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2005 NU Foundation Scholars named To receive up to \$20,000 in college scholarships

BERLIN, Connecticut, June 5, 2005 – Five students have been honored for their achievements by being named 2005 Northeast Utilities Foundation Scholars. Each student will receive up to \$20,000 in college scholarships. They were recognized at a reception held at NU headquarters on May 25.

“Each NU Foundation Scholar is a student and community leader, and a living expression of the values instilled by their parents,” said Theresa Hopkins-Staten, President and Chairman of the Board of the NU Foundation. “We commend these students for their standout accomplishments and the benefit they have earned for themselves and their families.”

Now in its fourth year, the NU Foundation Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to the children of NU employees to defray the costs of college. Scholars receive \$5,000 per year for up to four years of undergraduate study. They are selected based on their academic record, leadership skills, and their school and community activities.

This year's recipients are:

Carolyn Nims is the daughter of Jack Nims, an Energy Delivery policy administrator for Connecticut Light & Power Company in Wethersfield. Carolyn attends Berlin [Conn.] High School where is a senior on the tennis team. She plans to go on a mission trip to the Mohawk Reservation in upstate New York. She intends to study English at Vassar College.

Jenna Lee is the daughter of Michael Lee, a field supervisor for Lines at Public Service of New Hampshire in Nashua. A member of the World Language Honor Society, Jenna was also a member of the Manchester Central High School yearbook staff, Spirit Club,

school newspaper and was on the varsity girls' soccer team for four years. She worked on Senator Joe Lieberman's presidential campaign in 2003 and is a McDonough Buddies volunteer. She will study at the University of Vermont.

Dannielle Meder is the daughter of Daniel Meder, a project test specialist for Western Massachusetts Electric Company in East Springfield. She is a McDonald's McScholar athlete who participates in track and field at Chicopee High School. She is a two-time All-Western Massachusetts hurdles champion. Dannielle will attend the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. to pursue studies in science.

Alyson King is the daughter of Charles King, an Operations and Maintenance specialist for Northeast Generation Services in Rocky Hill. At Guilford High School, she was co-chair for the Connecticut Coalition to Stop Underage Drinking at her school, who named her youth leader of the year. She also won a Southern Connecticut Conference scholar leadership award. Alyson will attend Stonehill College to study Biology.

Daniel Wakefield is the son of Jack Wakefield, an IT Business Application Systems Developer for Northeast Utilities in Berlin. At Manchester [Conn.] High School, Daniel is the valedictorian for his class. He is a member of the school math team which is ranked No. 1 in the state and finished third in a statewide French poetry recitation. Daniel will attend the University of Connecticut to study computer science.

The Northeast Utilities Foundation was established in 1998 to support community initiatives in education, the environment, the arts, and health and human services. For additional information, please visit www.nu.com/aboutNU/foundation.asp.

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