. The camera can detect several common pediatric vision issues, including lazy eye, near- and far-sightedness, blurred vision, and eye misalignment. Pictured is Tolland Lion Steve Gudernatch screening a child at Birch Grove Primary School.



ConnectiCare holds Healthy Aging Fair in Manchester



The ConnectiCare Center in Manchester hosted its second Healthy Aging Fair for local seniors and their families. The event provided more than 100 visitors with information regarding healthy eating, volunteer opportunities, tips for talking to your doctor, Alzheimer's disease, and more. The Healthy Aging Fair also provided visitors with free health screenings, including blood pressure checks, glucose screenings, and fall risk assessments. Representatives at the ConnectiCare Center are always available to help people shop for a health plan, answer questions about your ConnectiCare health plan, or help you figure out where to go for care. For more information, visit: myconnecticare.com



EHartford educators attend Pratt & Whitney event

Anthony Mangiafico, director of East Hartford Adult & Continuing Education, attended a "Makers" Wanted event at Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford on Oct. 5. The event for educators was held on National Manufacturing Day to build awareness of the different career pathways in advanced manufacturing available at Pratt & Whitney as well as other manufacturing companies across the state. Pratt & Whitney expects to hire thousands of employees over the next 10 years. Pictured are Jim Spafford, left, also of Manchester Adult Education, and Mangiafico.

