

# CT Learns and Works – Spring 2026 Breakfast Symposium



**CT State Community College Tunxis (Founders Hall)**

**271 Scott Swamp Road, Farmington, CT 06032**

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## Agenda

- 7:30 a.m. Registration and Networking Breakfast
- 8:15 a.m. **Opening and Welcome Remarks**  
**Mark Polzella**, Deputy Commissioner, CT DOL
- 8:30 – 9:15 a.m. **Keynote address**  
**Dr. Caleb Bragg**, Associate Professor, Industrial/Organizational Psychology  
**Central Connecticut State University**
- 9:15 -9:30 a.m. Coffee Break
- 9:30 – 9:45 a.m. **Current Labor Market Information**  
**Patrick Flaherty**, Research Director, CT DOL Office of Research
- 9:45 -10:30 a.m. **Department of Labor Resources Panel**  
**Heide Sulewski**, American Job Center  
**Lisa Matterazzo-Knowlton**, Business Engagement  
**Robert Bongiolatti**, Workforce and Innovation Act
- 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break
- 10:45 -11:30 a.m. **Apprenticeship Panel**  
**Todd Berch**, Apprenticeship & Training  
**Elaine Rosales**, Apprenticeship Coordinator/HR from New England Mechanical  
**John Mesner**, Occupational Trades Manager
- 11:30 a.m. Closing Remarks