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State Treasurer Denise Nappier to Receive HCW's Woman of the Year Award

Hartford College for Women (HCW) at the University of Hartford will honor Connecticut State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier as the 8th Laura A. Johnson Woman of the Year at a luncheon to be held Thursday, October 26, at 11:45 a.m., at the Hartford Hilton.

Previous recipients include The Honorable Barbara B. Kennelly, Eileen S. Kraus, Donna A. Lopiano, The Honorable Ellen Ash Peters, Miriam B. Butterworth, Marcia L. Hincks, and The Honorable Dorothy C. Goodwin.

Nappier is the first African-American woman elected to serve as a state treasurer in the United States. She is also the first African-American woman elected to a statewide office in Connecticut and the first woman elected treasurer in state history.

As treasurer, Nappier is principal fiduciary of the state's \$22 billion pension fund. She is also responsible for managing state government's cash accounting system, nearly \$11 billion of state debt, the state's Second Injury Fund, and the Short-Term Investment Fund, which invests more than \$4 billion for nearly 200 municipalities and state and local agencies and authorities.

Nappier has received high praise for her commitment to maintaining the highest possible standards of professionalism and integrity in the effective financial management of Connecticut's pension funds, thereby helping to preserve the future financial security of nearly 160,000 fund participants and beneficiaries. She brings the same commitment to the management of all the state resources entrusted to her oversight as treasurer.

Nappier recently made sweeping changes in Connecticut's higher education savings program that will increase access for Connecticut families and has already resulted in the state-sponsored program being ranked as one of the top seven programs in the country.

A native of Hartford, Nappier served as city treasurer for nearly 10 years. She earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia State University and a master's degree in community planning from the University of Cincinnati. "Denise exemplifies HCW today. She has made a significant impact on both her profession and our greater Hartford community. She serves as an extraordinary role model," said Susan Lennon, director of HCW.

In her charge to the Class of 2000 at HCW's commencement ceremony last May, Nappier said, "To be fully prepared for success in this new millennium, we must fully understand the

intricacies and the imperative of personal finance and building assets, the importance of investing prudently in our own futures, the power and clout that come with economic self-sufficiency."

Central to the story of HCW is Laura A. Johnson, the first president of Hartford College for Women. A noted and beloved educator and businesswoman, Johnson believed in the ability of women of all ages and backgrounds to thrive in an academic setting. She characterized "women who want to learn and teachers who love to teach" as the essential elements for HCW's success. Her legacy endures today at Hartford College for Women through Academic Express, a program of accelerated evening and weekend classes designed to meet the educational needs of women with job and/or family responsibilities. Johnson was the first woman to be elected to the board of directors of the Phoenix Mutual Insurance Company, The Hartford Courant, and the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce.

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