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Empowering Women through Higher Education [Spring Gala POSTPONED]

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NEW BRITAIN, CONN. (March 11, 2020) - The Charter Oak State College Foundation has postponed their spring gala from March 21st to Friday, May 22, 2020 in acknowledgment of Governor Ned Lamont's COVID-19 precautions to limit potential exposure. Charter Oak State College Foundation President, Rebeka Scalia stated "We do not want to jeopardize the health of our friends and associates and are choosing a new date." The Foundation will not only honor the 2020 Best of Charter Oak and "celebrate good times" with a BIG 80's dinner dance party, it will also raise funds to support single working mothers pursuing higher education degree completion.

Proceeds from the evening will support women in their higher education journey at Charter Oak State College through the Women in Transition (WIT) Fund. Since its formation over 20 years ago, this special program has propelled over 175 women, mostly working single mothers, to degree completion and self-sufficiency - but our work is not finished.

The COSC Foundation is comprised of a volunteer board of directors committed to higher education for career advancement - life changing work! Also, through the generous support of alumni and friends of Charter Oak, donations help remove financial barriers and empower these female students.

Friday, May 22 at the Farmington Club, we will rewind time and bust a move with big 80's classics. The dinner dance party is open to the public, tickets are \$60 per person. People can enjoy an open bar, dinner and dessert stations, along with 80's dance music by DJ Love. Lastly, Charter Oak State College Foundation will be hosting a silent auction, wine wall, and drawings. You don't want to miss out on a night of nostalgic fun for the betterment of women. Big 80's attire is welcome.

For more information about empowering women through higher education, helping raise money with auction donations, or how you can participate in the BIG 80's Dinner

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Or visit: <http://bit.ly/BIG80s>.

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The Charter Oak State College Foundation, Inc.

The Charter Oak State College Foundation, founded September 15, 1977, is dedicated to supporting flexible and comprehensive degree completion opportunities for adults, and technology innovations through the work of Charter Oak State College. The Foundation Board of Directors provides volunteer leadership for development and fundraising programs and stewardship of the Foundation's assets in order to assist deserving and underemployed adult students with college costs; award scholarships and grants; provide programs and training; and encourage technological initiatives that enable the College to be a leader in higher education. The Foundation is exempt from tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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Charter Oak State College

Charter Oak State College is Connecticut's public online college offering master's, bachelor's, and associate degree programs, as well as certificate programs for adults with some college. The college was established in 1973 by the Connecticut legislature and is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE), and by the Connecticut Board of Governors for Higher Education.

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