

Rutgers dedicates molecule sculpture

Artwork stands outside protein research site

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PISCATAWAY — It's the most abundant protein in the human body. And now a 20-foot-high sculpture meant to represent a collagen molecule has gone up on the Piscataway campus of Rutgers University.

A ceremony was held Thursday to dedicate the 20-foot, 3,200-pound steel-and-glass sculpture, located outside a research center that focuses on the study of the structure and function of proteins.

The monument is dedicated to the center's founding director, Helen Berman. It is the work of scientist-turned-sculptor Julian Voss-Andreae of Portland, Ore.

The sculpture's long, wavy strands of tubular steel are interspersed by some 200 tinted glass windows.

The artist says he wanted to create something beautiful that works as art even for those without a scientific background.

A 20-foot sculpture outside the Center for Integrative Proteomics Research on the Piscataway campus of Rutgers University was dedicated Thursday.

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