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**Fourth Biennial Pioneers of Science to Spotlight Notable WNY Scientists, Inspire Young Scientists
*Hauptman-Woodward, Buffalo Museum of Science to host Student Symposium;
Hauptman-Woodward hosts awards gala at Kleinhans Music Hall's Mary Seaton Room***

The fourth biennial Pioneers of Science Day is here! The two-part event includes the daytime student symposium, jointly hosted by **The Hauptman-Woodward Research Institute (HWI)** and **Buffalo Museum of Science** and the evening gala awards ceremony hosted by HWI at Kleinhans Music Hall's Mary Seaton Room.

Pioneers of Science Day celebrates and honors the achievements of notable scientists with a Western New York connection. The symposium creates a unique opportunity for young people interested in the sciences to interact with internationally acclaimed scientists with WNY roots. The event has taken place every two years since its inception in 2001.

Student Symposium

The Student Symposium to be held at the museum from 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. will include keynote speeches from:

- ∞ Claire Fraser-Liggett, who initiated the era of comparative genomics;
- ∞ NASA-funded scientist, whose work determined the age of the universe, Norman Jarosik;
- ∞ Patricia Chapple Wright, who discovered three new species of lemurs, and saved the Madagascar rainforest.

Nearly 300 students from more than 30 schools from Western New York will participate in interactive learning sessions that are designed to inform, educate and inspire the students to be lifelong science learners and to consider careers in the sciences. The 2008 award winners, as well as some previous award recipients will lead the interactive sessions which will focus on engaging the students in discussion. This free event will be attended by students with an aptitude for and an interest in science – the scientists of tomorrow. 2008 recipients include: Fraser-Liggett, Jarosik, Wright, Philip Coppens, Ph.D. (Chemistry Professor at UB), John D. Holland (Buffalo Museum of Science), Thomas B. Tomasi, M.D., Ph.D. (Roswell Park Cancer Institute), and posthumous recipients Willis Haviland Carrier, Gerty Cori M.D., and Carl Cori, M.D.

Gala Awards Ceremony

The 7 p.m. formal gala awards ceremony will be held at Kleinhans Music Hall's Mary Seaton Room.

Additional Event Information

To see more about the Pioneers of Science event, visit:
http://www.hwi.buffalo.edu/Public_Programs/Pioneers.html

ABOUT HWI

With more than 50 years of exceptional scientific research, the Hauptman-Woodward Institute is an internationally-renowned independent, non-profit facility specializing in life-altering research. Our team of more than 75 members is committed to improving human health through the study of the causes of diseases, as well as potential therapies, at their fundamental molecular level. HWI is located in the heart of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus in Downtown Buffalo, New York, in a 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 nearly 700,000 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 and 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 Tiffit 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 Genesee County, 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.