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Connecticut Science Center Board Elects William Malugen Chair, Welcomes New Trustees *Lori Hess, Dr. Reginald J. Eadie, and Craig LaFiandra Join Board*

HARTFORD, CT, December 17, 2018 – The Connecticut Science Center is pleased to welcome a new Chairman of the Board of Trustees as well as three new trustees. Travelers executive William Malugen has been elected as the new Chair of the Board, having served as Board Vice Chair and Finance Committee Chair previously. In a unanimous vote at the December Board meeting, Craig LaFiandra, Vice President, Strategic Accounts Sales Operations at United HealthCare National Accounts; Reginald J. Eadie, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Trinity Health Of New England; and Lori Hess, recent co-chair of the 2018 Connecticut Science Center Green Gala, were elected to the Connecticut Science Center Board of Trustees.

“The Connecticut Science Center’s Board of Trustees is a truly exceptional group of leaders,” said Connecticut Science Center President and CEO Matt Fleury. “This community is fortunate that these individuals dedicate themselves to the Science Center’s work to strengthen a culture and capacity in science, innovation and problem-solving among younger generations.”

Since opening in 2009, more than 3 million visitors have been served by the Connecticut Science Center. The Connecticut Science Center offers over 40,000 square feet of exhibit space that accommodates more than 165 hands-on exhibits in ten galleries and is advancing a strategic plan focused on STEM career awareness amid the growing demand and opportunity for STEM talent in the state.



William C. Malugen is the President and Chief Executive Officer of National Accounts for Travelers Business Insurance. In this position, he is responsible for National Accounts, an industry-leading provider of bundled and unbundled insurance and risk management services responsive to the needs of larger organizations, Constitution States Services, and Residual Market Services. Mr. Malugen began his career with Travelers in 1981 as a Commercial Lines underwriter in Nashville, Tennessee, attaining positions of increased management responsibility. He graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree and a Master’s Degree in Business Administration from Middle Tennessee State University. Mr. Malugen has also earned his Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters and Associate in Risk Management designations.



Craig LaFiandra joined UnitedHealth Group in 2002 as a sales executive, and since then has held numerous positions with increasing responsibility and scope focused on driving results, performance, and effectiveness. Currently, he is National Vice President, overseeing sales efforts with significant clients nationwide. Craig is currently the Chair of the UnitedHealth Group's Hartford Leadership Council and deeply cares about leading by example and helping others through community involvement. Craig received a Bachelor of Science degree with concentrations in Marketing and Communications from Babson College and attended the Wharton Executive Management Program.



Dr. Reginald J. Eadie was recently named President and Chief Executive Officer of Trinity Health Of New England. Board-certified in Emergency Medicine, Dr. Eadie has 20 years of health care experience that includes numerous leadership roles. Most recent, before his current position, Dr. Eadie was the Senior Vice President and Regional Chief Operating Officer at Detroit Medical Center. Dr. Eadie is a native of Detroit and a published author on the topic of obesity. He received his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine. Dr. Eadie has been named among the "100 Physicians Leaders to Know" by Becker's Hospital Review and currently serves as Board Chair of the American Heart Association.



Lori Hess began her professional career with Westinghouse Electrical Corporation in 1985, where she spent nine years before accepting a position with GE. She was with GE for 14 years, holding roles that included managing GE's Global Commercial Leadership Program and Manager of University Relations. Since leaving GE, Lori has volunteered with several organizations in the Greater Hartford area, including Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center, Easter Seals Capital Region, and the Connecticut Science Center, where she recently co-chaired the successful 2018 Green Gala. She also serves as an Associate Board Member for the Castle Hill Arts Center in Truro, MA for the past several years.

For a complete list of current Trustees, please visit CTScienceCenter.org/about/board-of-trustees.

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About the Connecticut Science Center **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 more than 3 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 an all-season tropical butterfly habitat, 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 or (860) SCIENCE.