



Science Center President & CEO Matt Fleury, Trustee Rhonda Gass, and Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin cut the "ribbon" to open the new Engineering Lab.

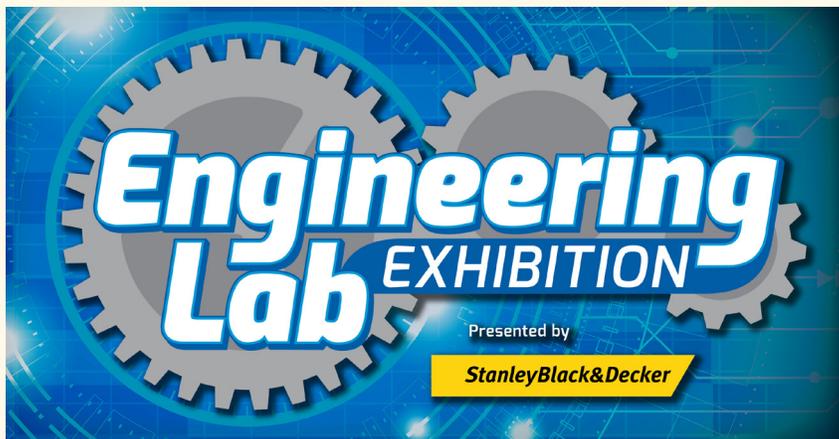
News from the Connecticut Science Center

New Engineering Lab Exhibition Now Open

In July, the Connecticut Science Center launched the Engineering Lab, a new permanent exhibition presented by Stanley Black & Decker. Featuring 18 brand-new experiences inspired by engineering from the past, present, and future, the Engineering Lab showcases state-of-the-art technology alongside classic mechanical marvels. This hands-on exhibition expands the Science Center's commitment to supporting parents and teachers as they engage children in 21st century learning.

Through engaging activities across five engineering specialties—structural, mechanical, electrical, aerospace, and software engineering—the Engineering Lab highlights the interactive nature of engineering and incorporates problem-solving into each activity. Visitors of all ages tackle interesting challenges using key elements of the engineering design process, while stories of creativity show them how engineering principles apply to real-world jobs. All components of the exhibit are aligned with state science teaching standards, especially the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), which place particular focus on engineering concepts throughout the entire K-12 curriculum.

In addition to educating visitors in various engineering disciplines, the Engineering Lab drives interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and reveals clear connections to STEM career paths. Like all exhibits at the Science Center, the Engineering Lab inspires young people to embrace science in their lives and become better equipped to participate in the opportunities that the science and technology fields offer. ■



The Connecticut Science Center inspires lifelong learning through interactive and innovative experiences that explore our changing world through science.

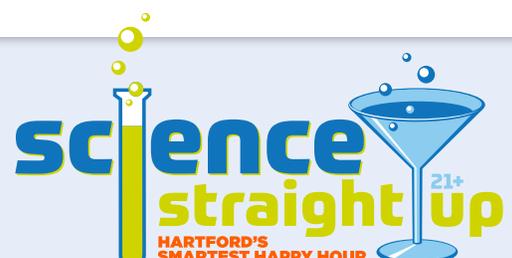
Corporate Member Appreciation Weekend

October 20 & 21

Free General Admission for Corporate Member employees and 50% off for family members.



October 20 & 21 | 10AM-5PM



October 26 | 5:30-8:30PM

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

2018 Green Gala: Spectacle for Science

The Connecticut Science Center's work was strongly affirmed this September by an enthusiastic turnout at the annual Green Gala. The event raised hundreds of thousands of dollars that will support the Science Center's continued investment in fresh, engaging experiences that bring our community closer to the power and potential of science, technology, engineering, math and innovation.

As the gathering celebrated the young Science Center's three-million customer milestone, the emergence of Science Center alumni on the Connecticut industrial scene was highlighted. The evening featured the recollections of participants in the Center's youth programs, including engineering standout Ross Ackeifi. Ross was seated with Barnes Group chairman, Tom Barnes, the immediate past chairman of the Connecticut Science Center Board of Trustees, who recently welcomed Ross as a mechanical engineering intern at Barnes Aerospace. ■



Ross Ackeifi



Paul and Heather Zottola attend the 2018 disco-themed Green Gala.

Supporter Spotlight: Paul and Heather Zottola

Paul and Heather Zottola have always instilled a love of science in their children. Paul, a dentist, and Heather, an educator, know the importance of quality learning opportunities and have taken their children to museums from a very young age.

"We've always wanted to teach our children the joy of being amazed. Amazement leads to curiosity and curiosity leads to learning. The Connecticut Science Center has been a major resource in helping us fulfill that goal as parents."

Now, as Connecticut Science Center Visionaries Society members, Paul and Heather graciously donate their time, resources, and talents to help the Science Center provide transformative STEM education programs.

"We hope the Science Center imparts a deep appreciation of STEM to everyone who visits, and inspires children to pursue educational and career opportunities in STEM fields. It is one of our favorite places!" ■



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The Connecticut Science Center Welcomes its 3-Millionth Visitor

Everyone knows the Science Center welcomes thousands of people each year. As the Science Center's 10th anniversary approaches in 2019, it's the perfect time to reflect upon its community impact. Did you know that each year, the Science Center...

- engages more than 50,000 school field trippers;
- wows its Members during more than 50,000 visits; and
- provides 1,000–2,000 teachers with outstanding, career-changing professional development?

Over the course of 9 years, these groups, combined with our individual visitors, amount to 3 million people served. The Science Center offers sincere gratitude for the steadfast support of all visitors, from first-time families to weekly patrons. Your support and attendance make the Connecticut Science Center one of the most visited attractions in our state. ■



Christina Pierce and her children Lindsey, Jon, and Zoey were our three millionth visitors.