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COLLEGIATE INVENTORS COMPETITION® NOW ACCEPTING ENTRIES FROM STUDENTS

Program recognizes and rewards students for their innovative work

Akron, OH (May 14, 2007)—The Collegiate Inventors Competition, a program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame Foundation, is currently seeking entries for its 2007 competition.

The Collegiate Inventors Competition, sponsored by the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Abbott Fund, is designed to recognize and honor student inventors at the graduate and undergraduate levels. Since 1990, the Competition has honored numerous individuals and teams for their outstanding contributions and their innovative work in solving engineering and scientific challenges. This year, over \$75,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to the winning undergraduate and graduate students and advisors at a special awards ceremony in the fall.

Entries for the Collegiate Inventors Competition are judged on the originality of the new idea, process or technology, and their potential value and usefulness to society. In 2006, Matthew Haugland from the University of Oklahoma was selected as the Grand Prize Winner and recipient of the \$25,000 cash prize for his invention of a night time temperature prediction model.

Typical of many of the competition's student winners, Haugland continued refining his work after the competition, forming the company Nanoweather Inc. and negotiating opportunities for using his invention to provide temperature forecasts. He has also been working on a daytime temperature prediction version of his work, which will also be able to predict humidity, winds, and soil temperatures. Reflecting on his work, Haugland says, "I don't know what I'd be doing now without the prize money from the competition. I've been able to work full-time, which I wouldn't have been able to do otherwise."

The deadline for entering this year's Competition is June 15, 2007. Entry forms and more information on the program are available at www.invent.org/collegiate.

The not-for-profit National Inventors Hall of Fame Foundation is the premier organization in America dedicated to honoring and fostering creativity and invention. Founded in 1973 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the National Council of Intellectual Property Law Association, the Hall's permanent home is Akron, Ohio, where the inventors in the Hall are honored and from where it administers its national programs, including Camp Invention®, Club Invention®, Invent Now®, and the Collegiate Inventors Competition®. For more information, visit www.invent.org.

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