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Uchenna Oguagha Student



Speaker

Uchenna Oguagha, a senior at the Aerospace/Hydrospace Engineering & Physical Sciences at the Fairchild Wheeler Campus, was the student speaker at the Event. As a student she has already taken seven UCONN Early College Experience classes and intends to go to college for pre-med and become a surgeon one day. She was a magnificent speaker highlighting her challenges as an African American female in the field of technology from Bridgeport. She ended her remarks with a quote from Margaret Thatcher, "If you want something said ask a man, if you want something done ask a woman."

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Dear Uchenna,

Thank you to Jenny Lawton for sharing her story with over 180 people at the BPEF's Annual Fall fundraising event. Ms. Lawton is a highly respected technologist and company builder who is considered a visionary in her field. She is known for fostering innovation, entrepreneurship and a supportive corporate culture. As the Chief Operations Officer at multiple companies, she helped grow them dramatically over her career. She recently began a new position as the Chief Operating Officer at Techstars. Her message of overcoming the perception that women can't pursue careers in math or be engineers was inspirational to all in attendance. She reminded everyone that as you make your way to the next position, turn around and help those behind you. She credited her mentor with always being there for her and encouraging her to take risks knowing she had the ability to face any challenge. She learned to be a leader as a child being told by her parents that she was not allowed to be bored, tired or take a nap. Ms. Lawton was inducted into the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame in 2014.



Shown here (from left to right) are: Ann Clark, BPEF Development Chair, Interim Superintendent Frances Rabinowitz, Uchenna Oguagha, student speaker, Jenny Lawton, & Robert Laska, Chair of the BPEF.

**Marge Hiller, Executive Director
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