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STREAMS Welcomes Third Cohort of Scholars

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (April 20, 2011) – Now in its third year of offering mentoring and scholarships to underrepresented students in the sciences, the STREAMS program in the College of Arts and Sciences welcomed 14 new scholars to the program this semester.

STREAMS, which stands for Supporting Talented and Remarkable Environmental And Marine Science Students Scholarship Program, offers professional, academic and peer mentoring along with a scholarship to the program's students, all of which are majoring in environmental science and policy. Their scholarships can follow them to the USF College of Marine Science if they enroll as graduate students. Funding comes from the National Science Foundation through a grant led by Associate Professor Kathy Carvalho-Knighton.

In addition to the academic scholarship and mentoring, STREAMS scholars are involved from the start with research, even as freshman. All students work on research projects and hone their writing and presentation skills. They network with professionals and bond as a group.

“My biggest goal with this program goes beyond providing money for the scholars,” Carvalho-Knighton said. “STREAMS is about mentoring and preparing the students for careers in the science field. The students create a community of potential lifetime connections that can provide professional opportunities down the line.”

Kelly Roberson, a STREAMS scholar and student assistant for the program, chose USFSP because of the program.

“For me, the STREAMS program was the deciding factor when choosing where I wanted to go to school,” said Roberson, a freshman from Illinois. “The friendships I’ve made have been so helpful – academically and socially.”

STREAMS Scholars for 2011:

Amy Arce
Kelsey Cearley
Karleigh Chase
Mason Jeffers
Stefan Kalev
Kelsey Kennedy
Diana Nuelle
Benjamin Prueitt

Roshaun Reno
Kelly Roberson
Katherine Rozar
Kristen Viola
Brittani Woolverton
Elizabeth Yarbrough

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