

ASTC Hartford

September 29–October 2, 2018



News from the Connecticut Science Center

The Connecticut Science Center will be hosting this fall's ASTC Conference

On the World Stage: Hartford Welcomes the Association of Science-Technology Centers

Science centers are rich, spontaneous learning environments that touch millions of students—many from underserved communities—as well as families and educators. They ignite the spirit of innovation necessary for success, but each science center cannot do it alone. The importance of globally-focused peer-to-peer conversations is critical to advancing informal education opportunities and STEM education, and ultimately serving the public with lifelong learning through improved exhibits, better prepared staff, and engaging programming.



The Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC) is a global organization providing a collective voice, professional support, and programming opportunities for science centers, museums, and related institutions, whose innovative approaches to science learning captivate people of all ages with the wonders and the meaning

of science in their lives. Choosing a host location for the ASTC annual international conference is not an easy task, with science centers throughout the nation competing for this prestigious honor. The chosen science center must be within close proximity to a convention center, hotels, an international airport hub, and attractions such as restaurants, cultural activities, and shopping. The possession of these key features made the Connecticut Science Center and Hartford the winning destination for this fall's ASTC Conference.

From September 29 through October 2, the 2018 ASTC Conference will showcase Connecticut, Hartford, the Connecticut Science Center, and the Connecticut Convention Center to more than 2,000 executives and professionals from hundreds of science centers and museums around the world. As they stream into Hartford via Bradley International Airport, visitors will experience an increasingly vibrant downtown Hartford, including accommodations at the Hartford Marriott Downtown. Hartford and all it offers will surely enchant and inspire the attendees of the 2018 ASTC Conference.

The 2018 ASTC Conference is presented locally by United Technologies Corporation with support from Event Network.



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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

**Adult Coffee Club:
Ancestry
March 15; 1–3PM**



**STEM Achievement
Awards Breakfast
April 24; 7:30AM**

**GREEN GALA
SATURDAY NIGHT
SCIENCE
FEVER**

**September 15;
6:30PM-Midnight**



Meet Matt Fleury

Connecticut Science Center President & CEO

Matt Fleury calls them his “triplets”: his twin sons and the Connecticut Science Center arrived at the same time, that eventful Spring of 2009. Hence, the leadership of Connecticut’s newest educational destination for families has been both a professional and a personal experience, and it’s understandable that his boys might have the impression that going to work primarily involves dinosaurs, gravity experiments, and butterflies. What his family receives from the Science Center is what millions of other people also experience, through enjoyable interactions that illuminate scientific principles and inspire interest in science and technology and their potential. Behind the scenes, Matt and the Science Center Board of Trustees and staff have just completed a strategic plan that sharpens the Science Center’s focus on science and tech career awareness, with an eye towards the thousands of technology related jobs opening in Connecticut in the coming decade. He also helps prime the workforce pipeline

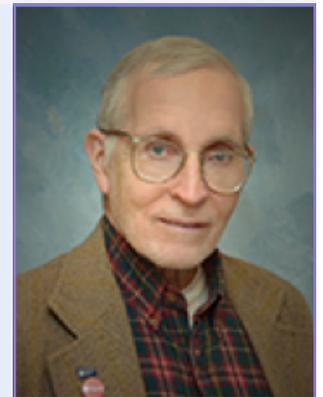
as Chairman of the Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education, overseeing the 17 colleges and universities that prepare thousands of students every year for jobs with the state’s employers. ■

Donor Profile: Henry Link

Albert Einstein Society Member

Henry Link is an engineer, a longtime Connecticut Science Center supporter, and now a member of the Albert Einstein Society, a group of dedicated advocates who have included the Science Center in their estate plans. A believer in the power of education and lifelong learning, Link is one of the organization’s original members. He hopes that children who visit the Science Center will be encouraged to think bigger to solve future problems and improve life for people across the globe.

To learn more about *Planned Giving at the Connecticut Science Center*, visit CTScienceCenter.org/Support. ■



Exciting New Adult Programs in 2018

In keeping with the Science Center’s mission of lifelong learning, this year’s adult programs will go beyond the ever-popular Liquid Lounge with programs for adults in every stage of their lives.

The Hartford area features many colleges and is now home to UCONN’s downtown Hartford campus. Themed college nights at the Connecticut Science Center will cater to the younger generation with exclusive movie screenings and much more! Stay tuned for dates and more exciting details.

Adults can challenge their minds, meet professionals from a variety of fields, and dive deep into a host of fascinating topics at several events this spring. The brand-new Science Straight Up—think cerebral networking meets an immersive, hands-on happy hour—launched in February. In March and April, the year’s first two Adult Coffee Clubs will tackle ancestry (March 15) and how to make your own *New York Times* crossword puzzle (April 17).

New Year, new Liquid Lounge! The Science Center’s signature 21+ party is back and revamped for 2018. Get ready for even bigger parties than before, with live music, bars, and the Science Center’s unique mix of hands-on exhibits and adults-only fun. Clear your schedules for March 23 and November 30; you won’t want to miss what the Science Center has in store. ■

Thank you for your support of the Connecticut Science Center.

The Connecticut Science Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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Left and above: Guests enjoy hands-on programming and interactive entertainment at Science Straight Up.