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**Loudoun Valley High School Students Named
Winners of Environmental Poster Contest**

Newton Marasco Foundation encourages environmental education in and beyond the classroom

MCLEAN, Va., May 25, 2006 – The Newton Marasco Foundation (NMF) today announced the winners of its “No Child Left Inside” environmental poster contest. Loudoun Valley High School graphics art students participated in the contest to highlight the importance of providing students out-of-classroom learning opportunities, specifically in environmental science studies.

The winners are: Katherine Carr, first place; Scott Smedile, second place; Meghan Williams, third place; and, Brittany Bhatia, fourth place. NMF awarded the first place winner with a \$200 cash prize. Additionally, her poster will be reproduced and used as a workshop handout and for teachers to hang in their classrooms. Second place received a \$75 cash prize, third place received a \$50 cash prize, and fourth place received a \$25 gift certificate to Best Buy. All participating students received a certificate of participation and a suncatcher.

In addition, NMF donated \$650 to the Loudoun Valley High School art department to support the integration of art and environmental science.

“We received so many creative entries it was difficult to choose the contest winners among these talented high school students. Moreover, it was heartening to see Loudoun Valley High students passionate about learning how to protect and conserve their environment,” said Amy Marasco Newton, president of the Newton Marasco Foundation. “We hope to continue to work with the high school to promote environmental stewardship in and beyond the classroom.”

NMF received 26 entries for the contest and the posters were evaluated on originality and artistic merit. The Foundation will continue to support contests like this one, as well as programs and workshops, that encourage teaching students to appreciate their natural environment not only in the classroom but also with outdoor, hands-on learning opportunities.

About the Newton Marasco Foundation

The Newton Marasco Foundation (NMF) is a national nonprofit organization with the mission to work collaboratively on issues related to environmental stewardship through the areas of education and greening. Headquartered in McLean, Va., they have representation throughout the nation and in the U.S. Virgin Islands. To learn more about NMF go to www.newtonmarascofoundation.org.