



News from the Connecticut Science Center

The Connecticut Science Center's 1st Annual STEM Career Roundtable

Inaugural STEM Career Roundtable Explores Connecticut-based Workforce Opportunities

Dedicated to the mission of lifelong learning and STEM workforce development, the Connecticut Science Center has expanded its programming for teen audiences to span the entire school year. Among these offerings is *Investigate!*, a free Saturday program for high school students interested in exploring STEM content not typically offered in high school classrooms. Serving students primarily from under-resourced communities, this program engages teens and exposes them to STEM career pathways right here in Connecticut.

Under the leadership of STEM Educator Kate Saulsbery and members of the Science Center's Teen Leadership Council, the 1st Annual STEM Career Roundtable was held on April 21. During this enlightening event, STEM professionals from around the state and a variety of industries shared their career experiences with the first class of 30 *Investigate!* participants. Having explored a wide range of STEM fields through their Saturday sessions, this valuable interaction provided students an opportunity to discuss their interests with real STEM professionals. Panelists included Ari Santiago, President and Founder of IT Direct; Dr. James Fairweather, SVP of Technology and E-commerce at Pitney Bowes; Brooke Oppenheimer, e-Discovery attorney at Axinn; Trey McPherson, Vice President at Protein Sciences Corporation; Gary Martell, Labor Regulations Consultant at Eversource; and Trudy Olofinboba, M.D. of Integrated Anesthesia Associates, LLC.

During this 2-hour event, questions crafted by the Teen Council explored each professional's typical workday and environment, schooling and degrees, inspiration for pursuing a particular career, work-life balance, and the mindset needed for success.

Applications for the Fall 2018 *Investigate!* series will be accepted through September 7.

For more information, visit CTScienceCenter.org/teens/investigate.

Investigate! programming is presented by the Key Bank Foundation. ■



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September 15

6:30PM – Midnight

Connecticut Convention Center

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Meet STEM Educator Kate Saulsbery

Kate Saulsbery shares her passion for science exploration with students every day when leading Connecticut Science Center programs. Kate moved to Connecticut after earning a degree in life sciences and childhood education at Russell Sage College. In 2014, she joined the Science Center team and is now one of the front line of STEM Educators delivering student programs both at the Science Center and in schools throughout the state. With seemingly boundless energy and enthusiasm, Kate works to inspire in students a passion for STEM as deep as her own. She most enjoys the eye-opening moments preschool students experience when exploring their first science concept and mentoring students who participate in the Science Center's many STEM programs for teens. When not working with students at the Science Center, Kate volunteers her time planning the American Association of University Women's (AAUW) local Tech Savvy Event, coaching a FIRST Robotics team, and serving as a key volunteer for several youth robotics competitions throughout the country. ■



Donor Spotlight

Lizabeth and Richard Zlatkus: Inspiring Future Scientists

The Science Center's work would not be possible without the steadfast support of people like Lizabeth and Richard Zlatkus. Liz has served on the Science Center's Board of Trustees since 2011. Both Rich and Liz love attending Science Center events from talks about artificial intelligence to the annual Green Gala. Says Liz, "We are both continually impressed with the extensive capabilities and impact of the Science Center and its outstanding programs." Being involved is important to Liz and Rich, who are strong believers in the importance of science and education. As parents themselves, they appreciate how the Science Center inspires young adults. "Imagine if every child who visits learns something that excites them—what a difference that can make in their lives. The Science Center could be a career-sparking catalyst for many future scientists!" ■



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Program Highlight:

TRAILBLAZER CAMP

Every summer, the Connecticut Science Center welcomes—and inspires—hundreds of children at Vacation Exploration Camps. After a successful pilot program last summer, 2018 will see the launch of the new Trailblazer Camp for middle school students. Trailblazer Camp gives students heading into grades 7 – 9 the freedom to explore their STEM interests, allowing them to investigate a chosen topic in greater depth. Trailblazer campers enjoy a challenging environment and an adaptable daily schedule that empowers them to self-pace their investigations. Designed and led by the Science Center's STEM Educators, Trailblazer maintains the Science Center's commitment to rigorous, engaging, hands-on learning for the next generation of STEM professionals.

Summer enrollment for Trailblazer Camp is now open at CTScienceCenter.org/Camp.

Trailblazer Camp is presented by United Bank Foundation Connecticut ■

