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GILMAN PROGRAM NAMES SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE AMONG THE TOP COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

San Diego, CA, August 19, 2008 -- Five students from San Diego City College, Ryan Ballard, Beau Demkar, Ellen Kimble, Ryan Robinson, and Salvatore Filipelli are among the outstanding American undergraduate students from over 320 colleges and universities across the U.S. awarded the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. The recipients will participate in 2008-2009 study abroad programs worldwide.

Marion Froehlich, City College International Education Coordinator reports, "in terms of numbers of Gilman Scholarship recipients for the fall 2008 study abroad programs, San Diego City College is among the top 26 colleges and universities in the U.S and the only community college listed".

City College President Terrence Burgess added, "This is the second time that City College has made it to the list of top colleges/universities in the U.S. in terms of number of Gilman scholars. We are very proud of our program and students."

The Gilman scholarship aims to support students who have been traditionally under-represented in study abroad, including those with high financial need and diverse ethnic backgrounds, and from public and private institutions from all 50 states.

Four of the City College recipients will study in Buenos Aires, Argentina: Ballard, accepted to UC Berkeley as a peace studies major, was awarded a \$3,500 scholarship; Demkar and Kimble, both first-year City College students, were awarded \$4,500 and \$3,500 scholarships respectively; and Robinson, accepted to UC Berkeley in cultural anthropology, was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship. Filipelli, a music major, will study in London, England with a \$3,000 scholarship.

Another City College student, Vasti Da Silva, was awarded a San Diego Foundation Scholarship to study abroad in Cuernavaca, Mexico – home of City's Spanish immersion program for the past six years.

Since 2000, City College has sent nearly 150 students abroad, including Oxford and London, England; Florence, Italy; San Jose, Costa Rica; Madrid, Salamanca, Seville and Barcelona, Spain; Cannes, France; and Brisbane, Australia. For more information on International Education opportunities at City College, please visit: www.sdcity.edu/studyabroad.

The Gilman International Scholarship Program was established by the International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000. The Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by the Institute of International Education's (IIE) Southern Regional Center in Houston, Texas. Applications for Spring 2009 study abroad scholarships are due October 7, 2008 and are available at www.iie.org/gilman. Students receiving a federal Pell Grant from two- and four-year institutions are encouraged to apply.

San Diego City College is a downtown urban college offering 1,500 day, evening, weekend and online classes to more than 16,000 students each semester. City College is part of the San Diego Community College District, comprised of City College, Mesa College, Miramar College, and Continuing Education. www.sdcity.edu

