CANCER PHILANTHROPIST, AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN
JON M. HUNTSMAN, SR.
RECEIVES THE 2015 BOWER AWARD FOR BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

PHILADELPHIA February 23, 2015 — The Franklin Institute today has announced billionaire businessman and philanthropist Jon Huntsman as the recipient of the 2015 Bower Award for Business Leadership. Huntsman, along with nine fellow extraordinary trailblazers in science and technology, will be recognized and honored during the annual Franklin Institute Awards Ceremony and Dinner on Thursday, April 23, 2015. Widely recognized as one of America’s foremost concerned citizens and philanthropists, Jon Huntsman’s lifetime of humanitarian giving, including contributions to the homeless, the ill and the underprivileged, exceeds $1.5 billion and has assisted thousands, both domestically and internationally. As the largest benefactor in the history of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Huntsman has been honored as the namesake of the main hall, his gifts have established the Huntsman Program in International Studies & Business, and he credits his alma mater for being a gateway to a life that included a job in the White House, the invention of the polystyrene egg carton, the building of a multi-billion dollar global chemical company (Huntsman Corporation, Founder and Executive Chairman CEO), and more than a billion dollars of charitable donations.

Education and innovation aside, Huntsman’s philanthropic efforts are largely focused on cancer research and treatment. His most notable cause is the Huntsman Cancer Institute in Salt Lake City, Utah, which he founded in 1995 to accelerate the work of curing cancer through human genetics. This unprecedented treatment approach based on genetic knowledge allows for more targeted, individualized cancer therapies. The Institute is now one of America's major cancer research centers, as well as an innovative hospital treating and providing exceptional care for cancer patients. In 2014, the Cancer Institute broke ground on a 220,000 square-foot children’s cancer research center, for which Huntsman donated $50 million. Huntsman, who himself is a cancer survivor, has publicly stated that there is no cause more important to him than fighting cancer and has committed the rest of his life to supporting clinical and research efforts to eliminate the disease. He has also contributed aid to rebuild in Armenia, which was devastated by an earthquake in 1988. He and family members have made 46 trips to Armenia in 25 years, and he has given $50 million to relief efforts including funds to build schools and hospitals. Jon Huntsman was one of the first 40 people to pledge to give half of his wealth to charity under the Giving Pledge, a challenge from Warren Buffett and Bill and Melinda Gates, and has suggested that all give more.

The Franklin Institute Awards have publicly recognized and encouraged preeminent accomplishments in science and technology, and more recently, business leadership, on an international level since the Institute was founded in 1824. Past laureates who have come to Philadelphia to receive their medals include Thomas Edison, Marie Curie, Stephen Hawking, and more recently Jane Goodall, Dean Kamen, and Bill Gates.

The Franklin Institute Awards Ceremony and Dinner is the culmination of a weeklong series of events and programs designed to shine an important spotlight on advancements in science and technology, as well as extraordinary business leadership. Programs like The Franklin Institute Awards, which inspire a passion for learning about science and technology, are made possible by its philanthropic partners. Bank of America has provided generous support for more than a decade, and continues in 2015 as Presenting Sponsor of the Awards Ceremony and Dinner for the 13th consecutive year.
On Thursday, April 23, 2015, The Franklin Institute will celebrate science, technology, and business leadership by honoring the following individuals for their monumental and critical achievements:

2015 BOWER AWARD FOR BUSINESS LEADERSHIP
JON M. HUNTSMAN, SR.
For his innovative leadership in founding the Huntsman Corporation and building it into one of the world's preeminent chemical companies; and for his global leadership in philanthropy, with a special focus on cancer research and treatment in support of some of the highest-impact developments towards curing cancer.

2015 BOWER AWARD AND PRIZE FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN SCIENCE
JEAN-PIERRE KRUTH, PH.D., FSME, Fellow CIRP
KU Leuven | Leuven, Belgium

2015 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MEDAL IN CHEMISTRY
STEPHEN J. LIPPARD, PH.D.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology | Cambridge, Massachusetts

2015 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MEDAL IN COMPUTER AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE
ELISSA L. NEWPORT, PH.D.
Georgetown University Medical Center | Washington, D.C.

2015 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MEDAL IN EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
SYUKURO MANABE, PH.D.
Princeton University | Princeton, New Jersey

2015 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MEDAL IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
ROGER F. HARRINGTON, PH.D.
Syracuse University | Syracuse, New York

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CORNELIA BARGMANN, PH.D.
Howard Hughes Medical Institute | The Rockefeller University | New York, New York

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CHARLES L. KANE, PH.D.
University of Pennsylvania | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

EUGENE J. MELE, PH.D.
University of Pennsylvania | Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Loughborough University | Loughborough, United Kingdom

SHOUCHENG ZHANG, PH.D.
Stanford University | Stanford, California

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