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Third Biannual “Pioneers of Science” Events Scheduled for November 8, 2006
Hauptman-Woodward, Buffalo Museum of Science to host daytime Student Symposium;
HWI Gala and awards ceremony set for Kleinhans Music Hall

The third biannual “Pioneers of Science” Day has been announced for Wednesday, November 8, 2006.

Hauptman-Woodward Research Institute and the Buffalo Museum of Science are collaborating on a daytime Student Symposium; that evening will feature the Research Institute’s Gala and Awards Ceremony at Kleinhans Music Hall’s Mary Seaton Room.

Pioneers of Science celebrates and recognizes the achievements of notable WNY scientists and provides a unique enrichment opportunity for young people interested in the sciences to interact with established scientists with WNY roots. Pioneers of Science has taken place every two years since its establishment in 2001.

Student Symposium
The Symposium, to be held at the Museum from 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., will include a keynote speech from a nationally-acclaimed scientist and interactive learning sessions designed to inform, educate and inspire the students to consider careers in science. Select 2006 Pioneers of Science award winners and some past award recipients will provide interactive sessions for the students and will be available for questions and discussion, as well – at no cost to the schools or the students. The event is primarily geared toward junior or senior level students with an aptitude for and interest in science.

Some of the past Symposium participants have included:

• Nobel Laureate Dr. Herbert Hauptman,
• implantable pacemaker inventor Wilson Greatbatch,
• astronomer and Internet guru Clifford Stoll,
• Edith M. Flanigen, chemist and inventor of the synthetic emerald.

Because space at the Symposium is limited to ten students per teacher, preliminary reservations are recommended now before the early bird deadline of Friday, June 23 by simply providing:

• Teacher’s name,
• Teacher’s contact information including email address and
• the number of students the teacher plans to bring.
Reservations for the November 8 Student Symposium should be e-mailed to rmancuso@sciencebuff.org. For more information, call 896-5200 ext. 338.

**Gala Awards Ceremony**

The formal evening Gala Awards Ceremony begins at 6 p.m. at Kleinhans Music Hall, Symphony Circle, Buffalo. Tickets are currently available for $150 per person or table and sponsorship pricing is also available. For purchases or additional information, please contact Laurie Elliott Krajna at 716-898-8597 or via email at lkrajna@hwi.buffalo.edu.

The 2006 Pioneers of Science award winners will be announced later in the summer.

To see more about the Pioneers of Science event, visit: http://www.hwi.buffalo.edu/News/Pioneers/Pioneers_Science.pdf

**About Hauptman-Woodward Research Institute**

Celebrating 50 years of exceptional scientific research, HWI is an independent, non-profit facility specializing in the area of fundamental biomedical research known as structural biology. Our team of more than 70 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 www.hwi.buffalo.edu or call 716-898-8600.

**About the Buffalo Museum of Science**

The Buffalo Museum of Science is the non-profit educational institution dedicated to the study and interpretation of the natural and physical sciences. Its extensive collections of over 600,000 specimens and artifacts represent all facets of the natural world with an emphasis on Western New York as well as man-made objects spanning the globe. Based at 1020 Humboldt Parkway, anchoring Buffalo’s East Side in Olmsted-designed Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, since 1929, the Museum presents a wide variety of programs and services for children, teachers, families, adults, and community organizations throughout each year. The Museum also operates Tifft Nature Preserve in South Buffalo, a 264-acre urban wetland preserve on reclaimed former industrial land, and seasonally sponsors archaeological exploration at the Hiscock Site in nearby Byron, NY, one of North America’s richest Ice Age sites. For further information on the Museum and its upcoming activities, call 716-896-5200 or visit www.buffalomuseumofscience.org.

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