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University of Tennessee Student Selected to Meet Laureates in Germany

OAK RIDGE, Tenn.—Scott Borella, a student at the University of Tennessee, was selected by Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) as one of nine outstanding research participants to attend the 56th Lindau Meeting of Nobel Laureates and Students.

The meeting will take place in Lindau, Germany, June 25–30, and Borella will be participating in activities with Nobel Laureates. Since 1951, Nobel Laureates in chemistry, physics and physiology/medicine have annually convened in Lindau to have open and informal meetings with students and young researchers from around the world. This year's event, which traditionally rotates by discipline each year, will focus on chemistry.

ORAU's participants are joining 51 other students to represent the United States and more than 350 other international students at the meeting. The other students representing the United States are sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Army, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

All participants will travel to Washington, D.C., for a meeting at DOE headquarters before leaving for Germany on Friday, June 23. On Saturday, June 24, the students will arrive in the historic medieval island city, rich in western European culture, located at the common border of Austria, Germany and Switzerland. Students will attend the opening ceremony for the 56th Lindau Meeting on Sunday, June 25.

The Laureates will lecture on the topic of their choice related to chemistry in the mornings and participate in less formal small group discussions with the students in the afternoons and some evenings. The primary purpose of the meeting is to allow participants—most of whom are students—to benefit from informal interaction with the Nobel Prize winners. Therefore, in the afternoons, Laureates will preside over informal roundtable sessions exclusively for students. During lunches and dinners, Laureates will join participants at local restaurants for additional informal discussions. Various social events are also on the agenda, including an evening dinner gala, to allow participants to meet attendees from other countries around the world.

On June 30, participants will travel by ferry to the Isle of Mainau for the closing ceremonies at the baroque Mainau Castle, the residence of Swedish patrons the Bernadotte family. The late Count Lennart Bernadotte began the Lindau meetings in 1951. That afternoon, U.S. participants will return to Munich for the flight home or continue traveling through Europe on their own.

Borella holds a bachelor's degree from Gannon University in Erie, Pa. He is the son of Thomas and Rosemary Borella of Allison Park, Pa.

A Web site has been set up to post daily information while students are attending the meeting. Each day, photos and a summary of events will be posted. The URL for this year's meeting is <http://www.ornl.gov/lindau2006>.

The Web site and travel arrangements for all participants are being administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), which is managed by ORAU for DOE.

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