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**PR<sup>2</sup>EPS: Preparation, Recruitment, Retention and Excellence in the Physical Sciences.**<sup>1</sup> SUNIL LABROO, JOHN SCHAUMLOFFEL, HUGH GALLAGHER, PAUL BISCHOFF, NANCY BACHMAN, SUNY College at Oneonta — The PR<sup>2</sup>EPS program is a multidisciplinary effort to increase the number of majors attending (and graduating) from SUNY Oneonta with degrees in chemistry, physics, biochemistry, astronomy, secondary chemistry or physics education and related areas. Components of the program include a walk-in tutoring center, a free, weeklong summer science camp, scholarship opportunities and an equipment loan program for regional secondary science teachers. 2006 was the third year of this NSF-DUE funded program. Evaluation of our progress to date shows that the program is effective at steering students (or at least reinforcing their desire) to studying the sciences in college. A summary of our goals, challenges and accomplishments, including tutoring center operation and efficacy, activities and operational details for the summer camp and other facets of the program will be presented.

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