



Winner of the 2012 Rice Business Plan Competition (RBPC), NuMat Technologies, to Ring The NASDAQ Stock Market Closing Bell

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What:

The Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship will visit the NASDAQ MarketSite in New York City's Times Square to honor **NuMat Technologies**, winners of the 2012 Rice University Business Competition.

NuMat Technologies is commercializing a new class of nanomaterials that can store gases just like a sponge soaks up water. One of their nanomaterials would be for natural gas tanks used in everyday motor vehicles. This material can overcome the major hurdles impeding natural gas automobiles currently by: storing natural gas at a lower pressure making natural gas fuel tanks safer; enabling design flexibility such that the tanks can be designed around current automobile underpinnings, reducing production costs and shortening development time; and increasing driving range. Their technology would also enable the possibility of refueling natural gas vehicles at home.

This is the fifth year that the NASDAQ OMX Educational Foundation has sponsored the Rice Business Plan Competition and NuMat Technologies is the fifth winning team to ring the bell.

In honor of the occasion, **Brad Burke, Managing Director, Rice Alliance for Technology and Entrepreneurship, Rice University representatives and NuMat Technologies** will preside over the NASDAQ Closing Bell.

Where:

NASDAQ MarketSite — 4 Times Square — 43rd & Broadway — Broadcast Studio

When:

Friday, August 24, 2012 — 3:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET

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Webcast:

A live webcast of the NASDAQ Closing Bell will be available at:

<http://www.nasdaq.com/about/marketsitetowervideo.aspx>.

Photos:

To obtain a hi-resolution photograph of the Market Close, please go to http://www.nasdaq.com/reference/marketsite_events.stm and click on the market close of your choice.

About the Rice University Business Plan Competition:

The Rice University Business Plan Competition (RBPC) is the world's richest and largest business plan competition. During the competition's eleven-year history, 56% of teams (199 out of 354 past competitors) have gone on to successfully launch their business. Of those, 128 or 64% are still in business today. More than \$460 million in early-stage funding has been raised by Rice Business Plan Competition participant companies. There are 250+ judges on the judging panel consisting of "who's who" of the investor, venture capital, entrepreneur, & business community.

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