



Charter Communications
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Dear Ms. Kelkres,

The collaboration between Charter Communications and Western Connecticut State University Weather Center has been a tremendous opportunity for our students to master the art of broadcasting and give them the chance to improve their critical thinking by designing graphics, planning the flow of the program, recording the broadcast and finally any editing needed to make the broadcast something worthy that the public can look forward to each week.

Currently we have two students doing broadcasts on a weekly basis and look forward to at least doubling that during the coming Fall 2016 semester by adding a freshman and an upperclassmen/women. The excitement of the students currently doing the program is obvious by their late night texts to me when storms are coming, so that they can have their best possible forecast. I am sure that they are also contacting others in the major to have as many viewpoints as possible.

The collaboration is not limited to just the broadcasting, our Bridge Program also uses Charter to see a real studio and give middle school students in southwestern Connecticut the opportunity to try and create/record their own broadcast. Future Bridge classes will be using Charter studios solely for their meteorological experience.

The Meteorology Club also enjoys the opportunity to tour the studio during the academic year and learn as much as they can about broadcasting before honing their craft in Meteorology 330/331 and during their internships at various stations.

Certainly this experience is a huge success for WCSU and I believe Charter and Charter's subscribers. Weather forecasting without hype, certainly something novel. Most stations have their meteorologists say key words, often out of context, to entice listeners, but at Charter it is all about the facts.



Best,

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