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**John Jay College Students Receive New Scholarships
from New York Propane Gas Association**

Albany, NY (September 16, 2011) – The New York Propane Gas Association (NYPGA) is pleased to announce a gift of \$6000 to the John Jay Foundation that will establish the Elbert Stillwaggon Memorial Scholarship for John Jay College of Criminal Justice for two students enrolled full time in the college's Fire Science Program.

Sophomore Matusz Grebowiec and junior Ken Zeng are the first two recipients of these scholarships. The aim of these scholarships is to support programs that focus on enhancing the general understanding of professional firefighters in propane emergencies through a curriculum which includes fundamentals, behavior and combustion fires, hazardous materials, rules of OSHA and the standards of the National Fire Protection Association and the rules and regulations of the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code of the State of New York.

Recipients will be full-time fire science students who demonstrate financial need, have completed at least 24 credits at the end of the spring semester, and have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.50, with preference given to those interested in propane technology. Students who maintain enrollment in the program may renew the scholarship for their final semester. Eligible students may apply for the scholarship through the office of financial services at John Jay.

Approved as an alternative, clean fuel by both the National Energy Policy Act of 1992 and the Clean Air Act of 1990, propane is currently in use in nearly five million households in the U.S. for heating. That number is growing nationwide and especially in New York State, according to NYPGA. Propane gives off minimal emissions when burned and is not harmful in the ground or waterways.

John Jay's fire science program prepares students to enter the industry with a background in the complex technology of fire prevention and protection.

According to Professor Glenn Corbett of the Department of Protection Management, "These scholarships will provide significant support to our students and help to advance the understanding of response to propane emergencies."

"The New York Propane Gas Association Scholarship at John Jay represents the one of many awards that we are establishing at colleges to train new technicians in the safe storage, handling and use of propane so they can join hundreds of industry personnel educated under the industry's extensive training programs throughout the country," said Joseph Porco, president of the association. He credited the industry's Propane Education and Research Council (PERC) for funding that provides each state with rebates based on its use of propane and its contribution to PERC. "More funding will be forthcoming if New York approves a similar program known as Empire PERC," Porco continued.

For more information on the value and safe uses of propane, visit www.nypropane.com and www.usepropane.com. For additional information about John Jay's fire protection technology degree program, please visit www.jjay.cuny.edu.

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Established in 1964, John Jay College of Criminal Justice of The City University of New York is an international leader in educating for justice. It offers a rich liberal arts and professional studies curriculum to upwards of 15,000 undergraduate and graduate students from more than 135 nations. In teaching, scholarship and research, the College approaches justice as an applied art and science in service to society and as an ongoing conversation about fundamental human desires for fairness, equality and the rule of law.

New York Propane Gas Association

NYPGA is a member-focused trade organization providing services that communicate, educate and promote the propane industry in New York. The association was formed in 1948 to offer opportunities for training and networking with peers, and to aid with legislative issues that contribute to operating a safe and successful industry.

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