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PRESS RELEASE

**Ellis Appointed Director of Public Relations for
Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute, Inc.**
Ellis to be responsible for HWI's public relations and government affairs

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Tara A. Ellis has been appointed the director of public relations for the Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute. In that role, she will be responsible for managing HWI's media and government relations.

Prior to joining HWI, Ellis served M&T Bank since 1997. At M&T, Ellis most recently was the manager of the bank's Internal Communications department, a department she built resulting in double-digit increases in employees' satisfaction with employee communications. Ellis previously worked in the bank's corporate communications department where she had responsibility for public relations and publications.

Ellis' other professional experiences included public relations for the New York State Senate, the Erie County Legislature and reporting experience at the Syracuse Post-Standard.

A University at Buffalo graduate, Ellis received her M.A. with a concentration in print journalism from Syracuse University's renowned S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.

Ellis is a member of the Junior League of Buffalo, a past president and board member of Homespace Corporation and has volunteered for a number of local non-profits including Habitat for Humanity.

Ellis resides with her son in Buffalo, New York.

Founded in 1956, HWI is an independent, non-profit facility specializing in the area of basic research known as structural biology. Our team of nearly 60 staff members is committed to improving human health by studying the causes of diseases, as well as potential therapies, at their basic molecular level. We are located in the heart of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus in downtown Buffalo, New York, in a new state-of-the-art structural biology research center at 700 Ellicott Street. For more information, visit HWI's website at <http://www.hwi.buffalo.edu> or call 716-898-8600.