

Gearing up with grants

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy visited Naugatuck Valley Community College on Friday to announce \$31.5 million in federal funding that will partner state colleges and local school districts to better prepare poor and urban students for college. NVCC will receive \$11.2 million to run mentoring programs in Waterbury public schools over the next seven years. Manchester Community College and Southern Connecticut State University will help students in East Hartford and

New Haven, respectively. In Waterbury, the program will offer tutoring and mentoring to sixth- and seventh-graders at North End, Wallace and West Side middle schools next year. Those who sign up will get extra attention through their senior year. For high school students, it will also mean the chance to take classes for college credit.

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