

Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28) announced that President Obama has awarded Dr. Esther Takeuchi of the University at Buffalo, the National Medal of Technology and Innovation

“I am so pleased that the White House has recognized Dr. Takeuchi’s numerous accomplishments, particularly her contributions to the development of more effective life saving technology. She is an invaluable asset to the University at Buffalo, and I know we will see more great things from her in the future,” Slaughter said.

Dr. Takeuchi has received numerous honors at the local, state, and national level for her work improving the performance of batteries used in implantable medical devices, including implantable cardiac defibrillators.

The National Medal of Technology and Innovation has its roots in a 1980 statute and is administered for the White House by the U.S. Department of Commerce’s U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The award recognizes individuals or companies for their outstanding contributions to the promotion of technology for the improvement of the economic, environmental, or social well-being of the United States. Nominees are selected by a distinguished independent committee representing both the private and public sectors.