

## Southington Chamber honors Erika Copes with award



*Chamber presents Erika Copes with Woman of the Year award Erika Copes sits holding the Woman of the Year award certificate with, from left, Rachel Potter, Julie Chubet, Dee Babkirk and Antoinette Ouellette standing behind her.*

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SOUTHINGTON — The Southington Chamber of Commerce announced Erika Copes as the winner of the first “Woman of the Year” award last week.

Copes has been working as the Director of Marketing and Business Development with Central Connecticut Senior Health Services for the past six years. Chamber Director of Communications Dee Babkirk said Copes is

also very involved with the Chamber and Chamber Women’s group.

“I am thrilled that we finally have the Women of the Year award and it couldn’t go to someone more deserving than Erika is,” Babkirk said.

Babkirk said with the Chamber Women becoming increasingly more active since the group formed in 2004, it was time to recognize some of those members.

Members of the Chamber women surprised Copes with a certificate and will formally recognize her at the Chamber’s Annual Dinner April 17.