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Connecticut Science Center Announces New Trustees

Six New Leaders Added & Thirteen Re-Elected to the Board

Hartford, CT, January 17, 2023 – The Connecticut Science Center has announced the election of six new trustees and thirteen re-elections to its Board.

Newly elected trustees are **Carmen Cid PhD**, Professor of Ecology and Dean of Arts and Sciences Emerita Biology, Eastern Connecticut State University; **Kate Deurloo**, Global Senior Manager, LEGO Group; **Michael Kalen**, CEO, Covr Financial Technologies; **Diane Kurtzman**, Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resource Officer, Travelers; **Maggie Libatique**, Chief Financial Officer, Daversa Partners; and **Karen Staib**, Partner, Shipman & Goodwin.

“These accomplished individuals will provide exceptional leadership and guidance to the Connecticut Science Center.” Said Matt Fleury, President, and CEO of the Connecticut Science Center, “With a large array of expertise, and shared commitment to the Science Center’s mission, they will join an outstanding Board of volunteer leaders who assure that the Science Center is a strong and vibrant pillar of Connecticut that inspires a knowledge-based society and the science- and technology-ready talent of the future.”



About Carmen R. Cid, PhD Dr. Cid, of Wethersfield, CT, works nationally with the Ecological Society of America as VP of Education and Human Resources to enhance undergraduate ecology education and increase the diversity of ecologists to meet the needs of today’s environmental professional workforce. Her research has focused on strategies to improve the career development of women and minorities in the sciences, as well as forest and wetland ecology educational initiatives.

Her research interests include improving career development success of women and minorities in science. Her work was recognized in 2020 with the Connecticut Science Center STEM Achievement Award.



About Kate Deurloo Global Senior Manager working in Shopper Marketing & Retail Activation for more than 13 years at The LEGO Group. Actively driving strategic insights based on Channel & Retail Trends, Macro & Commercial economic impact, as well as Shopping & Consumer behaviors, to influence product development and future commercial planning. Enabled innovation in the New Retail Platform Design, launched throughout LEGO Retail stores to deliver on Brand Experiences.

Kate and her husband, Rick, are strong supporters of the Connecticut Science Center.



About Michael Kalen As CEO of Covr Financial Technologies, Mike brings a unique set of skills to the Covr Tech team. Hartford-based Covr partners with financial services firms to provide life insurance solutions to their customers in an efficient, easy way that streamlines the process of selling and buying policies. Covr currently serves over 30,000 financial advisors and over 40 million customers across over 30 financial institutions. Mike, a West Hartford resident, and longtime Connecticut Science Center supporter has a breadth of experience in fintech, insurance, and venture capital investing.



About Diane Kurtzman Diane is Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer for Travelers. Before taking on that position in 2020, she was Senior Vice President leading the Human Resources Generalist and Talent Acquisition organizations.

Since joining Travelers in 1991, Diane has worked in senior Human Resources roles for just about every area of the company, including Legal, Government Relations, International, Bond & Specialty Insurance, Field Management, Travelers Institute, Investments, Administrative Services and Finance. Diane serves as a board member for the Travelers Foundation.

She lives on Long Island and holds a bachelor's degree in computer science from Brooklyn College.



About Maggie Libatique Maggie joined Daversa Partners in 2021 as its first Chief Financial Officer, overseeing accounting, finance, information technology, planning and treasury. Daversa Partners is a Westport-based specialty firm that builds the executive teams for growth stage and venture backed companies around the world. Maggie's children have been inspired by their frequent visits to the Connecticut Science Center.

Maggie received both Bachelor and Master of Science in Accounting from the University of Connecticut and Master of Business Administration from Post University. She's a licensed Certified Public Accountant, Notary Public, and Justice of the Peace in the State of Connecticut.



About Karen Staib Karen is a member of Shipman & Goodwin's Management Committee. She practices in the areas of complex business and commercial litigation. Karen regularly represents clients in state and federal courts, both at the trial and appellate levels.

Prior to joining the firm, Karen was a law clerk to the Honorable Flemming L. Norcott, Jr., of the Connecticut Supreme Court. She contributes actively to the community, serving recently as the chair of her alma mater, Miss Porter's School

Board.

Among the thirteen individuals re-elected to the Board are **Lizabeth Zlatkus**, current Chair of the Board; **James Fairweather PhD**, Chief Innovation Officer, Pitney Bowes; **Andrew Glassman**, Member, Pullman & Comley; **Andrew Mandell**, Co-Founder & President, Data Mail; **Marie O'Brien**, Chairman Emeritus, Bristol Hospital and Health Care Group; **Christopher Zell**, Senior Vice President, Bank of America Private Bank; **Jerry Fan**, Vice President, Burns & McDonnell; **Rhona Free**; President, University of Saint Joseph; **David Glidden**, President & CEO, Liberty Bank; **Geoff Hunt**, Senior Vice President, Engineering, Pratt & Whitney; **Martin John**, Senior Vice President, Head of FP&A, HSB; **Darcy O'Connor**, Director of Corporate Responsibility, Employee Engagement, Voya; and **Cynthia Vodopivec**, Vice President Environmental Health & Safety, Vistra Energy. 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.