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Dear Friend:

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Lugar-Purdue Future of Forestry Program (L-PFFP), an exciting educational opportunity for motivated high school students interested in science and natural resources. Purdue University's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources and Indiana U.S. Senator Richard Lugar have partnered to create a free-of-charge educational program for students in grades 9-11 to learn about forest science.

The first part of the L-PFFP is an online course in forest science consisting of 7 modules including forest biology, ecology, policy, benefits, and management. The modules encourage interaction among participants, require completion of assignments and mastery of material, and explicitly map to Indiana High School Advanced Environmental Science standards.

After completing the final module related to scientific method in forestry, students will undertake a research project with the assistance of their high school science or FFA teacher and a local natural resources professional. As a capstone experience, students will visit the West Lafayette Purdue campus in April to attend the annual Forestry and Natural Resources Research Symposium during Spring Fest. During the campus visit, students will have an opportunity to meet with Purdue forestry students and faculty. Those L-PFFP students who have completed their project will also present posters at the symposium.

High-achieving students who complete the course and deliver exemplary poster presentations at the symposium will be eligible for a \$3,000 Lugar-Purdue Future of Forestry Scholarship should they choose to major in Forestry or Wood Products Manufacturing Technology at Purdue.

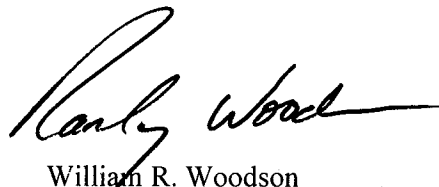
Students interested in the program should visit the L-PFFP web site (<http://www.ag.purdue.edu/inr/Lugar/Pages/default.aspx>) to get more detailed information on registration into the program. Upon receipt of the necessary information, which includes a recommendation, the student will be registered into the program and will receive detailed information on how and when to access the course, which begins January 19, 2010.

For further information on the program contact Dr. Ralph Johnson at rrjohnson@purdue.edu (phone: 765-496-2199).

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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