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DURHAM, N.H. -- Jennifer Kelly, a junior at the University of New Hampshire, has been awarded a National Security Education Program (NSEP) scholarship for fall 2006 study in Russia. Each year, NSEP awards scholarships to exceptional undergraduate and graduate students from all over the U.S. who have interests in less commonly-studied languages and cultures, and whose goal it is to work for the federal government’s department of Defense, State or Homeland Security or in the intelligence community. Kelly was selected as one of 141 students to receive awards from a pool of 720.

A Russian major/political science minor and a member of the University Honors program, Kelly will continue her study of Russian language and culture through the Council for International Educational Exchange program in St. Petersburg while living with a host family. Recently inducted into Dobro Slovo, the National Slavic Honors Society, Kelly is also a participant in the UNH Honors Program. While abroad she will continue research for her honors thesis concerning the problems of nuclear waste in Siberia.

Kelly is a resident of Arlington, MA.

NSEP application materials are available each year in October. The next competition is scheduled for spring 2007 and will provide scholarships for study abroad in summer and fall 2007 and spring 2008. The campus deadline is December 15, 2006. For more information, contact NSEP campus advisor Sheila McCurdy in Hood House 224; 862-4788; sheila.mccurdy@unh.edu.

Editors: A downloadable photo of Jennifer Kelly is available at:
http://www.unh.edu/news/img/NSEP/JKelly003.jpg