

**Lewiston, NY** – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today congratulated several recipients of the prestigious Fulbright award from her district in Western New York. The award is given annually to students and scholars who demonstrate academic excellence to study, lecture, teach, or conduct research abroad for the 2010-2011 academic year.

**“To be a Fulbright award winner, that really is a testament to the hard work of these individuals,” said Slaughter. “I congratulate each and every one of them. These Fulbright recipients take the skills necessary to cultivate mutual understanding between the United States and other nations, as is the spirit of the Fulbright Program.”**

The recipients in Slaughter’s district this year are Mr. Maximillian Cuddy of Temple University, Dr. Robert Granfield of SUNY-Buffalo, Mr. Gabriel Hurst of Cornell University, Ms. Elise Russell of Rochester University, and Dr. Denise Scott of SUNY-Geneseo.

The program intends to build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries.

Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. Established by Congress in 1946, the Fulbright Program has exchanged over a quarter of a million on 155 countries.