WELCOME

From our Executive Director

In my first few months here at the Sciencenter, I have had the chance to hear the clatter of the exhibits and the excitement of children at play. I have also had the opportunity to hear from you—of your love of the institution, of your belief in its mission, and your hopes for the future. And what a bright future it is!

In the pages that follow, you’ll see the impact that the successful recent Capital Campaign, Curious. Confident. Inspired. has already had on the Sciencenter. In the Curiosity Corner, which was recently dedicated to my predecessor Charlie Trautmann, we added a Family Learning Area where families and their toddlers engage in hands-on science exploration. We increased our access programs to provide affordable admission for everyone. And we created the Kristen Galvin Teen STEM Lab where our Future Science Leaders research and produce innovative science activities for guests to experience.

This work—and much more—would not be possible without the efforts of my predecessor, our dedicated staff, trustees, sponsors, volunteers, members, and community supporters. Thank you for your gifts of time, talent, and financial support. We look to the future with confidence that the impact of the Sciencenter and our vision to empower every young person to use science in shaping a better future will continue to grow in Ithaca, throughout the country, and across the globe.

Dean Briere
Executive Director

From our Board Chair

It has been a tremendous year at the Sciencenter! We witnessed the successful conclusion of a multi-year Capital Campaign in which we raised $4.1 million dollars, exceeding our goal by 7%. Those funds are already at work supporting new exhibits and programs.

Additionally, we concluded an extensive national search and welcomed Dean Briere as the Sciencenter’s new executive director. Dean has 25 years of experience in science museums around the country and has served in all capacities of program, fundraising, executive and leadership levels, and has a breadth of perspective and an understanding of the museum field. Dean will bring leadership, creativity, and a wealth of experience to the Sciencenter’s programs, as well as a deep sense of commitment to the mission of the organization, and we’re delighted to have him guide the Sciencenter into its next, exciting chapter.

I am proud of all that the Sciencenter accomplished in the last year—none of which would have been possible without your commitment to this vibrant organization and its mission to engage, educate, and empower our community through science. Thank you for your continued and generous support.

Greg Galvin
Chair, Board of Trustees
Three initiatives to empower every young person to use science in shaping a better future:

LEARNING FAMILIES
The needs of children differ profoundly at each developmental stage, so we design our exhibits and programs carefully to maximize learning at each stage, and gain the support of the adults who can leverage our efforts. Weekly family workshops help spark interest in our young learners and provide parents with the tools and support systems to help them better engage with their children.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SCIENCE
The Sciencenter is fostering a new generation of youth empowered to address the global challenges of our times. Through targeted, age-appropriate programs and exhibits, the Sciencenter inspires and supports children in pursuing healthier, better lives and in making better decisions for their futures, ranging from personal choices about health and education to global choices on food, water, and energy.

1 EARLY EXPLORERS
Curiosity
Creativity

2 YOUNG SCIENTISTS
+ Confidence
+ Collaboration

3 FUTURE SCIENCE LEADERS
+ Critical Thinking
+ Communication
+ Leadership & Responsibility
EARLY EXPLORERS
AGES 0–5
We created an outdoor Curiosity Playground, a Family Learning Area, and enhanced the Head Start teacher professional development program.

YOUNG SCIENTISTS
AGES 5–11
We opened the New York Natives animal room and Brooks Family Foundation Ocean Education Gallery. Outdoors, we added Sciencenter Mini-Golf, sponsored by Cargill, and updated the Science Playground.

FUTURE SCIENCE LEADERS
AGES 11–14
We created the Kristen Galvin Teen STEM Lab where our Future Science Leaders can research, explore, and create.

ACCESS PROGRAMS
We expanded access for all through programs such as Sensory Hours, Museums for All, and our Membership Access Program. We also extended free field trips to second graders in Cayuga County.

And there’s still more to come. Over the next several years, you will see numerous changes to the Sciencenter including new exhibit galleries on health and wellness and sustainability, new exhibits that focus on sensory learning, motor skills, and discovery, and continued programs like Science Together for toddlers and preschoolers.

Far more than a number, the funds raised from the Campaign mean generations of children in the region will grow to be confident and inspired learners who use science in shaping a better future for themselves, their families, their communities, and the world.

THANK YOU!
On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff of the Sciencenter, we want to thank each and every one of the donors to the Curious. Confident. Inspired. Campaign. We are incredibly grateful to those who helped to make this Campaign a success.

