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CHEVRON APPALACHIA TO WIN SCIENCE CENTER'S CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

DISTINGUISHED AWARD RECOGNIZES CHEVRON'S POSITIVE IMPACT IN STEM

PITTSBURGH, April 20, 2017 — Carnegie Science Center today announced that Chevron Appalachia will be awarded the 2017 Chairman's Award at the Carnegie Science Awards ceremony to be held Friday, May 12 at Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland. The Chairman's Award is the highest honor conferred at the event and will recognize Chevron Appalachia, LLC for its unparalleled impact in transforming the Pittsburgh region through its commitment to STEM education.

Chevron's support of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs across the region exemplifies the essence of the Chairman's Award, which is presented to an organization or an individual who has made outstanding contributions in science, either through exemplary work in a singular field, or transcendent leadership, commitment, or achievement.

Chevron's support for STEM education includes contributions to the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh's Explore Making project, Project Lead the Way's K-12 STEM education programs and teacher professional development efforts, and digital fabrication laboratories, known as Fab Labs, among other programs. In 2014, the company made a \$20 million commitment to establish the Appalachia Partnership Initiative, a collaboration among businesses, civic leaders, and non-profit foundations supporting education and workforce development in the tri-state region of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia. Since its establishment, the Initiative has generated an additional \$8 million dollars in contributions from corporations and private foundations, in addition to the initial commitment by Chevron.

Chevron provided major support for the development of Carnegie Science Center's Chevron Center for STEM Education and Career Development, launched in 2011, which was honored with the 2012 Leading Edge Award for Business Practice from the international Association of Science and Technology Centers. Chevron supported an onsite and mobile Fab Lab at the Science Center – which reaches thousands of

kids each year – as well as a Fab Lab at Intermediate Unit 1 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. These Fab Labs are digital fabrication spaces used to teach the engineering design process to young people.

“Chevron has made invaluable contributions to STEM education as well as to the advancement of science and technology in the Pittsburgh region,” said Ruppert Russoniello, president, Controls and Protection Division, Eaton, and Carnegie Science Awards Event Chair. “We in the industry have a responsibility to continue to support the education of the next generation of science and technology leaders and to engage and invest in our STEM workforce, and Chevron has been a role model in the region for many years. Sincere thanks and congratulations to the Chevron team.”

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 21st year in 2017, 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 Chairman’s Award is an honor for Chevron and our employees who are dedicated to supporting regional STEM education and training programs,” said Stacey Olson, President of Chevron Appalachia. “With great partners like Carnegie Science Center and those involved in the Appalachia Partnership Initiative, we are committed to supporting innovative, fit-for-purpose STEM-related programs that better prepare students for success in the workplace. We look forward to continuing these important partnerships and delivering meaningful economic opportunities for people throughout the tri-state region.”

The 2017 Carnegie Science Awards, presented by Eaton, will laud awardees from more than 15 categories, including Corporate Innovation, Emerging Female Scientist, Entrepreneur, and Leadership in STEM Education. These individuals and companies have distinguished themselves by making unparalleled contributions to science and technology in various disciplines. The Chairman’s Award is not an annual award but is bestowed only to recognize great merit.

“We developed the Carnegie Science Awards program to spotlight science and technology achievement in our region,” said Ann Metzger, Henry Buhl, Jr., Co-Director of Carnegie Science Center. “We look forward to honoring Chevron Appalachia for its STEM leadership in our region. We also are excited to recognize the other 2017 winners – science leaders and educators who help position our region among the foremost technology and energy innovation centers in the world.”

“One of our central missions at the Science Center is to promote STEM education and to help fill workforce gaps in our region, many which require STEM-skilled workers,” said Ron Baillie, Henry Buhl, Jr., Co-Director of Carnegie Science Center. “We know that the Carnegie Science Award winners are an inspiration to young people as they think about their own career aspirations.”

Awardees will be honored during a formal celebration at Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland on Friday, May 12, 2017.

For more information, visit CarnegieScienceCenter.org/Awards.

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

Established in 1895 by Andrew Carnegie, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is a collection of four distinctive museums: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. In 2016, the museums reached more than 1.4 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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