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Connecticut Science Center Announces New Trustees

Canady and Thompson elected to Board of Trustees

Hartford, CT, July 22, 2022 – The Connecticut Science Center is pleased to welcome two new Trustees to its Board of Trustees: **Ingrid Canady**, Executive Director, State Education Resource Center (SERC); and **Chad Thompson**, President of Ensign- Bickford Aerospace & Defense.

“Our new trustees are strong leaders in their field,” said Matt Fleury, Connecticut Science Center President & CEO. “We are confident that these individuals will help us in our mission to take our programming and services to the next level as we strengthen and deepen our impact and community connection.”

In addition to the election of new trustees, **Gladis Kersaint**, PhD, Vice Provost for Strategic Initiatives, University of Connecticut, was elected Board Secretary, continuing the term of Ensign- Bickford Aerospace & Defense executive Meryl Mallery. **Jerry Fan**, Vice President, Burns & McDonnell, was appointed Chair of Facilities & Administration Committee.



About Ingrid Canady An educator for the past 18 years, Ms. Canady is currently serving as the Executive Director for State Education Resource Center (SERC). Ms. Canady strives to create school cultures and environments in which all children are provided with equitable opportunities for personal growth and success through her work at SERC.



About Chad Thompson: President of Ensign- Bickford Aerospace and Defense since 2018, Mr. Thompson leads an organization focused on the design, manufacturing, test, and qualification of energetic, electronic, and electro-mechanical solutions used in a variety of aerospace & defense systems.

Mr. Thompson has over 25 years of experience in the industry and has held key positions in Engineering, Operations, Continuous Improvement and Strategy Development. He has worked within several successful businesses including Raytheon (previously Goodrich and Pratt & Whitney), Kaman, and the Boeing Company.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Vermont and an MBA from Carnegie Mellon University.

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

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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 more than 3.5 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 the state's only year-round butterfly habitat, five 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 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.