A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN
The Curious. Confident. Inspired. Campaign officially concluded in February of 2017. 286 individuals, foundations, and businesses contributed towards the Campaign, together raising $4.1M — 7% over the $3.8M goal! Below are some of the projects and programs that have already been made possible by the Campaign.

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accept our apologies & let us know.
This initiative supports the curiosity and creativity of early learners ages 0–5, through programming, parent workshops, preschool science curriculum, and research.

Early Education Programming
The Early Explorers programs help children reach their potential by developing good learning habits early in life. We engage and educate parents and other caregivers through weekly parent-child workshops; we host an Itty Bitty Scientist camp session for children entering Kindergarten to grade 1; and we provide workshops and professional development for families and teachers of Head Start.

Parent-Child Workshops
In the new Family Learning Area located inside of the Curiosity Corner, we offer Science Together programs for parents and caregivers and their young children. Our educators shared science skills and hands-on activities with 682 adults and 743 children at these recurring programs in 2016. Activities included working with tools to excavate ice, using tubes and balls to build roller coasters, and more. Such activities empower parents to work with their children as young scientists by making observations using their senses, making predictions, categorizing, and experimenting.

Family Engagement Workshops
The Sciencenter leads family engagement workshops for Head Start and Early Head Start families. These workshops are held once each month in the community and once each month at the Sciencenter. In 2016, 714 children and their caregivers participated in hands-on workshops focused on developing science process skills. Activities include building towers, rolling different kinds of balls dipped in paint to observe patterns, and using straws to blow different materials.
TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Tompkins Community Action (Head Start and Early Head Start)
Sciencenter staff delivers monthly professional development workshops for every Head Start and Early Head Start teacher in Tompkins County. We share research on how children learn, and we share lessons, tools, and materials so teachers can engage young children in science learning.

Collaborative for Early Science Learning (CESL)
The Sciencenter developed and leads the national Collaborative for Early Science Learning (CESL). This collaborative is made possible by a National Leadership grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The goal of this partnership between six museums across the country is to develop a series of tools for the museum field that will fill a critical gap in Head Start teacher science training.

To meet this goal, we bring together museums working on professional development for Head Start teachers to learn what works best, and then share these best practices throughout the museum field. To date, the Sciencenter and our partners have presented at six regional and national Head Start conferences reaching over 450 Head Start teachers and managers. We’ve also hosted six webinars for museum professionals on how to partner with Head Start, on ways to provide professional development in science for early childhood teachers, and on ways to effectively engage families.

Downtown Ithaca Children’s Center (DICC)
Each month, a Sciencenter educator leads professional development workshops for the preschool teachers at DICC. We share research and examples of hands-on activities so teachers can engage their young students in science learning.

CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHT:
CURIOUSITY PLAYGROUND
Infants, toddlers, and preschoolers can crawl, climb, and explore while honing fine and gross motor skills, and use the scientific process such as making observations, predictions, and asking questions.
YOUNG SCIENTISTS

To build confidence and bolster the collaborative spirit of children ages 5–11, this initiative emphasizes open-ended exhibit experiences and reimagined educational programs and activities.

2016–2017 Exhibitions

Discovery Space
The Discovery Space offers families a quiet place to explore the exciting world of science through activity kits and games. Guests investigate a wide variety of science topics including magnets, fossils, and electricity. 14,664 guests participated in activities in the Discovery Space in 2016.

Science Playground
Kids enjoy science outside with hands-on exhibits that let them climb and hang, make music, investigate bubbles, and bounce on the world’s ONLY Kevlar suspension bridge.

National Collaborative On-site Programs
665 guests participated in special 2-hour NanoDays and Building with Biology presentations this year. These events are part of the Sciencenter’s National Collaborative Programs. We celebrated NanoDays with unique hands-on activities about nanotechnology, the smallest BIG idea in science. Building with Biology provided guests with hands-on experiences and discussion about the future of biological engineering.

Showtime! and Interactive Presentations
More than 2,100 guests experienced science in action through weekly interactive amphitheater programs on topics such as energy, robotics, physics, tornadoes, chemistry, light, liquid nitrogen, and insects and reptiles, to name just a few.

Field Trip Programs
Our interactive educational programs cover an array of topics such as air, light and sound waves, simple machines, magnets, and matter, each including both a collaborative component and an open-ended challenge. 2,119 students participated in educational programs during field trips in 2016.

