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CSLF Announces 2007 VJM Scholarship Recipient

Rocky Hill, CT – June 29, 2007 - The Connecticut Student Loan Foundation (CSLF®) is pleased to announce that Nancy Leaman, a resident of Meriden, Connecticut and a senior at Southern Connecticut State University has been awarded the 2007 Vincent J. Maiocco (VJM) Scholarship. The VJM Scholarship Fund, which was established in honor of Vincent J. Maiocco, the first employee and former President of CSLF, provides scholarships to students financing their postsecondary education with loans guaranteed by CSLF.

Ms. Leaman was presented with a \$7,500 scholarship, the largest single award to date, at the 13th Annual Vincent J. Maiocco Scholarship Fund Golf Outing which was held on June 25th at The Farms Country Club in Wallingford, CT. The outings have raised approximately \$150,000 and have provided 22 scholarships to deserving students demonstrating outstanding academic achievement and community service.

Nancy Leaman, the 2007 scholarship recipient, is a senior at Southern Connecticut State University majoring in English and Library Science. Her current grade point average is 3.96. Ms. Leaman received an Associate Degree in English from Middlesex Community College where she was secretary of the Student Senate. Nancy was also involved in community activities such as walks to raise funds for the Leukemia-Lymphoma Society.

Nancy is currently Vice President of the library science club at Southern Connecticut State University and is also a Relay for Life team member. She volunteers her time to help inner city youth at the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist to help them discover, care for, and respect animals.

VJM Scholarship applications are available in the spring each year. For more information, visit www.cslf.com or contact Laura Valenti, CSLF's Manager of Scholarships and Special Programs at 1(800) 237-9721, ext. 446.

***ABOUT CSLF** – The Connecticut Student Loan Foundation (CSLF) is a national, non-profit agency that administers, guarantees, and finances loans within the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) and other alternative student loan programs. CSLF has more than 40 years of experience providing assistance to students and parents seeking to finance a higher education. CSLF promotes access to higher education by helping families plan for and pursue their postsecondary education and by assuring that low-cost funding options remain available to eligible students and parents. Learn more about CSLF at www.cslf.com.*

***ABOUT VJM SCHOLARSHIP FUND** – The VJM scholarship fund was founded to honor the first President of the Connecticut Student Loan Foundation, Vincent J. Maiocco, upon his retirement. Mr. Maiocco today and throughout his career has been dedicated to encouraging and assisting promising students to pursue their education. The Fund provides scholarship awards to students demonstrating outstanding academic achievement, financial need, and community service. Learn more about the VJM Fund at www.cslf.com.*