CRYSTAL WOEHRLE

1. Crystal is a junior at the University of Maine at Farmington, where she is pursuing an interdisciplinary major in Theatre/Business.

2. Crystal is very active in the UMF theatre department where she has received multiple awards for Technical Excellence, and where she has directed her own play. She is also active with the local community theatre, the Sandy River Players.

3. She has performed in Tartuffe, Book of Days, The Crucible, and Spoon River Anthology.

4. Crystal is looking forward to the opportunity of participating in the theatre program in Ireland that will provide her with different and expanded choices to develop her many skills and talents.

5. Said one of Crystal’s professors: "Her genuine and intense interest in Theatre has made her an active student in class discussions and activities, and she has always displayed the maturity necessary to be a good student. [Regarding her acting] she has demonstrated growth in all the roles she has played. She did an excellent job at differentiating the numerous characters, both physically and vocally. Crystal demonstrates that same sense of dedication and effort while working on technical crews."

6. We are therefore very pleased to name Crystal Woehrle as a recipient of the Senator George J. Mitchell Peace Scholarship to Ireland for the 2005-2006 academic year. Crystal will be attending University College, Cork, in the fall 2005 semester.
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LEAH CUSHING

1. Leah is a senior at the University of Maine at Augusta, where she is a member of the UMA Honors Program. She is majoring in Biology.

2. Leah is interested in biomedical science and public policy issues; in the merging of science, health, and politics.

3. She is particularly interested in learning about international public policy perspectives relating to biomedical science, and the impact of a country’s culture on these issues—thus her interest in studying in Ireland.

4. Said Leah in her application essay: "By visiting Ireland, I envision merging science and politics productively. Governor Baldacci targeted biomedical research in his recent State of the State Address, as a growth industry for Maine. An understanding of international perspectives on biomedical issues is vital for Governor Baldacci’s initiative to be successful. We live on a small and shrinking planet and contacts with international peers and scholars are vital. Scientists who excel not only in the laboratory, but also effectively communicate scientific information to public policy makers, are needed worldwide."

5. Leah’s academic studies, and her work experience, have prepared her for this new adventure: she had a 4.0 GPA when she applied for the Mitchell Scholarship, she has served as an administrative/legislative assistant with the Biotechnology Association of Maine, and she has served as an Intern at the Maine Medical Center Research Institute.

6. We are therefore very pleased to name Leah Cushing as a recipient of the Senator George J. Mitchell Peace Scholarship to Ireland for the 2005-2006 academic year. Leah will be attending University College, Cork, in the fall 2005 semester.