Rochester, NY – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter today congratulated two local scientists who were awarded the nation's highest honors for scientists, engineers and inventors.

Professor Esther M. Conwell of the University of Rochester was awarded the National Medal of Science, while Steven J. Sasson of Eastman Kodak Company was awarded the National Medal of Technology and Innovation.

"All of Western New York should be proud of the work of Professor Conwell and Mr. Sasson," said Slaughter. "Their contributions to the fields of science and engineering have advanced our modern world, and show once again the ingenuity and skills that Western New York has to offer. I congratulate Professor Conwell and Mr. Sasson and thank them for their important contributions to our country."

More information on the National Medal of Science and National Medal of Technology and Innovation along with comments from President Obama can be found here .