



News Release

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NU Foundation awards \$100,000 in college scholarships Students receive \$10,000 plus paid summer internships

BERLIN, Connecticut, May 22, 2007 – As part of its commitment to higher education, the Northeast Utilities Foundation has awarded \$100,000 in scholarships to ten accomplished students. And for the first time, the annual scholarship is accompanied by the offer of paid summer employment with Northeast Utilities (NU) each year the students are in college.

The students—including six from Connecticut, two from western Massachusetts and two from New Hampshire—were selected from among 108 applicants and were recognized at the sixth annual NU Foundation Scholarship Award ceremony held May 21 at NU headquarters in Berlin.

The NU Foundation Scholarship program defrays the cost of college for the sons and daughters of NU employees who have distinguished themselves through their academic record, leadership skills and school and community activities. The recipients are eligible to receive a total of \$10,000 in college scholarships for up to four years of baccalaureate study, as well as paid summer internships with NU.

“With our Foundation scholarship program, we are recognizing academic excellence and the commitment by these young adults to improve their communities,” said NU Foundation Chairman Charles W. Shivery. “We see these young leaders as a powerful force for positive change.”

“I think it’s a wonderful opportunity for the students, given the financial burden of college these days,” said Michel Santos, the father of scholarship winner Lauren M. Santos of Wilbraham, Massachusetts, and an employee of the Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECO).

The 2007 NU Foundation Scholarship winners are:

Cassandra L. Campelli of Vernon, CT, is the daughter of Antonio and Ellen Campelli. Antonio is a Distribution System Operator for the Connecticut Light & Power Company. Cassandra is a senior at Rockville High School in Vernon. In the fall she will attend Clemson University where she intends to study genetics.

Bethany Ciullo of East Haddam, CT, is the daughter of John and Cassandra Ciullo, both NU employees. John Ciullo is a Telecommunications Information Technology (IT) Engineer and Cassandra Ciullo is an IT Business Application Systems Developer. Bethany is a senior at Nathan Hale-Ray High School in Moodus, Conn. She will attend the University of Connecticut in the fall.

Sarah Dixon of Weare, NH, is the daughter of Randy and Karen Dixon. Randy Dixon is a Senior Marketing Engineer for Public Service of New Hampshire (PSNH). In the fall Sarah will attend the University of New Hampshire where she intends to major in liberal arts.

Benjamin B. Garber of Gill, MA, is the son of Ken and Janet Garber. Ken Garber is a Senior Community Relations Representative for WMECO. Ben is a senior at Turners Falls High School in Turners Falls, Mass. He will attend Northeastern University in the fall where he intends to major in business.

Brittany M. Halleck of Haddam, CT, is the daughter of Richard and Gail Halleck. Richard Halleck is a Transmission Asset Management Engineer for NU. Brittany is a senior at Haddam-Killingworth High School. In the fall she will attend Stonehill College where she intends to major in elementary education.

Shirin Karimi of Madison, CT, is the daughter of Ali and Laleh Karimi of Madison. Ali Karimi is a Senior Engineer-Substation Engineering for NU. Shirin is a senior at Daniel Hand High School in Madison. In the fall she will attend American University where she intends to be a pre-med major and study communications.

Robert J. Nicol of Simsbury, CT, is the son of Chuck and Michele Nicol. Chuck Nicol is a Senior Legal Counsel for NU. Robert is a senior at Simsbury High School. In the fall he will attend Middlebury College where he intends to major in economics.

Lauren M. Santos of Wilbraham, MA, is the daughter of Michael and Marie Santos. Michael Santos is a System Engineering Senior Project Specialist for WMECO. In the fall Lauren will attend Springfield College where she intends to study to be a physician assistant.

Rebecca K. Slate of Windsor, CT, is the daughter of George and Laurel Slate. George Slate is a Senior Tax Accountant for NU. Rebecca is a senior at Windsor High School. She will attend the University of Connecticut in the fall where she intends to be a business major.

Kaley A. Smith of Manchester, NH, is the daughter of Kendrick and Kathy Smith. Kathy Smith is a Credit Counselor for PSNH Customer Service. Kaley is a senior at Manchester Central High School. She will attend the University of New Hampshire in the fall where she intends to major in chemical engineering.

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