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START Announces 2006-2007 Undergraduate Research Program Award Recipients

College Park, MD, October 6, 2006—The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) today announced the recipients of their 2006-2007 Undergraduate Research Program awards.

These gifted undergraduates have the opportunity to conduct significant research related to the study of terrorism and responses to terrorism—as START’s mission dictates. In terms with the Undergraduate Research Program, each scholar receives $5,000 to use in their research or professional and scholarly development.

“These students have a rare and great opportunity,” said START Director, Gary LaFree. “Not only do they conduct critical research, but they get to learn right along side some of the leaders in this vital field of terrorism and counter-terrorism studies.”

After a rigorous and competitive selection process, eight Undergraduate Researchers are chosen for the academic year. Each undergrad works on a project in conjunction with a START investigator in effort to train the next generation of terrorism and counterterrorism researchers.

The following students have been awarded this prestigious award:

- Ian Anderson, SUNY Albany
- Rose Bellandi, SUNY Albany
- Kevin Franke, University of Maryland
- Kerry McFadden, University of Maryland
- Sandra Cabrera, Rutgers University
- Matthew Rozea, SUNY Albany
- Kelly Scoville, University of Maryland
- Joseph Simone, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

START (www.start.umd.edu) is a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence based at the University of Maryland. The Center focuses primarily on the behavioral and social science aspects of terrorism: Terrorist formation and recruitment, terrorist group persistence and dynamics, and societal dimensions of terrorism.

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