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HWI Welcomes New Development Director

The Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute (HWI) has welcomed a new director of development, Tricia A. Furnari. Furnari will be responsible for HWI’s primary fundraising efforts including the annual fund drive, program and foundation grants, the major gifts and planned giving campaigns and the endowed chairs program.

Just prior to joining HWI, Furnari was the Development Director at Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper, a local nonprofit which is working to protect, restore, and ensure access to Western New York’s waterways. She also previously held positions at Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara, Caldera in Portland, Oregon and Portland Impact, also in Portland, Oregon.

“Tricia brings a fresh perspective to the Institute’s fundraising efforts and we are delighted to have her join the team,” Chief Development and Communications Officer Tara A. Ellis said. “The life-altering research conducted by the scientists at HWI has international impact on people of all ages, but it needs continual philanthropic support to survive. We are confident that Tricia’s development expertise will help ensure the continued growth of HWI’s funding.”

Furnari received a master’s degree in Public Administration from Portland State University’s Mark O. Hatfield School of Government in Portland, Oregon and a bachelor’s degree in Human Development with a minor in Policy Analysis & Management from Cornell University, College of Human Ecology in Ithaca, New York.

ABOUT HWI
2011 marks the 25th anniversary of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry which was granted to Buffalo’s only Nobel Laureate and HWI namesake Dr. Herbert A. Hauptman. The anniversary will be celebrated throughout the calendar year with special events and publications. 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 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.

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