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Erika Santiago Elected to Connecticut Science Center Board

Local leader joins esteemed leadership board.

Hartford, CT (July 2, 2025) The Connecticut Science Center is pleased to announce the election of Erika Santiago, Senior Director of Consumer Digital Products at United Healthcare- Core Solutions, to its Board of Trustees. With more than two decades of experience in the healthcare and digital innovation sectors, Erika brings a powerful combination of strategic insight, technological leadership, and community engagement to her new role.

“Erika exemplifies the kind of innovative, mission-driven leadership that fuels our work at the Connecticut Science Center,” said Matt Fleury, Connecticut Science Center President and CEO. “Her expertise at the intersection of technology, healthcare, and consumer engagement will be a tremendous asset to advancing our mission. Erika’s longstanding commitment to our organization and her passion for empowering families and young learners through STEM make her an inspiring and natural fit for our Board of Trustees.”



Erika Santiago has been in the Health Insurance industry in the Hartford area for the past 20+ years, most recently in her role as the Senior Director of Consumer Digital Products at United Healthcare. There she is responsible for helping members find lower cost, high quality and convenient care while removing surprise bills through the web and the mobile app. Recently, Erika led her international and domestic teams to deliver the Transparency in Coverage federal regulations around price transparency while also focused on ease of navigation and member satisfaction.

A long-time supporter of the Connecticut Science Center, Erika served on the Science Center’s Annual Gala Committee for eight years, including two as co-chair. Her passion for STEM education, environmental advocacy, and youth development aligns closely with the Science Center’s core values and mission.

In addition to her professional and volunteer leadership, Erika is a trustee for Solomon Schechter Jewish Day School in West Hartford. She was also featured as one of the “Top 100 Women Leaders in Connecticut” in the 2022 *Women We Admire* publication.

The Connecticut Science Center is thrilled to welcome Erika Santiago to the Board of Trustees and looks forward to the visionary leadership she will bring to advancing STEM education and engagement throughout Connecticut.

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About the Connecticut Science Center: Located in downtown Hartford, the LEED Gold-certified Connecticut Science Center ignites creativity and fosters a love for science through engaging, hands-on interactive experiences—all while maintaining a commitment to environmental sustainability. With more than 165 hands-on exhibits, the Science Center explores a wide range of topics, including space and earth sciences, biology, the Connecticut River watershed, alternative energy, physical sciences, Connecticut's inventors and innovations, and more.

Highlights include the state's year-round butterfly habitat, a dedicated children's gallery, five educational labs, a 200-seat 3D digital theater, a function room, and a gift store. The Science Center hosts events for all ages throughout the year.

As a nonprofit organization, the Connecticut Science Center is committed to enhancing science education across Connecticut and New England, providing enriching learning opportunities for students and adults alike.

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