Hauptman-Woodward’s biennial awards gala is here. The awards gala begins tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Mary Seaton Room at Kleinhans Music Hall on Symphony Circle. Three distinguished members of the community will be receiving awards for their contributions to HWI, scientific research and the Buffalo community.

**Dr. Iain (John) Hay**, the Grant T. Fisher professor and department chair of microbiology and immunology at the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences of the University at Buffalo (UB), will be receiving the George F. Koepf Award in recognition of his lifetime scientific achievements. His work has focused on human viruses. He and his colleagues were able to demonstrate that the virus responsible for the chicken pox is the same virus which causes shingles. His current research is centered on dangerous viruses in Siberia and central Asia. The Koepf Award was created to honor the visionary medical director and co-founder of the Institute, Dr. George F. Koepf. The award recognizes a person’s success in their scientific work and their contributions to the advancement of basic biomedical research.

**Mr. Lewis D. McCauley**, founder, president and CEO of L.D. McCauley Inc., and McGard Inc., will be receiving the Helen Woodward-Rivas Award in recognition of his contributions to HWI’s basic biomedical research mission. McCauley’s company McGard manufactures a security nut that helps prevent the theft of rims and tires. McGard supplies products to all the major automotive manufacturers worldwide. McCauley has served on the HWI board from 1990-2006, as vice-chair and most recently as chair of the governance committee. The Helen Woodward-Rivas Award was founded in 1992, and named after the Institute’s original benefactor and co-founder. This award honors individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to HWI’s biomedical research mission.

**Mr. Larry Quinn**, managing partner of the Buffalo Sabres and local developer, will be receiving the Outstanding Service Award in recognition of his dedication and leadership during the building of Hauptman-Woodward’s new facility. Quinn has been active in the WNY community in both private and public development projects. He oversaw the development and planning of the waterfront village at the Erie Basin Marina, the development of the Theater district, HSBC Arena, and the new home of Hauptman-Woodward at 700 Ellicott Street. In 2005, Governor Pataki appointed Quinn as Vice Chairman of the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC) to plan and oversee the development of the Buffalo waterfront.

**ABOUT HWI**

With more than 50 years of exceptional scientific research, HWI is an internationally-renowned independent, non-profit facility specializing in the area of fundamental biomedical research known as structural biology. HWI’s team of more than 75 staff members is committed to improving human health by studying the causes of diseases, as well as potential therapies, at their basic molecular level. HWI is 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](http://www.hwi.buffalo.edu) or call 716-898-8600.