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College Students & Staff Honored for Community Service

HARTFORD, April 24 — Higher Education Commissioner Valerie F. Lewis will present three 2006 Higher Education Community Service Awards to Connecticut college students and staff this **Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 pm.** at the Hartford Marriott Rocky Hill at Corporate Ridge in Rocky Hill.

Joining Commissioner Lewis will be State Representative William R. Dyson, chair of the Connecticut Commission on Community Service which co-sponsors the annual awards ceremony with the Connecticut Department of Higher Education.

This year, 21 Connecticut colleges submitted 39 nominations for the three award categories of *Student*, *Student Group* and *Innovative Program Award* for projects led by faculty and staff. Recipients are selected based on their ability to create projects which distinctly help individuals, community groups or environmental causes; incorporate originality and unique approaches to community service; substantially raise student participation; promote diversity; and address urban problems.

This year's *Student Award* recipient is **Julie Zitterkopf**, a senior at **Quinnipiac University** for her work with the campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee as well as service as a Resident Assistant.

The *Student Group* winner is the Yale-based **FOCUS on New Haven** which engages **Yale University** sophomores in the New Haven community.

The *Innovative Program Award* is going to **Frances Moulder**, professor of sociology at **Three Rivers Community College** in Norwich who has worked to embed civic engagement into the College's mission and curriculum.

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