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**THE NEW HAVEN ADULT EDUCATION CENTER WELCOMES VERONICA
DOUGLAS-GIVAN
AS THEIR NEW FAMILY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE COORDINATOR
From the Newsroom to the Classroom Veronica Douglas
continues to make a difference in her community**

Veronica Douglas-Givan, Family & Community Resource Coordinator, NHAE

NEW HAVEN — July 15, 2004 - The New Haven Adult Education Center is proud to announce and welcome Veronica Douglas-Givan, as their Family and Community Resource Coordinator. Veronica will be responsible for the school's recruitment efforts as well as marketing Adult Education's programs and services, including: High School Credit, General Education Development (GED), English as a Second Language (ESL), the National External Diploma Program (NEDP), Citizenship, Re-entry, Enrichment Education and Gateway Community College courses at the New Haven Adult Education Center. In addition, Ms. Douglas-Givan will facilitate Employability skills workshops and champion the school's community outreach efforts, alongside the newly appointed principal, Mr. Glen Worthy.

"I am honored and excited about my new role at The New Haven Adult Education Center", stated Ms. Douglas-Givan. "We have some truly dedicated people here at Adult Ed. and I know first-hand that when we help an adult achieve in school and in life, (fathers, mothers, uncles/aunties, grandparents, cousins and foster parents), we are also helping the youth in the district, as they witness their family members return to school and succeed. Of course, dropping out of school is not the path we want our students on but, we want the 'family' as a whole to experience and share their commitment for their education and the value of it [education] overall. We are on a mission to change the mindset of our adult learners in this community."

Principal Glen Worthy stated, "Veronica's commitment to New Haven and the people, particularly those who some try to count out is unquestionable. As the new principal here, I am looking forward to working with Veronica to help our adult learners reach their full potential, shine a more positive light on the New Haven

Adult Education Center and to make our school the most improved in Connecticut.”

Veronica is no stranger to New Haven Public Schools or The New Haven Adult Education Center. For the past three years, she worked at Adult Ed., as a Life Skills Instructor, Assistant Teacher, and Workshop Facilitator. And, as a Consultant for the district, Veronica marshalled the successful launch of New Haven’s Parent University.

Ms. Douglas-Givan joined the New Haven Adult Education Center after a successful tenure with the Bridgeport Public Schools, the largest school system in the state. There, she served as the district’s Director of Communications and External Affairs, serving as Senior Spokesperson for the Bridgeport Public schools. Her work was specifically targeted at improving the image of the school system and their parent engagement efforts; plus, she was recognized by The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) (for 3 consecutive years) for Excellence in Education Communications.

Veronica is best known throughout the region as the ‘voice’ of the community for her work in front of the camera and behind the scenes at WTNH-TV News 8/ABC affiliate and 94.3 WYBC FM Radio. Douglas-Givan has had a long and successful career in media and communications including positions at television and radio stations in major markets. She is an Emmy Award-winning journalist who has worked locally for more than two decades at WTNH-TV News Channel 8/ABC affiliate and she is currently the weekend host of the Friday Night Dance Party 94.3 WYBC FM radio.

As a Community Advocate and TV/Radio personality Veronica is admired by her peers, youth and community leaders as the 'conscience' of the media and the community. Veronica works tirelessly to give a voice to the voiceless, particularly those in underserved communities and she was nicknamed 'Connecticut's Champion for Children' by former Governor Jodi Rell.

Veronica Douglas-Givan is a proud New Haven native, who grew up in Newhallville and later moved to the Dwight Neighborhood; Douglas-Givan’s passion to encourage and uplift those in her community started at an early age and has since developed into her life’s work – conceiving and connecting ideas and initiatives that will make a positive and lasting impact in her community. In that spirit, Douglas-Givan has since embarked on another successful journey in her communications career and as a consultant. *The Veronica Douglas Media Group*, where the mission is to help companies and non-profits tell their stories and get results! Veronica uses her 'voice' to champion efforts as a media/community engagement specialist, keynote speaker, host, mistress of ceremonies, voice narrator, and producer. Douglas-Givan's career in the media started as an intern reporter at the New Haven Register; she went on to become an associate producer at the nationally syndicated Sally Jessy Raphael Show, with studios in New Haven

and New York City.

The recipient of more than 100 civic engagement and community awards, Veronica became a friendly face that people throughout the state could trust when she stepped in front of the camera as the host of Wednesday's Child, a weekly segment promoting adoption and foster care.

During Veronica's career in television, she served as the liaison between the community and WTNH-TV, helping to improve the station's image in the community and due to these efforts the TV station received numerous awards. Douglas-Givan left the television station in 2008 to pursue another career opportunity. However, she never abandoned her role as a community advocate, leader and change agent, especially for youth and those in underserved communities. In order to foster her desire to help children by shining a positive light on them and bringing awareness to pertinent issues, Douglas-Givan accepted a position as Director of Communications and External Affairs for the Bridgeport Public School System.

Veronica Douglas-Givan is a graduate of the New Haven and Hamden Public Schools. She earned her undergraduate degree in Mass Communications from Northeastern University in Boston, MA, and her Master's degree (a full fellowship) in Journalism from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude. Veronica dedicated her graduate degree to her mom, Ida who is living with Alzheimer's disease at the Mary Wade Home and her 'god sent' daddy Jesse Douglas, Jr.

Veronica Douglas-Givan is a much sought after motivational speaker, mistress of ceremonies and producer. She is a member of Mount Aery Baptist Church in Bridgeport, Dr. Anthony L. Bennett, Senior Pastor. She lives in the Fair Haven Heights section of New Haven with her husband John and their four-year old son, Jayvon, who will be attending kindergarten in New Haven in the fall. Veronica's first day in her new role as Family and Community Resource Coordinator at The New Haven Adult Education Center was July 14th, 2014.

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