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iCON Awards Gala



October 15, 2008

6:00-9:00 PM

Four Seasons Hotel

Grand Ballroom
120 E Delaware Pl
Chicago, IL 60611

About the iBIO Institute iCON Awards:

The iBIO Institute's iCON Awards were developed to recognize the role of education, research and training in fostering growth and building the next generation of Midwest biotechnology and life sciences innovators and leaders. As the region's most prestigious honor, these awards are given annually to celebrate the achievements of the most inspired academic, civic, and business leaders who nurture education, training, and scholarship in the life sciences in Illinois.

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2008 Award Recipients

iCON Knowledge Builder Award (Grades 6-12) - Hortense Brice, Lindblom Math & Science Academy

Hortense has a long and rich history in Chicago Public School System. She worked at Whitney Young for 17 years before leaving to start the science program at King College Prep. She is currently bringing her expertise to Lindblom Math and Science Academy as their Science Department Chair. She received her Bachelor's degree from Illinois State University, and holds a Masters from UIC in Curriculum & Instruction as well as a Masters from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Science Education.

iCON Innovator Award (University Level) - Dr. Daphne Preuss, Chromatin Inc.

Daphne Preuss, Ph.D., (Chief Executive Officer), is co-founder of Chromatin, Inc. and an inventor on Chromatin's patented mini-chromosome technology. Dr. Preuss received her doctorate from MIT, and performed postdoctoral work at Stanford University. She is on leave of absence from the University of Chicago where she is the Albert D. Lasker Professor of Molecular Genetics and Cell Biology. She also serves on the Board of Governors at Argonne National Laboratory, was listed by Discover Magazine as one of twenty outstanding young American scientists in 2000, and named to Chicago Crain's Business Review's "40 under 40" list of promising Chicago citizens in 2001. She is a David and Lucile Packard Fellow, a Searle Scholar, and a Lifetime National Associate of the National Academy of Sciences.

2007 Awards Recipients

iCON Knowledge Builder Award (Grades 6-12) - Myrna Alvarez

Myrna is currently implementing a variety of model biotechnology lessons as part of the Chicago High School Transformation Project (funded by the Gates Foundation). Without exception her lessons have engaged students and improved their science achievement and interest in biomedical oriented careers.

She is a national leader in Operation Biotechnology, teacher leaders. In this role she has provided mentoring and professional development to all her science colleagues in the area of biotechnology. In addition, she has planned and delivered the professional development activities provided to all science teachers in 11 Chicago High Schools, as part of IIT's High School Transformation Project. She will also be training an additional 25 teachers at the national level as part of our FIPSE grant.

iCON Innovator Award (University Level) - Dr. Chad A. Mirkin

Dr. Chad A. Mirkin is the Director of the International Institute for Nanotechnology, the George B. Rathmann Professor of Chemistry, Professor of Medicine, and Professor of Materials Science and Engineering.

Professor Mirkin is a chemist and a world renown nanoscience expert, who is known for his development of nanoparticle-based biodetection schemes, the invention of Dip-Pen Nanolithography, and contributions to supramolecular chemistry. He is author of over 290 manuscripts and over 325

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Patent (6,845,160), CEO of the world's top 100 companies, Nanosphere and NanoInk, which are commercializing nanotechnology applications in the life science and semiconductor industries. At present, he is listed as one of the top 10 most cited chemists in the world, and is the top most cited nanomedicine researcher in the world.