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## The Connecticut Science Center Isn't Just for Kids! *Science Center rolls out an exciting new lineup of adult programming for 2018*

HARTFORD, CT (Feb 1, 2018) – The Connecticut Science Center is excited to announce a brand new lineup of adult programming for the New Year. The new adult programming will feature Science Straight Up, themed college nights, Adult Coffee Club and the ever popular, Liquid Lounge.

"Museums are sites of adult learning are stimulating and offer a place where ideas originating from the media and peers can be tested, confirmed or modified," says UCONN Associate Professor of Adult Learning, Robin S. Grenier, PhD. "Museums also help visitors reformulate old pieces of understanding the have lost relevance or meaning."

Introducing **Science Straight Up**; think networking meets drinks meets the immersive, educational, hands-on fun the Science Center always guarantees. The inaugural event? Science Straight Up: Your Brain in Love. Whether you are feeling the love this Valentine's Day or not, Science Straight Up is here to explain arguably one of the most complicated feelings. Laugh along with Sea Tea Improv as they take your suggestions to explore the neurochemistry of love. Learn about Neuroscience through hands-on activities and witness a recording of the electrical activity that happens in the human brain as it thinks about love. Then release those feel good hormones with a Latin dance lesson. Explore love potions, chemical reactions, and examinations of real organs in the galleries with live, interactive science demonstrations. Lastly, unleash your creativity and make a unique Valentine's Day card for that special someone with Art Peace Studio. So, mark your calendars, Science Straight Up: Your Brain in Love will be happening February 9, 5:30PM-8:30PM.

Hartford is filled with and surrounded by plenty of Connecticut Colleges. Hoping to engage the mass of college students with the Capital City, the Science Center will host a **series of themed college nights** tailored to the younger generation. The Science Center kicked this off at the end of 2017 with a special screening of *Guardians of the Galaxy* tied in with an exclusive tour of the then traveling exhibit, *Alien Worlds and Androids*. Themed college night will be hosted once during the fall semester and once during the spring semester. Look out for the next College Night happening on April 26.

"At the Science Center, we believe in the importance of engaging adults in science just as much as we engage the children," says Connecticut Science Center President and CEO, Matt Fleury. "There is not an age we exclude from our mission. I believe our 2018 adult program line-up offers something for everyone."

New Year, new Liquid Lounge? The well-known classic, **Liquid Lounge** is back and revamped for 2018. Now a biannual event, Liquid Lounge is all the fun you remember now turned up a notch or two. Twice a year means even bigger parties than before. Clear your schedules on March 23 and November 30 to see what the Science Center has in store.

For daytime activity goers, the Science Center has got you covered too. Challenge your mind, meet professionals from a variety of fields, or dive deep into a host of topics at **Adult Coffee Club**. The first two Adult Coffee Clubs of the year will take a look at ancestry (March 15) and how to make your own *New York Times* crossword puzzle (April 17).

All events listed above will take place at the Connecticut Science Center at 250 Columbus Blvd. Hartford, CT 06103. Admission prices for programs will vary. For more information on any of the adult programs happening this year, please visit [CTScienceCenter.org/programs/adults](http://CTScienceCenter.org/programs/adults) or call (860) SCIENCE [724.3623].

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**About the Connecticut Science Center:** The LEED-Gold certified Connecticut Science Center, located in downtown Hartford, sparks creative imagination and an appreciation for science by immersing visitors in fun and educational hands-on, minds-on interactive experiences while maintaining an environmentally conscious presence. Serving over 2.5 million people since opening in 2009, the Science Center features more than 165 exhibits in ten galleries. Covering a range of topics, including space and earth sciences, physical sciences, biology, the Connecticut River watershed, alternative energy sources, Connecticut inventors and innovations, a children's gallery, and much more. Other features include four educational labs, a 200-seat 3D digital theater, function room, gift store, and ongoing events for all ages. The Science Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing science education throughout the state of Connecticut and New England, providing learning opportunities for students and adults of all ages, and engaging the community in scientific exploration. The Connecticut Science Center is also the home to the **Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Academy for Teachers**, offering powerful Professional Development for educators. More information: [CTScienceCenter.org](http://CTScienceCenter.org) or (860) SCIENCE.