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### COLLEGIATE INVENTORS COMPETITION® NOW ACCEPTING ENTRIES FROM STUDENTS

*Program recognizes students for their innovative work and awards cash prizes*

Akron, OH (January 30, 2008)—The Collegiate Inventors Competition, a program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame Foundation, is now inviting students to enter its 2008 competition.

The Collegiate Inventors Competition is designed to recognize and honor student innovators at the graduate and undergraduate levels. Since 1990, the Competition has honored numerous individuals and teams for their outstanding contributions and 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.

The deadline for entering this year's Competition is May 16, 2008, and entries are judged on originality of the idea, process or technology, and their potential value and usefulness to society.

In 2007, Ian Cheong of Johns Hopkins University was selected as the Grand Prize Winner and recipient of the \$25,000 cash prize for his invention of a novel way to target cancerous cells using liposomase for drug delivery.

Since winning the Competition, Cheong has continued his postdoctoral research at Johns Hopkins, still pursuing research on cancer drug delivery. He is also working on other experimental ideas for cancer therapy in hopes that they will find practical applications. Cheong's intention is to remain in academia, believing it will allow him to pursue ideas that industry would normally view as risky, but which have the potential to change the medical world's approach to treating cancer.

Also recognized at the 2007 Competition were John Dolan, the University of California, San Francisco, as the Graduate Prize Winner for his Dolognawmeter, an instrument that measures orofacial pain in animals used in the testing of painkillers, and Corey Centen and Niles Patel, McMaster University, as the Undergraduate Winners for their CPRGlove, a wearable CPR training, testing, and assist device.

Competition judges select 10-12 finalists who receive an all-expense paid trip to the final judging round and awards ceremony. In addition, each student or team named as a finalist will receive a \$2,000 cash prize. National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductees participate in the final round of judging, and past judges have included individuals such as Don Keck, inventor of optical fiber for

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communications; George Smith, inventor of the charge-couple device; and James West, inventor of the electret microphone.

Entry forms and more information on the program are available at [www.invent.org/collegiate](http://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 Associations, the Hall's permanent home is Akron, Ohio, where the inventors in the Hall are honored and from where it administers its national programs which include the Camp Invention<sup>®</sup> and Club Invention<sup>®</sup> programs, Invent Now<sup>®</sup> initiatives, and the Collegiate Inventors Competition<sup>®</sup>. For more information, visit [www.invent.org](http://www.invent.org).

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