

Media Advisory

Juneteenth Officials to Announce 2010 Man, Woman of the Year and Parade Marshal

When: Friday, June 18th at 12:30 pm

**Where: Steps of Bridgeport City Hall
45 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT 06604**

At a press conference tomorrow at the steps of Bridgeport City Hall, Juneteenth of Fairfield County will announce their nominations for 2010's Man and Woman of the Year, and Parade Marshal.

Veronica Douglas-Givan, Director of Communications and External Affairs for the Bridgeport Public Schools, has been named Woman of the Year. In this role, Ms. Douglas-Givan will promote Juneteenth events, such as the parade and banquet, and will attend speaking engagements.

"We are delighted to have Ms. Veronica Douglas-Givan as Juneteenth's 2010 "Woman of the Year," states Eldorado Anderson, Vice President of Juneteenth of Fairfield County. "Her current position as Director of Communications for the Bridgeport Public School System has allowed her to reach every household within the city of Bridgeport and expand her knowledge of what our kids face on a daily basis. She continues to volunteer her time in supporting youth programs, homeless women and children, the HIV and Aids community, race relations, and many grass root causes including Juneteenth of Fairfield County."

Also nominated are Lyle Hassan as Man of the Year and Michael A. Jordan as Parade Marshal, recognized for their years of passion and dedication to the community and Connecticut at large.

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, is the oldest holiday honoring African-American heritage, commemorating the announcement of the abolition of slavery in 1865. In the spirit of this tradition, Juneteenth of Fairfield County has been dedicated to uplifting and restoring pride, humility, and appreciation of self in the local community through creating an environment of innovation, fun, and cooperation throughout the communities of Fairfield County and abroad. Sororities, fraternities, local officials, charter schools, drill teams, church organizations and members of the community will participate in this year's festivities.

This year's Juneteenth parade, the Grand Street parade, kicks off this Saturday, June 19 at 12pm, beginning with a flag-raising ceremony at City Hall, ending at McLevy Green Downtown via Main Street. Celebration following the parade will continue until 9pm.

For more information about Juneteenth of Fairfield County or the parade, contact Eldorado Anderson at 203-520-8229 or log on to <http://www.juneteenthoffc.com>.

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