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**Connecticut Students with CSLF Loans Receive Academic Scholarships**

**Rocky Hill, CT – July 13, 2005** - The Connecticut Student Loan Foundation (CSLF®) is pleased to announce that three deserving Connecticut students were awarded scholarships at the Vincent J. Maiocco (VJM) Scholarship Fund golf outing on Friday, June 24, 2005. CSLF is the presenting sponsor of the outing, which funds the Vincent J. Maiocco Scholarship.

Scholarship winners, Kelsey Arena, Regina Mappa, and William Roggi, were honored at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing, which was held at The Tradition Golf Club in Wallingford, CT. The fund was established in honor of Vincent J. Maiocco, the first employee and former President of CSLF, who retired in 1992.

Kelsey Arena, a Southington, CT resident, attends Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU). Ms. Arena is majoring in Management and maintains a 3.5 Grade Point Average (GPA). Despite working full-time while attending school, Ms. Arena also volunteers her time to worthwhile causes, such as the Cancer Society's Relay for Life and the United Way's Blue Jeans for Babies campaign.

Regina Mappa, a Wallingford, CT resident, also attends Southern Connecticut State University. Ms. Mappa is majoring in Social Work and maintains a 3.0 GPA. Ms. Mappa is a student worker in the SCSU financial aid office.

William Roggi, a resident of East Hartford, CT, attends Western Connecticut State University (WCSU). Mr. Roggi is majoring in Criminal Justice and maintains a 3.0 GPA. Mr. Roggi is actively involved in the Eagle Scouts and has received an Academic Achievement Award while attending WCSU.

The VJM Scholarship Fund was created to award scholarships to students financing their postsecondary education with loans guaranteed by CSLF. Over the past 11 years more than \$125,000 has been raised helping to provide 17 scholarships to deserving students demonstrating outstanding academic achievement and community service.

More information about the Vincent J. Maiocco Scholarship and the Vincent J. Maiocco Scholarship Fund is available at [www.cslf.com](http://www.cslf.com). Scholarship applications and golf outing registrations are available in the spring each year.

***ABOUT CSLF** – The Connecticut Student Loan Foundation (CSLF) is a national, non-profit agency that administers, guarantees, finances, and services loans within the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) and other alternative loan programs. CSLF has over 40 years of experience providing assistance to students and parents seeking to finance a higher education. As a guarantor, CSLF assures that low-interest Federal Stafford Loans and Federal PLUS Loans remain available to eligible students and parents. CSLF also is a lender and provides financing directly to educational institutions on behalf of students and parents. Learn more about CSLF at [www.cslf.com](http://www.cslf.com).*