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THE BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL BUSINESS COUNCIL NAMES GWENDOLYN BRANTLEY DIRECTOR OF LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS FOR THE BRBC

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The Bridgeport Regional Business Council (BRBC) announces the hiring of Gwendolyn Brantley as the new Director of Leadership Programs for the organization.

Ms. Brantley earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Connecticut University in Corporate Communications and her Masters from the University of Bridgeport in Counseling with a concentration in human resources development.

She will draw upon her lengthy experience in human resources and the nonprofit sector to bring leadership development programing to BRBC's Leadership Greater Bridgeport and THRIVE Program Affiliates.

In addition to taking on this role with the BRBC, Ms. Brantley is actively involved with ACCESS Educational Services as a part-time Program Director for STEM Out-of-School Enrichment Program for Students K-12 in Bridgeport.

"The experience Gwen has had in building an important educational non-profit and her many years in human resource development are just the skills we need at the BRBC to grow both our LGB and THRIVE programs. We hope as Gwen gets to know our BRBC team and community of businesses that she will also help us explore new leadership development opportunities.", said Mickey Herbert, President & CEO of the Bridgeport Regional Business Council.

For more information about the Bridgeport Regional Business Council and its Leadership Greater Bridgeport and THRIVE Program Affiliates visit www.brbc.org or call 203.335.3800.

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The Bridgeport Regional Business Council is a 750-member voluntary organization of businesses within the Bridgeport region working together to create an environment for business expansion, retention and recruitment that will result in jobs and tax base growth. The BRBC includes seven affiliates – the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce, the Stratford Chamber of Commerce, the Trumbull Chamber of Commerce, the Bridgeport Economic Development Corporation, Leadership Greater Bridgeport, Thrive Bridgeport, and the Women's Leadership Council.

Leadership Greater Bridgeport, a Program Affiliate of the BRBC, strives to graduate future leaders who will have a positive impact on the region. Classes meet one full day a month from September to June annually. The ten-month program consists of ten daylong workshops, along with an orientation, tour and graduation ceremony. Throughout the course, the participants are trained in leadership skills, including team building, negotiation, coping with conflict, communication, decision-making and listening.

THRIVE Bridgeport, a Program Affiliate of the BRBC, brings young professionals in their 20s and 30s together to network and connect with the Greater Bridgeport region through social and professional events, and various community service initiatives.