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U.S. News Announces STEM Leadership Hall of Fame Inductees

Leaders in STEM to be Honored at 2014 National Leadership Conference in April

Washington, D.C.—U.S. News & World Report today announced the recipients of the 2014 STEM Leadership Hall of Fame Awards. The four honorees were selected for their leadership in advancing science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education and workforce preparation. The Hall of Fame inductees will be honored at a special ceremony during the 2014 U.S. News STEM Solutions National Leadership Conference, taking place April 23–25, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC.

The honorees, chosen from a group of industry, academic, and nonprofit leaders, have achieved measurable results in STEM fields, challenged conventional wisdom and motivated future STEM professionals. The 2014 U.S. News STEM Leadership Hall of Fame award winners are:

- Anousheh Ansari, Co-Founder and CEO, Prodea Systems
- Norman R. Augustine, Former Chairman and CEO, Lockheed Martin
- Shirley Ann Jackson, Ph.D., President, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- William H. Swanson, Chairman and CEO, Raytheon
“Tomorrow’s workforce requires STEM preparation,” said Brian Kelly, U.S. News editor and chief content officer. “The STEM Leadership Hall of Fame recognizes pioneers in their own fields who are also instrumental in leading national efforts to better prepare students and workers in STEM.”

The Hall of Fame awards ceremony will be held on the last day of the conference, Friday, April 25, 2014, during a luncheon sponsored by National Instruments. “At NI, we give students hands-on experiences to explore engineering and fuel innovation and discovery,” said Ray Almgren, vice president of marketing. “And we are excited to partner with U.S. News STEM Solutions - an excellent forum for educators, non-profits and industry to collaborate on innovative ideas and proven strategies to improve STEM education.”

For up-to-date information on the National Leadership Conference, visit http://www.USNewsSTEMSolutions.com and connect with U.S. News STEM Solutions on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Google+.

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**U.S. News STEM Solutions**—The National Leadership Conference is a mission-critical event focused on the shortage of science, technology, engineering and math skills in the American workforce. Produced by U.S. News & World Report, it brings the issue onto the national stage and assembles major corporations, leading educators, top policymakers and education technology companies in order to create the collective impact needed to fill jobs now and advance the future STEM workforce. In 2014, the conference is held April 23 – 25, 2014 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with the USA Science and Engineering Festival.