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**2014 CARNEGIE SCIENCE AWARDS RECOGNIZE LEADERS IN SCIENCE,
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Cohon and Nordenberg to Receive Chairman's Award**

PITTSBURGH– April 18, 2014 – Tickets are now available for Carnegie Science Center's 18th annual Carnegie Science Awards, sponsored by Eaton. The celebration, which will take place at Carnegie Music Hall on Friday, May 9, features a strolling dinner, cocktail service, live music, silent auction, and raffle. All proceeds from the Carnegie Science Awards event benefit science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs at Carnegie Science Center. For more details and to purchase tickets, visit [the website](#).

This year, the Science Center is conferring its highest commendation, the Chairman's Award, on Jared L. Cohon, former president of Carnegie Mellon University, and Mark A. Nordenberg, chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Cohon and Chancellor Nordenberg will be attending the ceremony.

"These two individuals have had an unparalleled impact on our region's scientific vitality," said Ann Metzger, Henry Buhl, Jr., Co-Director of Carnegie Science Center. "As concurrent leaders of two great local universities, President Cohon and Chancellor Nordenberg forged an unprecedented relationship of mutual respect and collaboration, which has helped open the door to a new era of scientific exploration, entrepreneurial strength, and academic excellence in Pittsburgh."

In addition, the program honors awardees from more than 20 categories, including Corporate Innovation, Emerging Female Scientist, Entrepreneur, Leadership in STEM Education, and others. These individuals and companies have distinguished themselves by making unparalleled contributions to science and technology in various disciplines. Three students who were chosen at Carnegie Science Center's Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair also will be honored.

Carnegie Science Center established the Carnegie Science Awards program in 1997 to recognize and promote outstanding science and technology achievements in western Pennsylvania. Celebrating its 18th year, the Carnegie Science Awards have honored the accomplishments of more than 400 individuals and organizations that have improved lives through their commitment and contributions in science and technology.

"The Carnegie Science Awards spotlight some of the most innovative minds today," said Ron Baillie, Henry Buhl, Jr., Co-Director of Carnegie Science Center. "These individuals are making a global impact starting with our own region. We know they are already inspiring a new generation of leaders. One of our

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central missions is to promote education in science, technology, engineering, and math – or STEM. The Carnegie Science Awards winners exemplify the highest levels of success in STEM fields and in STEM education. We are proud to recognize these outstanding awardees and look forward to their continued contributions.”

Eaton is the premier sponsor for the event. “Eaton has supported the Carnegie Science Awards through a premier sponsorship for the past 11 years and has seen remarkable leaders and organizations recognized for their contributions to science, technology, engineering, and math,” said Mark Horner, senior manager, Global Communications, Electrical Sector, Eaton. “We congratulate Carnegie Science Center, and all of the winners and nominees, for their commitment to discovery, innovation, and education.”

WINNERS:

Advanced Manufacturing - Fred Patterson, Kennametal Inc.
Advanced Materials - Jay Whitacre, PhD, Carnegie Mellon University
Catalyst - Richard V. Piacentini, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Garden
Corporate Innovation - Center for Innovation in Restorative Medicine, UPMC
Elementary Educator - Danielle Kephart, Divine Redeemer School
Middle Level Educator -David Andrews, Butler Area School District
High School Educator - Dale Moll and Tim Linkenheimer, Blackhawk High School
Leadership In STEM Education - Michael T. Lotze, PhD, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute
University / Post-Secondary Educator - Thomas D Eatmon, Jr., Allegheny College
University / Post-Secondary Student - Taylor D. Canady, Carnegie Mellon University
Emerging Female Scientist - Peijun Zhang, PhD, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Start-Up Entrepreneur - Don Charlton, The Resumator
Entrepreneur - Christine Robins, BodyMedia
Environmental - Xu Liang, PhD, University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering
Information Technology - Ron Bianchini, PhD, Avere Systems
Life Sciences - Angela Gronenborn, PhD, University of Pittsburgh
Science Communicator - Elaine Vitone, *Pitt Med* magazine
Science Fair, Junior Division – Dilan Gangopadhyay, Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School
Science Fair, Intermediate Division – Kevin Chen, Fort Couch Middle School
Science Fair, Senior Division – Rishi Mirchandani, Fox Chapel Area High School

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Elementary Educator- Carol Fraser, Highlands School District
High School Educator - Brian E. Ludwig, Riverview School District
University / Post-Secondary Educator- Steven Abramowitch, PhD, University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering
Start-Up Entrepreneur - Jay Whitacre, PhD, Carnegie Mellon University
Start-Up Entrepreneur - William J. Federspiel, PhD, University of Pittsburgh, McGowan Institute of Regenerative Medicine and University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering
Entrepreneur - Jesse Schell, Schell Games
Entrepreneur - Luis von Ahn, Duolingo
Environmental - Ravi Chidambaran, Aquatech International Corporation
Science Communicator - Mary Ann Thomas, Trib Total Media

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About Carnegie Science Center

Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center's goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh's premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes, and off-site education programs.

About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh

Founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1895, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is a collection of four distinctive museums dedicated to exploration through art and science: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. Annually, the museums reach more than 1.2 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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