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A Project FLIGHT program

Western New York Women's Hall of Fame

housed at Buffalo State College

January 15, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Dr. Catherine Collins has asked us to write this letter to you as her friend, colleague, or family member. You will be delighted to know that Dr. Collins will be a 2009 Inductee into the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame. The Western New York Women's Hall of Fame, a Project Flight program, was founded in 1997 and exists to honor those exceptional women from our region who have accomplished much in their respective fields, and who have selflessly shared their knowledge, skills, and expertise to benefit others in our community. This year's Induction Luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo, Two Fountain Plaza, downtown Buffalo. A reception for Outstanding High School Girls and Creative Narrative Contest winners will be held from 10:30 – 11:30 am, and the Induction Luncheon registration will begin at 11:30. The Induction Luncheon will start at 12:00 and end at 1:30 pm. In addition to many other public officials and dignitaries, Ms. Bridget Quinn-Carey, the innovative and dynamic Director of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, will be the keynote speaker at this year's program.

This year's inductees include the following seven outstanding women:

Catherine Collins, author, educator, and Buffalo Board of education member.

Donna Fernandes, President, Buffalo Zoo.

Beverly Foit-Albert, Founder and President of Foit-Albert Associates, Architecture, Engineering and Surveying, P.C.

Celeste Lawson, Executive Director of the Arts Council of Buffalo and Erie County.

Nancy McGlen, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences at Niagara University.

Marylouise Nanna, First Violinist, Assistant Concertmaster Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Music Director Ars Nova Musicians.

Evelyn Pizarro, Retired Principal of D'Youville Porter Campus Public School #3

We very much look forward to your presence at this exciting event, and we hope to see you there in support of Dr. Collins and the other outstanding inductees. Tickets are \$40 each, or \$500 for a Corporate table of ten. Important: please return with your check the enclosed Response Form. Make checks payable to:

Project Flight
7954 Transit Road, PMB 205
Buffalo, NY 14221

Please R.S.V.P. no later than February 19, 2009. For questions, please call Project Flight at 876-0979

Thank you for considering being part of an exciting annual celebration of the exceptional and selfless women of Western New York.

Geraldine E. Bard, PhD
Chair, Western New York Women's Hall of Fame, and Co-Director of Project Flight



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Dear Dr. Collins:

Per your request we are enclosing a copy of the letter we crafted announcing your Induction into the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame. We mailed the letter to the list of friends, colleagues, and family members you provided. Though the enclosed copy is addressed "To Whom It May Concern," the letters we sent to your colleagues received a personal salutation with each individual's name and title.

Also, as we discussed, you and one invited guest will of course receive complimentary admission to the Induction Luncheon. If you have not done so already, please let us know the name of the person who will be coming as your guest.

My cell phone number is 628-3739. If you would like us to email you a copy of the enclosed letter in Microsoft Word format, please call Melissa Blattner at the Project Flight BookBank (876-0979). Alternately, you may email Ms. Blattner at Blattnma@buffalostate.edu and she will email you back the MS Word version of the letter.

We look forward to a wonderful event, and, once more, please accept our heartiest Congratulations on your Induction!

Sincerely,

Geraldine E. Bard, PhD

Chair, Western New York Women's Hall of Fame, and Co-Director of Project Flight