



News Release

Five are named 2004 NU Foundation Scholars *\$5,000 for each year in pursuit of a baccalaureate degree*

BERLIN, Connecticut, June 10, 2004 – Five students have been chosen to receive the third annual NU Foundation scholarships. At a reception held recently at Northeast Utilities (NYSE: NU) headquarters, Charles W. Shivery, NU's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, and NU system officers commended the students and their parents.

Through the scholarship program, now in its third year, NU expresses its commitment to academic excellence by providing financial assistance to the children of NU System employees to offset the expense of a college education.

The students will receive \$5,000 per year for up to four years of college undergraduate study or until their baccalaureate degree requirements are completed. Scholarship winners were selected based on their academic record, leadership skills, extracurricular school and community activities, work experience, goals, and personal circumstances.

Kyle Andrukiewicz of Durham, Conn., is the son of Marc and Karen Andrukiewicz. Marc is director of Gas Supply management for Yankee Gas in Berlin. Kyle attends Xavier High School in Middletown where he is his class Valedictorian and a member of the National Honor Society. He also performed in his school musical. Kyle was a participant in the Television/News Institute at Quinnipiac University, and is currently a promotions intern at Connecticut radio station WPLR (99.1 FM). Kyle has been recognized with the Yale Club/Seton Book Award, Brother Celestine Award, and as a Governor's Scholar semifinalist. Kyle will attend Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn. where he will study broadcast journalism.

Sarah Bellman of West Hartford, Conn. is the daughter of Michael and Cheryl Bellman. Michael Bellman is a manager of Special Projects for Yankee Gas in Berlin. Sarah attends Conard High School in West Hartford where she is captain of the varsity gymnastics team and she plays varsity lacrosse. Sarah plans to attend the University of North Carolina. She has yet to decide her major but she is interested in physical therapy.

Kristen Couture of Somersworth, N.H., is the daughter of Robert and Denise Couture. Robert Couture is a working foreman and field electrician for PSNH in Portsmouth. Kristen attends Somersworth High School where she is president of the National Honor Society President, a school board representative, Student Council treasurer, and clarinet section leader in the school band. Kristen also enjoys

the violin, guitar, horseback riding and tennis. Kristen will study accounting at Boston College.

Brett Johnston of Longmeadow, Mass., is the son of Ronald and Mary Johnston. Ronald Johnston is a project administrator in the Conservation and Load Management program at WMECO in West Springfield. Brett attends Longmeadow High School where he is co-captain of the hockey team. Brett has won the team's Coaches Award. He also enjoys reading and music. Brent will attend Bentley College in Waltham, Mass. He is has yet to decide his major but he has an interest in business.

Steve Lin of Glastonbury, Conn. is the son of Mark and Yen-Yu Lin. Mark is an IT product manager for NUSCO in Berlin. Steve is the senior class president, co-editor-in-chief of his school newspaper, student council treasurer, a DARE Role Model. He also performs in the Chamber String Orchestra, plays on the tennis team, is a Glastonbury Basketball Association volunteer head coach, is a member of Glastonbury Superintendent Search Interviewing Committee, is was an officer of the American Legion's Boys' State program. Steve will attend Harvard University, where he expects to study philosophy.

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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