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Milwaukee County Research Park Technology Scholars visit the Technology Innovation Center for the "Innovation Thursday" Lunch Forum



Scholars Jennifer Rorex and Nthabeleng "Thab" Monese with Milwaukee County Supervisor Jim "Luigi" Schmidt in the lab of Zystor Therapeutics.

"You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down. You cannot build character and courage by taking away people's initiative and independence. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred. You cannot help people permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

Abraham Lincoln

Wauwatosa - Created in 2000 at the suggestion of Milwaukee County Supervisors Lee Holloway and Michael Mayo, the Milwaukee County Research Park Scholarships for Minority Students who are interested in careers in various technology fields has provided financial assistance for a large number of students studying at colleges and universities in the greater Milwaukee region.

Two of these students, Jennifer Rorex, a biochemistry major at Marquette University, and Nthabeleng "Thab" Monese, an industrial engineering major at the Milwaukee School of Engineering, attended the "Innovation Thursday" lunch forum at the Technology Innovation

Center in the Spring of 2009.

"Innovation Thursday" provides an opportunity for the entrepreneurs at the TIC to meet and exchange ideas and discuss hot topics, often moderated by experts in some field such as human resources, business finance, and employee benefits.

Jennifer and Thab heard what it was like to start a business in a cutting edge technology field. After lunch, they toured the TIC with Milwaukee County Supervisor Jim "Luigi" Schmidt and Guy Mascari of the research park staff. The laboratory of Zystor Therapeutics, a drug discovery firm, was one of the places they visited.

New Laboratory Wing Named in Honor of Long Time Board Member Dr. John R. Petersen, M.D.



L-R: Executive Director William Ryan Drew, Bob Dennik, Supv. Joe Rice, William Fox, Guy Mascari, Jack McKeithan, Supv. Jim "Luigi" Schmidt, Dr. John R. Petersen, Supv. Michael Mayo, Sr., Mayor Jill Didier, Supv. Toni Clark, David Gilbert, Board Chairman Jim Elliott.

After the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors on March 10, 2009, members gathered in front of the entrance to the new North Laboratory Wing where a dedication ceremony was held naming the space in honor of Dr. John R. Petersen, M.D., a board member who has been involved with the research park for over 20 years.

The lab wing, now called the "Dr. John R.

Petersen Bioscience Center," is currently home to Zystor Therapeutics, Invivo-Sciences, LLC, and Procorp Enterprises all doing cutting-edge research in life sciences and water technology.

Many who were associated with the research park over the years referred to Dr. Petersen as the "keeper of the vision." Sadly, he passed away on June 4, 2009 after a long battle with cancer. He was 80.

ABOUT THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY RESEARCH PARK

- ◆ The Milwaukee County Research Park Corporation (MCRPC) is a quasi-public, non-profit organization created in 1987 to manage the development of a university-related research park on 175 acres of Milwaukee County owned land in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.
- ◆ MCRPC nurtures technology-based companies, strengthens Milwaukee County's business base, creates new employment opportunities, and facilitates technology commercialization.
- ◆ This objective is being accomplished by bringing together the substantial academic, intellectual, business and entrepreneurial resources of the metropolitan Milwaukee area in a physical environment conducive to such activities.
- ◆ MCRPC is affiliated with the Medical College of Wisconsin, Marquette University, the Milwaukee School of Engineering, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Together these organizations comprise the major research institutions in the Milwaukee metropolitan region. In addition, the research park's proximity to the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center creates a synergy beneficial to the park's success.

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WHAT'S AT THE RESEARCH PARK

- ◆ For qualified technology-based companies- fully developed building sites of 2 to 12 acres.
- ◆ An award winning 138,000 sq. ft. business incubator for start-up enterprises.
- ◆ A wooded pedestrian friendly campus-like environment.
- ◆ Access to safe, well-established neighborhoods, first-class hotel and conference facilities, shopping, and business support.

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