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PRESS RELEASE:

**ICCR Names Two Scholarship Recipients to the
STUDENT CONFERENCE ON
UNITED STATES AFFAIRS
at West Point, November 5-8, 2008**

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The International Center of The Capital Region (ICCR) is honored to name Mr. Sayed Sarchashmah of Skidmore College, Class of 2010 and Mr. Tobias Leeger of Union College, Class of 2009 as recipients of its second annual scholarship award competition for international student participation in the Student Conference on United States Affairs at the United States Military Academy, West Point. The ICCR proudly sponsors participation of outstanding international students who are matriculated at one of the undergraduate colleges and universities in New York's Capital Region, to serve as our delegates to the 2008 SCUSA Conference.

This year's recipients are two of the many international students who study in the capital region every year. Sayed Sarchashmah is a double major in both Government and International Affairs at Skidmore College. Sayed is from Kabul, Afghanistan and has witnessed the devastation of poverty and wars. After attending school in Afghanistan, Sayed attended the Armand Hammer United World College in New Mexico, and currently he is a Davis Scholar at Skidmore College. Sayed is president of Skidmore's International Student Union, a Senator in the Student Government Association, and an active participant in the Model U.N. In addition to his current activities, Sayed has received training in conflict management at the Bartos Institute for the Constructive Engagement of Conflict.

This year the ICCR was offered an opportunity to send a second student representative to this prestigious student conference. Tobias Leeger is a senior at Union College, where he majors in Economics with concentrations in Political Economy and Developmental Economy. Tobias is from Bavaria, Germany, and in addition to his studies in the United States, Tobias has studied in Germany, Spain, and India. At Union College, Tobias is president of the German Club and treasurer of, *World Around U*, the international student club.

The ICCR congratulates both young men on their accomplishments, and looks forward to their future presentations on their participation at this year's SCUSA Conference.

The SCUSA conference hosts students from throughout the United States and Canada, with delegates from foreign military schools and Fulbright scholars representing 30 countries. The conference is designed to provide a premiere educational experience for the student delegates where they have the opportunity to interact both individually and in group settings with foreign policy experts and to learn from each other. The goal is that when student delegates depart West Point, they do so with a greater understanding of the complexities surrounding foreign policy development.