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**THE FRICK ART & HISTORICAL CENTER PRESENTS
THE ROY A. HUNT FOUNDATION AWARD FOR COMMITMENT TO
EDUCATION IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES
TO RONALD HOLLOWAY**

*Pittsburgh Weil PreK–5 Accelerated Learning Academy teacher successfully
integrates art and humanities into his curriculum*

**AWARD PROGRAM: Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.
The Frick Art Museum auditorium**

PITTSBURGH, PA, May 6, 2011— The Frick Art & Historical Center is pleased to announce **Ronald Holloway** as the recipient of the *2011 Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities*. Mr. Holloway is a 2nd grade teacher at Pittsburgh Weil PreK–5 Accelerated Learning Academy in the Pittsburgh Public School District, where he has taught for three years.

In 1999, the Roy A. Hunt Foundation worked with the Frick Art & Historical Center to establish this award. The *Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities* is given annually to an educator who has demonstrated a commitment to participating in the Frick’s education programs, and who has successfully integrated the arts into the students’ learning experience. Mr. Holloway has demonstrated these qualities in his work with his students.

The Frick’s Education Department worked with Mr. Holloway in 2010 during Summer Dreamers Academy, the middle school summer camp sponsored by the Pittsburgh Public Schools.

Subsequently, the Frick partnered with Mr. Holloway and Mrs. Kara McGuinn, also a 2nd grade teacher at Pittsburgh Weil, for Learning Tree, a Frick program that introduces 2nd graders to art, writing and botany through the trees on our grounds.

Mr. Holloway brings 50 2nd graders to the Frick for three different Learning Tree visits throughout the school year. He demonstrates a deep commitment to education, his students and their families. He demonstrates an eagerness to expose his students to cultural and academic opportunities outside the school and sees the value in making community connections to enhance those opportunities.

Carol Schurman, Frick's Program Coordinator for Learning Tree, comments "having had the opportunity to visit his classroom on several occasions, I can say he is a teacher who is truly making a difference. His classroom is a setting where his dedication to his students is obvious and as a result, they show him a great deal of respect, making every effort to please him in their work. He has welcomed involvement in Learning Tree program as a means to further enrich the lives of his students."

Ronald Holloway has taught 2nd grade at Pittsburgh Weil in the Pittsburgh Public Schools since 2008. He previously taught 6th grade Literacy and 2nd grade at the Propel Charter School in McKeesport. Mr. Holloway, a 1997 graduate of Pittsburgh Schenley High School, holds a Bachelor's degree in Education as well as a Master's in Literacy from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. In addition to teaching, Mr. Holloway has also worked for the Summer Dreamers Academy (PPS) where he was a Site Director at Barack Obama Academy of International Studies (Pittsburgh Obama) in 2010, and Teach for America, where he was a Corps Members Advisor responsible for observing and providing feedback to 12 pre-service teachers in New York City during the summer of 2007.

Mr. Holloway will be recognized at a ceremony in The Frick Art Museum auditorium on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. The ceremony will be attended by Mr. Holloway's students, who will present a short workshop performance.

Torrence M. Hunt, Jr., Trustee of the Roy A. Hunt Foundation, will present the award. On hand for the award presentation will be Tony Macklin, Executive Director, Roy A. Hunt Foundation; David A. Brownlee, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Frick Art & Historical Center; and Bill Bodine, Director of the Frick Art & Historical Center, as well as Dr. Shemeca Crenshaw, Principal at Pittsburgh Weil and representatives from Pittsburgh Public Schools.

Mr. Holloway will be presented with a plaque for display at Pittsburgh Weil, and a check in the amount of \$3,000 will be presented to the school to help defray the cost of future field trips and enrichment activities. Additionally, students of Mr. Holloway will receive 180 complimentary admission passes to Clayton to encourage future visits from students and their families.

The Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities was established at the Frick Art & Historical Center through the efforts of Torrence M. Hunt, Sr. (1921–2004), a longtime Alcoa executive who was involved with many civic, educational, wildlife, and conservation groups. Following his retirement from Alcoa in 1982, Mr. Hunt served as senior trustee of the Roy A. Hunt Foundation, named for his father and established in 1966. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Hunt and the Foundation, including Torrence M. Hunt, Jr., who serves as a trustee on the foundation’s board, thousands of students have participated in enrichment activities through support provided by *The Roy A. Hunt Foundation Award for Commitment to Education in the Arts and Humanities*.

Pittsburgh Weil is located in the heart of the Hill District of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh Weil PreK-5 ALA is an America’s Choice School which offers a standards-based education to ensure that every student is successful on state and local assessments and prepared for college.

The Frick Art & Historical Center offers educational programs for children, students, adults and families. During the Frick’s last fiscal year (2010–2011), these programs served nearly 14,000 individuals. For more information about the Frick and its educational programs, please call 412-205-2022 or visit TheFrickPittsburgh.org. Free parking is available in the Frick’s off-street lot, or along adjacent neighborhood streets.

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