

FOR IMMEDIATE RE:

For Immediate Release:

Oct. 9, 2009

Contact:

Mickey Mattei
(860) 523-8042 x 22
Diane Edwards
(860) 529-9545

*****Media Advisory*****

**ESPN Pro Football Analyst and The Governor's Prevention Partnership
Kick Off 20th Annual Governor's Luncheon**

*U.S. Congressman Chris Murphy Honors Companies for Outstanding Contribution to Youth Prevention
Connecticut Youth and New Haven Chorus take part in program*

Marcellus Wiley, former all-pro defensive end and ESPN pro football analyst, will address a business audience Tuesday, October 13, as special guest at the 20th annual Governor's Prevention Partnership Luncheon.

U.S. Congressman Chris Murphy will recognize the recipients of The Partnership's "Partners in Prevention" awards, honoring People's United Bank and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield for their Leadership and Innovation. The Partnership also will present its second annual Gov. **William A. O'Neill Legacy Award** to Thomas Barnes, Chairman of The Barnes Group Incorporated and member of The Governor's Prevention Partnership Board of Directors since 1994.

Twenty years ago, under the direction of former Governor William O'Neill, The Governor's Prevention Partnership was formed in recognition of the long-term costs of drug and alcohol abuse and addiction to Connecticut. Today, under the direction of **Governor Jodi Rell**, The Partnership has advanced to a successful public-private partnership comprised of state and business leaders working to create widespread awareness about the dangers of underage drinking, drug use and violence.

Youth from throughout the state will be speak out about their personal challenges and achievements, and thank The Partnership for its role in their lives.

WHO: U.S. Congressman Chris Murphy from Connecticut's 5th District
ESPN Pro Football Analyst Marcellus Wiley
Leadership Award recipient, David Fusco, President, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield
Innovation Award recipient, Philip Sherringham, CEO, People's United Bank
Legacy Award recipient Thomas O. Barnes, The Barnes Group
Middle School youth from Ellington, Bridgeport, New Britain, Waterbury, and more
Betsy Ross Arts Magnet Middle School Chorus, New Haven
Jill Spinetti, president of The Governor's Prevention Partnership

WHAT: 20th Annual Governor's Luncheon of The Governor's Prevention Partnership

WHEN: Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 11:50 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Lt. Governor's award presentations: noon to 12:45 p.m.
Marcellus Wiley 12:45 to 1:30

WHERE: Central Connecticut State University, Alumni Hall in the Student Center

###