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## **CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING PROFESSOR AND NURSING STUDENT WIN AWARDS**

Hartford, CT – Capital Community College Nursing department is proud to announce that Professor Julia Rosa has won the Connecticut Nurses Foundation Faculty Scholarship Award, and Capital nursing student Jennifer Dupuis has won the Connecticut League for Nursing Scholarship. Both women reside in West Hartford.

Julia Rosa has been on the nursing faculty at Capital for 30 years and is in her second year of Doctoral studies at the University of Hartford in the Educational Leadership Program, studying the advisement of associate degree nursing students who are pursuing B.S. degrees in Nursing. In May, 2001, Julia Rosa won Capital Community College's Educational Excellence and Distinguished Service Award. In December, 2002, The Connecticut Nurses Association awarded her the Nurses Recognition Award for Clinical Excellence. Last April, at the Connecticut Community College System's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at the Capitol, she was recognized as an outstanding faculty member whose life and career has had a strong impact on student success.

“Julia serves as a positive role model in the College and at a State level in the field,” said Cynthia Adams, Director of Nursing. “She has been a leader on the nursing faculty team at Capital since the 1970s, and her expertise is sought frequently by students and professional colleagues.”

Capital nursing student Jennifer Dupuis is the recipient of the Connecticut League for Nursing Scholarship. After being a stay-at-home mother for many years, Jennifer finally decided to pursue her longtime dream of becoming a nurse.

“Jennifer has an excitement about nursing that is rarely seen in students and that is often lost in the generation of older nurses,” said Cathy Pavalock, associate professor of nursing at Capital. “Her warm personality and outstanding teaching skills far surpass some of the most seasoned OB nurses. Jennifer has certainly made the right career choice and she will be an asset to the field.” Jennifer Dupuis' love of nursing is infectious: she has three daughters, two of whom are also in nursing school.

*Capital Community College has the largest undergraduate nursing program in the state of Connecticut, with one of the most diverse student populations in the United States. Registered Nurse board scores at Capital are among the highest in the state of Connecticut. The college's 25 years of excellence in nursing education was awarded statewide recognition by the Governor.*

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