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## **Marinello Schools of Beauty Closing Students Urged to Contact Office of Higher Education for Assistance**

HARTFORD, Feb.4 – The Office of Higher Education has been notified that six Marinello Schools of Beauty operating in Connecticut and enrolling nearly 500 students are closing their campuses effective Friday, February 5, 2016. To help impacted students regain their footing, agency staff are working to secure student and financial files, and facilitate transfer opportunities. Enrolled students are urged to register their most current contact information at [www.ctohe.org](http://www.ctohe.org) or by calling the agency’s Education & Employment Information Center at 800-842-0229.

Marinello operates its main Connecticut school in East Hartford along with five branches in Fairfield, Hamden, Meriden, Niantic, and Willimantic. Its Torrington branch closed January 31, 2016. Some 467 Connecticut students are enrolled in its cosmetology, esthetics and barbering programs. The school is among 104 postsecondary career schools regulated by the Office of Higher Education. In addition to overseeing these schools, the Office of Higher Education serves as the state’s custodian of postsecondary career school records, and as the central source of assistance for students who may be impacted by postsecondary career school closures.

Marinello is part of a for-profit chain of schools owned by B&H Education which operate at 56 locations across California, Kansas, Nevada and Utah and Connecticut. The schools are closing following action earlier this week by the U.S. Department of Education to cut off federal loans and grants due to a wide range of records violations.

“We understand that Marinello has asked its schools to remain open next week so that students may obtain paperwork and information on their options,” stated Jane A. Ciarleglio, Executive Director of the Office of Higher Education. “As a precaution, however, we urge students to register on our website to provide us with complete information on the status of their coursework. In the event that students are unable to deal with Marinello directly, we can provide them with copies of their transcripts, process tuition reimbursements, and facilitate transfer to other schools once we have records in hand. We are currently working with school officials to obtain electronic and paper copies of student records.”

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