With enthusiasm approval, this Prize has been endowed by her family, friends and colleagues to honor Professor Norma Slepecky who died in 2001. Norma was a very distinguished auditory neuroanatomist. She was also passionate about research and a great mentor for many undergraduates seeking research experience. She strongly supported efforts to increase the numbers of Women in Science and Engineering (WISE). With that background, the Prize will be awarded to a female undergraduate. We are looking for students who are excited about their research and have mentors who advocate undergraduate research and enjoy supervising such experiences.

The $750 prize will be awarded in the Spring Semester. The 2005 Award will be announced in April 2006.

Students wishing to compete for the Prize are required to submit documentary evidence of their research as undergraduates. This can take the form of an Honors or Senior Thesis; the text of a paper submitted to an Archival Journal or accepted for publication by such a journal (the student must be the senior author), an Abstract (published or in press) for a scientific society meeting with the draft text of the paper to be submitted to a related archival journal or the text of the Presentation to a professional society which does not use posters at meetings and does use electronic publishing.

We strongly recommend that students proposing to compete for this prize should have spent at least the summer between their Junior and Senior Years working on a research project with faculty at SU or in other institutions/research laboratories. Students will be eligible to compete if their research projects are based in a) the full range of the biological and applied biological sciences, including audiology, bioengineering, communication disorders, psychology, including their clinical applications; b) all the natural sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics), and c) Computer Science and Engineering where the project has a strong focus on engineering applications for biological problems. Students enrolled in other institutions but who have worked on a research problem at SU with an SU advisor are also eligible.

Final submissions must be received March 24th, 2006. A Pre-submission Form must be submitted to the Prize committee by February 10th, 2006.

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