

'BLACK ACHIEVERS IN SCIENCE' EXHIBIT OPENS AT CHICAGO'S MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & INDUSTRY

CHICAGO—"Black Achievers in Science," a major exhibit celebrating the contributions of blacks to science and technology, opened at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry recently.

The exhibit is featured within "Black Creativity 1988," the Museum's annual observance of Black History Month.

Sponsored by Citicorp/Citibank and developed by the Museum, "Black Achievers in Science," is designed to salute more than 100 historical and contemporary black achievers who have devoted their lives to science. Highlighting the exhibit are the profiles of 16 black men and women who have made significant research contributions to the life sciences, physical sciences, engineering, and mathematics and computer sciences.

"The Black Achievers in Science exhibit demonstrates that through hard work, determination and perseverance, all of us can succeed," said Loren Smith, chairman, Citicorp Savings of Illinois. "We hope the exhibit encourages all young people to study science and learn about the crucial role it plays in everyday life."

The 2,500-square-foot exhibit incorporates interactive devices and biographies to chronicle the contributions of the 16 achievers, while memorabilia illustrate each scientist's personal life. Additional information outlines career paths in each of the four areas and suggests activities for young people who are curious about science.

"Our intentions were to present these scientists as role models and to show that scientific inquiry is both challenging and rewarding," said Dr. James S. Kahn, president and director of the Museum of Science and Industry. "Hopefully the younger visitor will understand that a career in science is built, not with one grand accomplishment, but by succeeding at a number of challenges over a period of time."

The historical figures highlighted in the exhibit include: Benjamin Banneker (1731-1806), surveyor; George Washington Carver (1864-1943), botanist; Percy L. Julian (1899-1975), organic chemist; Ernest E. Just (1883-1941), developmental biologist, and Lewis Latimer (1848-1928), electrical engineer.

Contemporary achievers

include: David H. Blackwell, mathematician and statistician; Norman R. Bliss, mechanical and civil engineer; George R. Carruthers, astrophysicist; Patricia S. Cowings, psychophysicist; Christine M. Darden, mechanical engineer; Marc R. Hannah, computer graphics architect; Fern Y. Hunt, applied mathematician; Raphael C. Lee, bioengineer; Walter E. Massey, theoretical physicist; Harvey M. Pickrum, microbiologist; and Warren M. Washington, atmospheric scientist.

"Black Achievers in Science" will remain at the Museum through Aug. 28, before traveling to other science centers and museums around the United States.

The Museum is located at 57th St. and Lake Shore Dr. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekends and holidays. Open every day of the year, the Museum is handicapped accessible. General admission and parking are free.

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PIONEERS OF EXCELLENCE TO AWARD NOTABLES

Anita Baker; New York City Congressman Floyd Flade; Nancy Wilson; Mother Hale, the 85 year old founder of Hale House; sports impresario Don King; and television's first Black network news reporter, Mal Goode will be the 1988 recipients of The Pioneers of Excellence Award. The awards, which will be presented by The World Institute of Black Communications (WIBC), Anheuser-Busch Companies, CBS Records and Coca-Cola, will be held from 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m. on March 16 at the Roseland Ballroom, 239 West 52nd Street in New York City.

The Pioneers of Excellence Awards were initiated by the World Institute of Black Communications to honor living African-Americans who have broken new ground by their example and encouraged oth-

ers to seek their fullest potential. WNBC-TV weatherman, Al Roker, will serve as master of ceremonies. Continental/Eastern Airlines is the official carrier for the Pioneers Award.

WIBC also presents the prestigious CEBA Awards which honor companies and individuals whose work is exceptional in its outreach to the African-American consumer.

The benefit reception will also feature and pay tribute to the works of Ray Billingsley, Brumsic Brandon Jr., Buck Brown, Clevon "Goodie" Goudeau, Larry Johnson, Joan Baccus Maynard, Ted Shearer, Mel Tapley and Morrie Turner — the nation's top Black cartoonists. CBS Record's latest hit songstress Regina Belle will perform during the evening.



"Black Achievers in Science," a major exhibit celebrating the contributions of blacks to science and technology, was produced by the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago. The exhibit, made possible by a grant from Citicorp/Citibank, is scheduled for a nationwide tour during the next four years.

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