SUNY Potsdam Students Awarded For Research

POTS DAM - Students at SUNY Potsdam recently took home cash awards in recognition of their outstanding undergraduate research at the college's 2011 Learning and Research Fair.

Student presenters competed for the Ram L. Chugh North Country Research and Public Service Award, sponsored by the Chugh Public Service Endowment. It is awarded to the top student researcher in recognition of excellent research on an issue relevant to the North Country. The Chugh Award is made possible by an endowment established by SUNY Potsdam Professor Emeritus Dr. Ram L. Chugh and his wife, Seema.

The Chugh Award recognizes political, scientific, environmental or social research conducted in a designated north country county. First place went to Matthew Dunlop III, for his presentation, “Mineralogical and Petrological Study of an Unnamed Magnetite Prospect, Owls Head Mountain, Franklin County, N.Y.” Dunlop's research was overseen by faculty mentor Dr. Christopher Kelson.

Second place went to Andrew Beane, for his project, “Surveys and Habitat Use of Wintering Raptors in Northern New York,” overseen by faculty mentor Dr. Angelina Ross.

The afternoon event also included the presentation of three Kilmer Undergraduate Research Poster Excellence Awards, made possible by a generous gift to the Potsdam College Foundation from an anonymous donor in memory of Dr. Frederick Kilmer, original science director for the Johnson and Johnson Corporation.

For the Kilmer Awards, Justin McNally earned first place for his project, “Characterization of Several L-Ferritin Mutants that Cause Neuroferritinopathy,” overseen by faculty mentor Dr. Fadi Bou-Abdallah.

Second place went to Aimee Kellicutt for her presentation, “Production of Biodiesel from Ethanol,” which she completed with faculty mentor Dr. Martin Walker.

Brenna Cooper was awarded third place for her project, “Characterization of Iron Oxidation and Mineral Core Formation in Recombinant Heteropolymer Ferritin,” also overseen by Dr. Bou-Abdallah.

Docks Installation Begins

MASSENA - The New York Power Authority began the installation of docks and buoys along the St. Lawrence River in the vicinity of its St. sevelt Power Project this week. The process is expected to take approximately two weeks, but is dependent on the weather and river condi-