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Local Student to Sail on an Educational Adventure of a Lifetime

Alexis Sabine-Mathosian will participate in SEA Semester Program Aboard a Tall Ship

(Woods Hole, MA. – (October 5, 2007)) Alexis Sabine-Mathosian of Setauket is enrolled in SEA Semester, a study abroad program through Sea Education Association in Woods Hole, MA., while away from studies at Northeastern University. Alexis has successfully completed the Sea Semester's six-week shore component earning academic credit for curriculum in oceanography, nautical science, and maritime studies.

At the program's Woods Hole campus, Alexis developed a research project that will be tested and completed aboard SEA's 134' sailing school vessel the *Corwith Cramer*, one of the most sophisticated research equipped vessel under sail in the United States. Alexis will be sailing on the tall ship from Woods Hole, MA, with a possible port calls in Chaguaramas, Trinidad and Tobago and a final destination of St Croix, USVI- a journey of approximately 3000 nautical miles and six weeks at sea. During that time, in addition to collecting data for a research project, Alexis will help provide weather observations to a national database, learn to chart the course of the vessel using celestial navigation and serve as the Junior Watch Officer (JWO), taking full command of the vessel during a watch. Alexis's shipmates come from colleges and universities around the country.

Sea Education Association (SEA), headquartered in Woods Hole, MA was founded in 1971. It is the only full-credit undergraduate program in the United States that combines a rigorous academic and research curriculum with a voyage to the deep ocean under sail. Students of any discipline may apply to the 12-week SEA Semester program which combines both shore and sea components. At shore, all students live, study and work alongside professional researchers, scholars and mariners. At sea, each student is part of the ship's crew, participating in a watch team that will participate in every aspect of running the operations of the ship and scientific research. The shipboard experience provides the opportunity to develop teamwork and decision-making skills and a greater respect for others. For many students, SEA is an adventure of a lifetime.

For more information, visit <http://www.sea.edu>, where you can track progress of the vessel, updated daily each business day, and download podcasts from sea.

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