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ECU CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT RECEIVES \$10,000 DONATION FROM PURDUE PHARMA L.P.

GREENVILLE, N.C. (Feb. 25, 2009) — This past week, the Department of Chemistry at East Carolina University surpassed \$50,000 for donations made this year in support of student labs. On Thursday, February 19, two representatives from Purdue Pharmaceuticals L.P. in Wilson, NC, presented the department with a \$10,000 donation.

The funds, delivered by Associate Director of Human Resources Josh Thompson and Human Resources Manager Angie Kearney, will be used to fully outfit two undergraduate teaching laboratories with new burettes and stands. This equipment, used to precisely measure and dispense liquids for laboratory experiments, is essential to the study of chemistry.

“We are pleased to support the university’s efforts to train the region’s next generation of scientists,” said David Lundie, Purdue’s Vice President of Manufacturing and Supply Chain. “The study of chemistry is the foundation upon which young people can build rewarding careers in healthcare, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, and many other areas.”

Purdue Pharmaceuticals L.P. operates a 240,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art pharmaceutical manufacturing and packaging plant in Wilson, NC, that produces tablets and capsules in bottle and blister trade pack configurations.

“We truly appreciate Purdue’s generous support for the university’s chemistry program,” said Dr. Keith Holmes of the ECU Department of Chemistry. “This support will help us meet our goal to achieve and maintain excellence in the undergraduate education of the region’s future workforce.”

The basic mission of the ECU Department of Chemistry is to provide the best-trained scientists and graduates possible for successful employment in various regional industrial and technical positions, healthcare-related industries, and professional employment.

For more information, or to make a donation to the department, contact Holmes at 252.737.1566 or holmesk@ecu.edu.

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