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Connecticut Science Center Announces New Trustees

Kumar and Quaye Elected to the Board of Trustees

Hartford, CT, June 21, 2021— The Connecticut Science Center is pleased to welcome two new Trustees. In a unanimous vote, elected to the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut Science Center are **Ajay Kumar, MD**, Executive Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer, Hartford HealthCare, and **Kwesi Quaye**, Principal, Fairview Capital Partners.

“Ajay Kumar and Kwesi Quaye bring valuable perspectives and skills to the already exceptional group of leaders who comprise the Connecticut Science Center’s Board of Trustees,” said Matt Fleury, Connecticut Science Center President & CEO. “They share a personal commitment to science engagement and community service. And the organizations they represent, Hartford Healthcare and Fairview Capital Partners, are longstanding supporters of the Science Center.”

Since the opening in 2009, the Science Center has served more than 3.5 million people. The Center offers more than 165 exhibits in ten galleries. Since the Science Center reopened its doors in accordance with the Reopen Connecticut plan, visitors have engaged in the exhibits that they have come to know and love in a safe, clean environment. New features include the summer blockbuster traveling exhibit *Dinosaurs Around the World* and the new permanent exhibition *Genome in Me*.

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

About Ajay Kumar, MD



Ajay Kumar, MD, FACP, SFHM, MBA, is the Executive Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer for Hartford HealthCare.

Dr. Kumar joined Hartford HealthCare in 2011. He has more than two decades of healthcare experience and has served in a wide range of leadership roles with oversight of quality and patient safety, risk management, hospital operations and education.

Prior to his role as Chief Clinical Officer, Dr. Kumar was the Vice President of Medical Affairs for the Hartford Region, where he made great contributions in improving Hartford Hospital’s operational efficiency, quality and patient safety.

He served as Chairman of Hartford Hospital's Department of Medicine from October 2013 through December 2018, and also formerly led the Division of Hospital Medicine. In that capacity, his efforts focused on service reorganization, recruitment, quality, and process improvement.

Dr. Kumar came to the United States in 2001 after completing his Medical Degree from Bangalore University, India and Membership of the Royal College of Physicians at the Royal College of Edinburgh, United Kingdom. He joined the Cleveland Clinic in 2004 as a staff physician in hospital medicine.

In 2010, he was selected by the American College of Physicians as a Top Hospitalist for his commitment towards hospital medicine.

About Kwesi Quaye



Kwesi Quaye is a Principal at Fairview Capital Partners. As a member of the investment team, he focuses on research, due diligence, deal sourcing, investment monitoring, and business development for Fairview's venture capital and private equity partnership and direct co-investment portfolios.

Prior to joining Fairview, Mr. Quaye was an Investment Officer at the Cook County Pension Fund, where he supported portfolio strategy across all asset classes. Additionally, in that role, Mr. Quaye led investment manager due diligence and performed various portfolio optimization analyses to maximize risk-adjusted returns.

Mr. Quaye also spent time with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP where he served as a Senior Transaction Advisory Associate performing buy-side mergers and acquisitions due diligence on companies in the healthcare, education, and consumer products spaces. Moreover, Mr. Quaye also spent time with Ernst & Young LLP as a Senior Associate in the Assurance practice where he led day to day audit engagements for diversified services clients.

Mr. Quaye holds a B.S. with concentrations in Accounting and Finance from DePaul University and an MBA in Finance and Management & Strategy from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He is the Chairman of the West Hartford YMCA Board of Advisors.

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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 3.5 million people since opening in 2009, the Science Center features more than 165 exhibits in ten galleries and 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, a function room, a gift store, and ongoing events for all ages. The Science Center is a 501(c)(3) 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 of the Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Academy for Teachers, offering powerful professional development for educators.
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