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9 ARCS Scholars at Emory---
ARCS, Atlanta Chapter Will Award $219,000
For Science Studies at November Luncheon

The Atlanta Chapter of Achievement Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) will
honor 35 young scientists with awards totaling $219,000 at its 18th Annual Scholar Awards
Luncheon, November 9, at the Ritz-Carlton, Atlanta. The current awards will bring the
17-year cumulative total to over $2.1 million for degree studies in natural science, medicine
and engineering at Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Morehouse
College and the University of Georgia.

The ARCS, Atlanta Chapter is one of 16 chapters in 13 states that compose the 1,500-member
ARCS® Foundation, Inc. The organization was founded in 1958 by 53 women, all California
philanthropic leaders, in response to the Soviet launch of Sputnik and the lack of U.S. supremacy in the
technology race. Since 1958 the all-volunteer group of women has conferred some 10,500 scholar
awards totaling nearly $71 million academically outstanding U.S. citizens at 46 universities and colleges.

The ARCS, Atlanta Chapter was the first chapter to support both an undergraduate school and a
traditionally black college – Morehouse.

ARCS Foundation Receives National Award for Service to Education

Last July, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education singled out the ARCS
Foundation, Inc. for its highest honor – the James L. Fisher Award for Distinguished Service to

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Education -- for “efforts that have made a significant difference in the ability of educational institutions to fulfill their missions and achieve their visions.”

Local chapter awards range from $5,000 to $10,000. Sherry Lundeen, ARCS, Atlanta Chapter President, notes that ARCS Scholar Awards allow “freedom to pursue professional vision” as they carry no restrictions. Most are used to underwrite research, purchase equipment or books or pay tuition.

Ms. Lundeen adds that “ARCS’ objectives are as valid today as they were over 50 years ago and the need to support science and engineering education is no less important.”

9 Emory ARCS Scholars

The nine ARCS Scholars at Emory are Kathryn Anderson, William S. Childers, Krista Christensen, Morna Ikeda, Sheri Lense, Heather Mitchell, Joseph Sabatino, Aaron Thornton and Terrence M. Wright.

Also recognized at the November 9 luncheon will be 26 additional ARCS Scholars: Georgia Institute of Technology (11), Morehouse College (8) and the University of Georgia (7).

Mars Mission Scientist Named Keynote Speaker

David Spencer, Professor of the Practice, School of Aerospace Engineering, and Director, Center for Space Systems, at Georgia Tech’s Guggenheim School of Aerospace Engineering, will be keynote speaker for the November 9 luncheon. Professor Spencer joined the Georgia Tech faculty last year following 17 years with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory where he served as Deputy Project Manager for the Phoenix Mars Lander, Mission Manager for the Deep Impact and Mars Odyssey projects and mission designer for the Mars Pathfinder.

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science and technology. Annual field trips take them behind the scenes to explore processes rarely open to the public, such as taking the controls in a Delta Airlines’ flight simulator, observing laser surgery at Emory University or visiting the Yerkes Primate Center and the Joseph W. Jones Ecological Research Center at Ichauway.

Two ARCS, Atlanta Chapter members, Mary O’Connor and Janie Wilson, have served as President of the ARCS Foundation, Inc.

ARCS membership is restricted to women who are interested in advancing science and technology. The 141 current members of ARCS, Atlanta Chapter underwrite scholar awards through annual dues of $600 and corporate, foundation and individual giving. Because ARCS has no paid staff or administrative costs, 100% of all scholar contributions are distributed directly to scholars.

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