

## **For Those Interested in STEAM Careers, Housatonic Community College Holds STEAM Fest 2018**

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Housatonic Community College (HCC) invites the community to STEAM Fest 2018 — a celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 7 and 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the HCC campus.

— *an announcement from* [Housatonic Community College](#)

This event, now in its second year, provides an opportunity for engagement and exchange with STEAM professionals and will feature a lecture, a panel discussion, presentations, and numerous exhibitors providing hands-on activities and interactive demonstrations.

Attendees will also have the chance to meet representatives from colleges and universities offering STEAM programming, and to visit the University of Bridgeport – Discovery Museum STEM on Wheels bus - a mobile laboratory offering hands-on experiences.

“STEAM Fest will inform and inspire those interested in STEAM careers, and provide a chance to learn about the educational programs available to help reach their career goals,” said Rachel Cain, STEAM Initiatives coordinator for HCC. “It also offers the opportunity to showcase some of the incredible cutting-edge work that HCC students and alumni are doing in the field.”

The event will begin on Wednesday, Nov. 7 with a welcome from Robin Avant, Dean of Academic Affairs

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and pioneer of bringing STEAM programming to HCC.

Dr. Marie Robert, Professor of Pathology and Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine, and trailblazer for women in the field will deliver the keynote address.

Dr. Robert is also a specialist in liver transplant pathology, and her research includes inflammatory bowel diseases, celiac disease, stromal responses in pancreatic cancer and colitis induced by immune therapies.

Following her address, a discussion of exciting research and technological findings will be delivered by a panel of HCC students and alumni, as well as interactive demonstrations in STEAM careers.

On Thursday, Nov. 8, there will be a showcase of HCC student research findings and a STEAM College Fair, offering opportunities to connect with college representatives and to learn about available programs.

Both days take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Beacon Hall Events Center on the HCC campus, located at [900 Lafayette Blvd. in Bridgeport](#).

The event is FREE, open to the public and refreshments will be served.

“If you are interested in a career in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts or Mathematics, this is an important, must-see experience that you don’t want to miss,” said Dr. Paul Broadie, HCC President. “STEAM career candidates are in high demand, I encourage anyone with an inquisitive mind and an interest in these subjects to plan on attending.”

Housatonic Community College currently offers over 60 associate degree or certificate options in the STEAM disciplines. Through active hands-on learning, students build up their qualifications to support movement along educational or career paths to potentially higher-paying jobs.

STEAM Fest 2018 is generously supported by the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust. To learn more about STEAM Fest or STEAM programming at HCC, please contact Rachel Cain, [Rcain@hcc.commnet.edu](mailto:Rcain@hcc.commnet.edu) or by phone 203-332-5984.