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NU Foundation awards \$100,000 in college scholarships

Students receive \$10,000 plus paid summer internships

BERLIN, Connecticut, May 30, 2008 – The Northeast Utilities Foundation has awarded \$100,000 in scholarships to ten accomplished high school seniors with the opportunity for paid summer employment with Northeast Utilities (NU).

The students from Connecticut, New Hampshire and western Massachusetts were recognized at the seventh annual NU Foundation Scholarship Award ceremony held May 21 at NU headquarters in Berlin.

The NU Foundation Scholarship program helps meet college costs for those children 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 college study. There is also an offer of summer employment for each student after the successful completion of their first year in college.

The 2008 NU Foundation Scholarship winners are:

Allyson Bradley of South Hadley, Massachusetts. Allyson is the daughter of Patrick and Laura Bradley and is a senior at South Hadley High School. She is a recipient of honors and high honors during all four years in high school and is a member of her school's Environmental Club. She has participated in indoor and outdoor varsity track and field events and has been active in fundraising efforts for Mott Haven, a poverty stricken section of the Bronx in New York, and most recently she has supported humanitarian aid for Darfur, Sudan. She will attend Assumption College in the fall.

Ryan Briggs of Manchester, Connecticut. Ryan is the son of Mark and Deirdre Briggs and is a senior at Manchester High School. He participates in swimming, track and field and is captain of his school's cross country team. He plays the tenor saxophone on his school's jazz ensemble and performed in the Eastern Regional Jazz Ensemble for the past three years. He is a National Honor Society treasurer and volunteers at a food shelter and an elementary school. He will attend Bentley College in the fall.

Kathleen Carey of Woodbury, Connecticut. Kathleen is the daughter of Alan and Eileen Carey and is a senior at Nonnewaug High School. She is an Advanced Placement student, a National Honor Society member and an Academic Excellence Scholarship recipient. She is a graduate of the Coast Guard Academy Introduction Mission Program. She is active in her regional agriculture and technology program and received FFA (formerly Future Farmers of America) Awards at the state and national levels and won FFA's award for Excellence in Horse

Management in 2007. She will be attending the University of Connecticut where she intends to study Animal Science.

Rachel Considine of Harwinton, Connecticut. Rachel is the daughter of James and Susan Considine and is a senior at Lewis S. Mills High School in Burlington. She is her class salutatorian and plays varsity basketball, softball and volleyball. She was named to the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) All-State Academic Team and received the CAS Governor's Award, the Wendy's High School Heisman Award and the Litchfield County (Connecticut) Superintendent's Student Award. She is secretary of her Future Business Leaders of America chapter. She will attend Bentley College where she intends to study Business.

Spencer Davis of Enfield, Connecticut. Spencer is the son of Ed and Janice Davis and is a senior at Enrico Fermi High School. He is a high honor student and is captain of his school's varsity soccer team. He is in the National Honor Society, the Chemistry Club, and has received three annual scholar-athlete awards. He has played saxophone in his school's concert band, marching band and jazz band. He also played in the Premier Soccer league and he mentors youth players. He will be attending Cornell University where he intends to study Chemical Engineering.

Kayla Demers of Randolph, New Hampshire. She is the daughter of William and Lucy Demers and is a senior at Gorham Middle/High School in Gorham, New Hampshire. Kayla is vice president of her senior class and was class treasurer. She is co-captain of her basketball and soccer teams, playing both sports at the varsity level for four years. She is a Granite State Scholar, a National Honor Society member and has earned consecutive quarterly high honors for four years. She will attend Tufts University in the fall.

Audrey Desbiens of Concord, New Hampshire. Audrey is the daughter of Allen and Michelle Desbiens and is a senior at Concord High School. She is a 2008 Granite State Scholar who has received awards for excellence in Mathematical Physics, English and Algebra. She is section leader in her high school band, plays the clarinet and bass clarinet in her drama club's pit orchestra, and is a page editor for the Yearbook Club. She will be attending the University of New Hampshire where she intends to study Accounting.

Huy Hoang of Glastonbury, Connecticut. Huy is the son of Chi Hoang and Tuy-Hong Le and is a senior at Glastonbury High School. He is captain of his school's varsity tennis team, played soccer and basketball, and was named to his local basketball association's all-star team for seven years. Huy is an accomplished classical violinist and plays first violin for three orchestras: the New England Music Festival, the Eastern Region High School Concert Festival and his school's Chamber Orchestra. He will attend Villanova University in the fall where he intends to study Finance.

Michael Knopf of West Hartford, Connecticut. Michael is the son of Paul and Jane Knopf and is a senior at Hall High School in West Hartford. He is a student government treasurer and served as a student representative for four years. He plays first tenor saxophone in his school's concert jazz band and performs with its jazz combo. He writes for the school newspaper, is on his school's varsity swim team, has played varsity tennis and is a jazz improvisation teacher for middle school students. He will attend New York University in the fall where he intends to study History.

Katherine Parke of Middlefield, Connecticut. Katherine is the daughter of John and Lindsay Parke and is a senior at Coginchaug Regional High School in Durham, Connecticut. She is a high honor student who participates in cross country track, the Spanish Honor Society, Yearbook Club and the Class Council. She is an officer in the Environmental Club and is a

Model United Nations representative. She has received the Connecticut Council of Language Teachers Award, awards in English, French and Art, and the Excellence in Citizenship Award from the office of Connecticut's Secretary of State. Katherine will attend Boston College in the fall.

The Northeast Utilities Foundation, established in 1998, has proudly supported charitable partners in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire with total donations of more than \$10 million. For more information on the Northeast Utilities Foundation, visit www.northeastutilitiesfoundation.org.

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