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## **Jones Receives Distinguished Professional Award**

*Career Counseling Director Recognized by CT Counseling Association*

**Hartford, CT, June 14, 2006** — Counseling individuals on how to manage their careers and helping corporations to build stronger teams is something Eleta Jones, Ph.D., has been doing for nearly 30 years.

In May, Jones' nearly three decade span in the career development field was applauded when she received the "Distinguished Professional of 2006" Award from the Connecticut Counseling Association at its annual conference in Rocky Hill. The award is given to one local, state or national level member who has promoted progress in the counseling field.

Not only has Jones promoted progress in the field, she emulates it as author of *Create Your Own Career: A Workbook for Career Decision-Making*, *Career Orienteering* and numerous columns in the *Hartford Business Journal*.

Jones is the assistant director at the Center for Professional Development, University of Hartford (formerly The Career Counseling Center). She also is director of career counseling and director of the Human Resources Institute for Talent Development & Retention at the Center. She has trained managers at large Connecticut corporations including UTC Corporate Headquarters, Pratt & Whitney, American Eagle Federal Credit Union, The Hartford Specialty Company and Northeast Utilities.

For the last 19 years, Jones has taught undergraduate and graduate classes for the counselor education program at St. Joseph College. She is also an adjunct faculty member at the University of Connecticut, where she teaches a career management course to MBA students.

Jones, a Licensed Professional Counselor and a National Certified Counselor who lives in West Hartford, is a member of the Connecticut Counseling Association (CCA) as well as the American Counseling Association, the National Career Development Association, and the Connecticut Career Counseling & Development Association, where she served as president from 2002-03.

Jones received her B.A. in history from Carleton College, went on to receive her Master of Arts in Teaching at Wesleyan University and finished her education with a Ph.D. in guidance and counseling at the University of Michigan. Before moving to Connecticut, Jones worked as a career planning and placement officer at the University of Michigan.