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### **\$10,000 National Science Foundation Robert Noyce Scholarships Awarded To 13 Stony Brook University Students** **Commitment to teach in high-need districts**

STONY BROOK, NY, May 19, 2008 – Thirteen Stony Brook University students each received a \$10,000 National Science Foundation Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship for 2008, announced Professor David Bynum, Director of the Center for Science and Mathematics Education. Named after the co-founder of Fairchild Semiconductor and Intel, the Noyce Scholarship is awarded to outstanding students who will graduate from Stony Brook University with certification to teach science or mathematics, and who will teach in a high-need school district. Robert Noyce had a strong interest in insuring that all students have access to a quality education.

\*\*\*image1\*\*\* According to the NSF website, the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship program seeks to encourage talented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics majors and professionals to become K-12 mathematics and science teachers. The program provides funds to institutions of higher education to support scholarships, stipends, and programs for students who commit to teaching in high-need K-12 school districts.

“Our Noyce scholarships resonate with the National Academies’ Rising Above the Gathering Storm report, which gives top priority to increasing America’s talent pool by vastly improving K-12 science and mathematics education,” says Dr. Bynum.

The Robert Noyce program at Stony Brook University is directed by Keith Sheppard, a faculty member in the Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology and Director of Science Education. In the past three years twenty-six fellowships have been awarded and each recipient goes on to positively impact thousands of young people through their mentoring and teaching. Later this month Dr. Sheppard will take four Noyce Scholars to an NSF sponsored meeting in Newark, New Jersey, where they will meet scholarship recipients from around the country and discuss their work.

“Noyce scholarships are a wonderful addition to the opportunities provided by the Center,” says Dr. Sheppard. “They encourage our best students to pursue teaching careers.”

The Center for Science and Mathematics Education at Stony Brook University was established in 2007 with a mission to provide opportunities in science and mathematics from the pre-K to the post-doctoral and faculty levels. The Center is part of a high quality science teacher education program at Stony Brook and assists in the scope and expansion of these efforts, including plans to increase degree offerings and the development of a Ph.D. program in science education. The Sciences and Mathematics Departments at Stony Brook University are nationally renowned, and include teacher education programs within each department. The University also has M.A. and M.A.T. programs and B.A./B.S. /M.A.T. programs in the sciences and math and other disciplines, allowing students to obtain a masters degree in teaching, or a combined degree in five years.