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**U.S. News Announces STEM Leadership Hall of Fame Award
Winners**

Washington, D.C.—U.S. News & World Report is pleased to announce the inaugural recipients of the *U.S. News* STEM Leadership Hall of Fame Awards. The five honorees were selected from an impressive field of nominees by a distinguished committee of industry, academic, and nonprofit leaders in the science, technology, engineering, and math fields (STEM). The Hall of Fame Awards ceremony is the capstone of the *U.S. News* STEM Solutions 2012 Summit (which takes place in Dallas from June 27-29), an unprecedented gathering of business executives, educators, HR managers, philanthropists, policymakers, and technology companies united in one critical objective: creating a national consensus on the development of a STEM workforce.

The *U.S. News* STEM Leadership Hall of Fame honorees are:

Richard Alley, Ph.D., Evan Pugh Professor of Geosciences, Penn State

Mary Good, Ph.D., Special Advisor to the Chancellor for Economic Development,
University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Freeman A. Hrabowski III, Ph.D., President, University of Maryland, Baltimore
County

Tom Luce, Chairman, National Math + Science Initiative

Ray Mellado, Chairman and CEO, Great Minds in STEM

In choosing the honorees, the committee sought out leaders who have achieved measurable results in STEM fields, challenged established processes and conventional wisdom, inspired a shared vision, and motivated legions of future STEM professionals. They valued innovation, resilience, and adaptability. “The committee focused on identifying individuals whose commitment and dedication to STEM have left a lasting legacy and a blueprint to a future pathway filled with an abundance of STEM specialists,” says Brian Kelly, Editor and Chief Content Officer of *U.S. News*. “We need the guidance and mentorship of experts like these if we’re going to make progress on this critical challenge.”

The awards ceremony, sponsored by Dell and presented by STEMConnector™, is scheduled for Friday, June 29, from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Dallas Sheraton Hotel and includes a luncheon and panel discussion with the honorees. Steve Schuckenbrock, President, Dell Services, the global IT services and business solutions unit of Dell, will introduce the awardees.

U.S. News STEM Solutions 2012—A Leadership Summit is a mission-critical event focused on the shortage of science- and tech-related skills in the American workforce. U.S. News & World Report, together with Innovate+Educate, STEMConnector™ and more than 50 key organizations will bring together for the first time on a national stage major corporations, leading educators, top policymakers, and education technology companies to create a collective that will fill jobs now and advance the future STEM workforce. The Summit will be held June 27–29, 2012, at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel, in Dallas, Texas.

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Innovate+Educate is a national non-profit led by Fortune 500 companies with a goal of aligning STEM education and workforce efforts on a state-by-state basis.

STEMConnector™ is a resource center and network that helps bring together the many STEM projects around the country with a website of more than 3,000 organizations dedicated to STEM education; jobs and diversity are key priorities.

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