



**Eddie A. Perez**  
**Mayor**

## **PREPARING TODAY FOR TOMORROW'S JOBS**

### **MAYOR HONORS 6 SCHOOLS FOR SCIENCE**

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(January 26, 2010) --- There's a special connection between the month when Sir Isaac Newton's birthday is celebrated and the year Hartford kicks-off its 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: paying homage to history and looking ahead to a promising future that includes science. Mayor Eddie A. Perez, who also serves on Hartford's Board of Education, reemphasized a City priority--- education. That's because research shows, in 10 years, the biggest job growth areas will be in health, green technology and construction, and computer and scientific industries.

"Urban communities will supply 30% of the State's future workforce. It is essential that our students are prepared to contribute to the scientific discoveries of tomorrow," says Mayor Perez.

The Mayor thanked the Connecticut Science Center for being an institution of hope, inspiration and educational opportunity.

"Yours are the bright minds and the shining faces of the future of our community," said Matt Fleury, President and CEO of the Connecticut Science Center. "On behalf of the staff and the board of trustees of the Connecticut Science Center, we applaud your achievements, and we look forward to celebrating the success of many more Hartford students in the months and years to come."

Also thanked today--- Abul Islam, President and CEO of AI Engineers, who is building an engineering firm on Constitution Plaza, creating "Science Row" on Columbus Boulevard.

"Over the past few years, Hartford has had the benefit of moving forward in many areas, including education, and business and community development under the leadership of Mayor Perez's administration. The energy, dedication and inspiration of the many people I have met and worked with over the past few years in Hartford have helped set the City on the course of choosing the right road to take into the future. We must all build on this success. As an engineer and business owner, I know the value of mentoring. Mentoring helped me achieve my goals and my dreams. And I am honored and privileged to be able to offer the same encouragement to the next generation of scientists and engineers," said Islam.

Six Hartford Public High Schools were presented the Sir Isaac Newton Science Award--- plaques complete with a symbolic apple--- for their high science test scores and for their national recognition for overall academic achievement. Staff and students from Capital Prep, Classical Magnet, Hartford Magnet Middle, Pathways to Technology, Sport and Medical Sciences Academy, and University High school of Science and Engineering were recognized and some shared science projects and dreams of careers in math and technology fields.

Mayor Perez says, "375 years ago, Dutch settlers founded what they called the City of 'Hope and Opportunity.' This event embraces that vision, rewards the researchers and scientists of tomorrow, and thanks the mentors who help nourish those big dreams."