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NORTH ALLEGHENY STUDENT WINS A TOP PRIZE AT BROADCOM MASTERS®
HER SUCCESS STARTED AT THE COVESTRO PITTSBURGH REGIONAL SCIENCE &
ENGINEERING FAIR

PITTSBURGH, November 8, 2017 – North Allegheny Intermediate High School ninth-grader Meghna Behari is one of the top winners in this year's Broadcom MASTERS® — the nation's most prestigious competition for middle school students in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Meghna won the \$10,000 Marconi/Samueli Award for Innovation. After finding that current water-testing methods are inefficient, Meghna developed the Aquabot, an automated testing device that can wirelessly collect and transmit data on water quality.

In March, when she was an eighth-grader at Marshall Middle School, Meghna placed among the top 10 percent of middle school competitors at the Covestro Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair, presented by Carnegie Science Center. Her success there led to her nomination for the initial phase of the Broadcom MASTERS® competition.

Eventually, Meghna was one of 30 Broadcom MASTERS® finalists who competed last month in Washington.

"I am so excited about Meghna's success in the Broadcom MASTERS® competition," said Lisa Kosick, Director of the Covestro PRSEF and Education Coordinator for Carnegie Science Center.

"She is a wonderful example of the caliber of student who participates in the Covestro Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair. Her effort to improve water testing impressed people locally, and it is great to see her work recognized nationally, too."

About Carnegie Science Center

Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center's goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh's premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes, and off-site education programs.

About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh

Established in 1895 by Andrew Carnegie, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is a collection of four distinctive museums: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. In 2016, the museums reached more than 1.4 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

About Broadcom Foundation

Founded in April 2009, the Broadcom Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation with its main mission to advance science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education by funding research, recognizing scholarship and increasing opportunity.

The foundation inspires young people to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) through its signature programs, the Broadcom MASTERS® and the Broadcom MASTERS® International, premier science and engineering competitions for middle school students around the United States and the world.

About Society for Science & the Public

Society for Science & the Public is dedicated to the achievement of young scientists in independent research and to public engagement in science. Established in 1921, the Society is a nonprofit whose vision is to promote the understanding and appreciation of science and the vital role it plays in human advancement. Through its world-class competitions, including the Regeneron Science Talent Search, the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, and the Broadcom MASTERS, and its award-winning magazine, *Science News* and *Science News for Students*, Society for Science & the Public is committed to inform, educate, and inspire.

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