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Student Slapped With Plagiarism Fine

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Plagiarism can get students kicked out of school and even put them into some deep debt.

The State Appeals court has upheld a [Waterbury Superior Court](http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/topics?topic=Waterbury+Superior+Court) ruling against [Watertown](http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/topics?topic=Watertown) native [Christina Duquette](http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/topics?topic=Christina+Duquette) a former graduate student at [Central Connecticut State University](http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/topics?topic=Central+Connecticut+State+University).

Courts ordered Duquette to pay $100 to Matthew Coster, and pay $26000 in damages after she was accused of using his paper even though she denies it.

In 2006 Coster was expelled from central after the school accused him of copying Duquettes paper on the Holocaust. Coster then filed a lawsuit to clear his name and showed evidence that Duquette actually copied his term paper. Waterbury Superior court ruled that Coster was the original writer of the paper.

Coster was later readmitted to the school.

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