

## **CCMT Student Shannon Hovey Qualifies for 2008 Olympic Marathon Trials**

CCMT massage therapy student Shannon Hovey has qualified for the 2008 Olympic Marathon Trials to be held in Boston on April 20, 2008. Shannon's qualifying time of 2:42:08 was run at the Chicago Marathon on Sunday October 22, 2006. Overall, Shannon finished 309th out of 33,618 finishers. She was the 21st woman overall, 9th US woman and 5th in her division (Female 35-39). Shannon completed the race with a pace of 6:11 per mile for the 26.2 miles.

In order to qualify for the Woman's Olympic Marathon Trials a time of 2:47:00 (B standard) or better has to be achieved. Only 84 women in the USA have reached the 2:47:00 qualifying standard. Shannon stands 23rd (as of 10/30/06) on the eligible list for the 2008 marathon trials and is one of only two qualifiers from Connecticut. Shannon was just short of reaching the "A standard" qualifying time, which requires a finish time of 2:39:00 or better. As of 10/30/06 only 12 women in the USA have achieved the A standard time.