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2005-06 SIEMENS AWARDS FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT ANNOUNCED Expanded Program Recognizes Students, Teachers and Schools in All 50 States

Iselin, NJ, April 3, 2006 — The Siemens Foundation today announced the winners of the 2005-06 Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement. This year for the first time, the program is expanding with the goal of recognizing students, teachers and schools in all 50 states. The program celebrates high school students who excel in Advanced Placement® (AP®) Program science and math courses, as well as the teachers and schools who are leading the nation in participation and performance in AP science and math courses.

“When the President set math and science education as a national priority in his recent State of the Union address, he singled out the Advanced Placement program as a key to cultivating more home-grown math and science talent,” said Thomas N. McCausland, chairman of the New Jersey-based Siemens Foundation. “By expanding the Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement, we hope to encourage AP participation and success among students, educators, and schools in every state.”

Advanced Placement is a signature program of the College Board, which selects up to one male and one female student from every state as Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement winners. In addition, one male and one female student will be selected as national winners. The awards also recognize AP teachers in math, science, and technology and schools for exemplary AP teaching and participation. One of these teachers is selected as the Siemens National AP Teacher of the Year for dedication to the AP program both inside and outside the classroom. A complete list of winners is available at www.siemens-foundation.org.

The Third International Mathematics and Science study found that U.S. high school students who had taken the College Board’s AP calculus and physics courses were competitive with the best mathematics and science students in the world. Their U.S. high school student counterparts not enrolled in such advanced courses could not compare with those of other nations in math and science education.

“Well over 300,000 students take Advanced Placement math and science exams,” said College Board President Gaston Caperton. “The Siemens Awards winners certainly represent the best of the best.”

Winning Students

The Siemens Foundation awards scholarships for up to 100 students (potentially one female and one male in each state) who have earned the greatest number of grades of 5 on the following AP courses: Biology, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science AB, Environmental Science, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Physics C: Mechanics, and Statistics. Students must obtain a grade of 5 on at least three of these exams to qualify. Winners receive a \$2,000 college scholarship. Two national winners (one male and one female with greatest number of grades of 5) will be awarded a \$5,000 college scholarship.

Winning Teachers & Schools

The Siemens Foundation honors the winning high school math and science teachers with a \$1,000 award and one Siemens National AP Teacher of the Year with a \$5,000 award. Teachers with a minimum of five years of teaching experience in the math, science, or technology courses are selected for their exemplary teaching and enthusiastic dedication to students and the AP Program.

One high school per state is selected in recognition of its commitment to students and for being a leader in AP participation and performance. Schools receive a \$1,000 grant awarded from the Siemens Foundation to be used to support math and science education.

The Siemens Foundation

Established in 1998, the Siemens Foundation provides nearly \$2 million in college scholarships and awards each year for talented high school students in the United States. Based in Iselin, New Jersey, the Foundation’s signature programs – the Siemens Westinghouse Competition in Math, Science & Technology, the Siemens Awards for Advanced Placement, and the Siemens Teacher Scholarships – recognize exceptional achievement in science, math, and technology. By supporting outstanding students today, and recognizing the teachers and schools that inspire their excellence, the Foundation helps nurture tomorrow’s scientists and engineers. The Foundation’s mission is based on the culture of innovation, research, and educational support that is the hallmark of Siemens’ U.S. operating companies and its parent company, Siemens AG. For more information, visit www.siemens-foundation.org.

The College Board

The College Board is a not-for-profit membership association whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity. Founded in 1900, the association is composed of more than 5,000 schools, colleges, universities, and other educational organizations. Each year, the College Board serves seven million students and their parents, 23,000 high schools, and 3,500 colleges through major programs and services in college admissions, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollment, and teaching and learning. Among its best-known programs are the SAT[®], the PSAT/NMSQT[®], and the Advanced Placement Program[®] (AP[®]). The College Board is committed to the principles of excellence and equity, and that commitment is embodied in all of its programs, services, activities, and concerns. For further information, visit www.collegeboard.com.

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