Sponsored Field Trips
This past school year, 977 students from Cayuga, Cortland, and Tompkins Counties participated in field trips to the Sciencenter. Children on these field trips learned about renewable energy and participated in an engineering challenge to build their own windmills. Students also learned about our watershed and had a chance to interact with live animals in our Tidepool Touch Tank. Tompkins County Field trips are supported by Kids Discover the Trail!

Summer Camp
Sciencenter Summer Camp welcomed over 200 campers to our one- and two-week sessions during 2016. Campers explored space, learned about life on earth, and solved engineering challenges.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Afterschool Enrichment
The Sciencenter provided hands-on science activities after school to 104 students at local elementary schools.

Starlab Outreach
Using Starlab, our portable planetarium, we provided programs for 380 children at Belle Sherman, Berkshire Free Library, Cayuga Heights, and Trumansburg Elementary Schools.
In 2016, FSL participants led more than 1,350 museum guests in hands-on activities.

**Mentoring**
Serving as Counselors-in-Training (CIT), FSL participants mentored our summer science campers, presented hands-on Tidepool Touch Tank programs for campers, and led hands-on activities with guests.

**Citizen Science**
Trained by local experts from the Community Science Institute and the Finger Lakes Institute, FSL participants brought Sciencenter guests to nearby Cascadilla Creek to collect data on water chemistry and life in the creek. Back at the Sciencenter, they helped guests use microscopes to identify the organisms they had discovered. They then communicated the findings from their research to Sciencenter guests at a fall Showtime! presentation.

**New Media**
FSL participants filmed their progress on exhibit development and created stop-motion videos showing hands-on activities linked to research. They also produced newsletters and videos to share the highlights of summer camp with families and to document their work.

**Exhibits**
FSL members developed and prototyped science content and golf challenges for the Sciencenter Mini-Golf course. They also developed hands-on activities to supplement our featured exhibitions.

**Empowerment Through Science: High School**
Last year, 24 high school students led educational science activities through programs and events, such as our weekly Chemsations! amphitheater show, which reached 475 museum guests. These shows give students the opportunity to hone their communication skills, develop and share hands-on activities, and be the “expert” in something they are passionate about.

**FUTURE SCIENCE LEADERS**
The Future Science Leaders (FSL) program for middle school children focuses on leadership, communication, and critical thinking. Participants in the program learn science content that they communicate with Sciencenter guests through four different strands:

- Mentoring: guiding younger children in science exploration
- Citizen Science: leading guests in scientific experiments and exploration
- New Media: using technology to connect others with science
- Exhibits: learning the tools and trade of exhibit building
ENSURING ACCESS FOR ALL

These programs allow members of our community, regardless of financial means, ability, or location, to engage with science in meaningful ways.

Membership Access Program (MAP)
This program ensures that all children living in Tompkins and surrounding counties, regardless of financial means, can visit us as often as they’d like without cost as a barrier. The Sciencenter provides free Explorer level memberships to families with children who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch at school. Currently 420 families participate, which accounts for 15% of Sciencenter memberships. Gifts to the Sciencenter Annual Fund make this program possible.

Museums for All
Museums for All offers $1 admission per person for families who have an EBT card. In 2016, 1,817 people used this program to visit the Sciencenter. Gifts made to the Sciencenter Annual Fund make this program possible.

Sensory Hours
The Sciencenter is open for special Sensory Hours in the spring and in the fall for families with children with sensory processing disorder or who are diagnosed on the autism spectrum. Parents and children can make connections with other families and engage in interactive learning in an inviting and accepting environment.

Spooky Science
At this annual free community event, 979 guests in costume explored tricked-out exhibits and experienced a full line-up of special presentations, demonstrations, and activities delivered by 79 volunteers.

Free Sundays
On our Free Sundays in 2016, the Sciencenter opened its doors to all at no charge and welcomed 1,031 guests.

Agency Pass Program
In partnership with local health and human service agencies, the Sciencenter opens its doors at no cost to local families in need. We welcomed 1,683 clients of these agencies in 2016. The Agency Pass program is supported by the Sciencenter’s Corporate Membership Program.

Family Science Nights
We engage entire communities in hands-on science evenings at local elementary schools, with physics and astronomy as primary themes in 2016–2017. In 2016, 45 volunteers helped lead activities, and 761 students and parents participated in the Sciencenter’s free Family Science Nights at Cortland, Dryden, and Enfield Elementary Schools.
IMPACT AT THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS

Our collaborations and partnerships with other organizations on both the local and national level allow us to expand our reach, enrich the experiences of our guests, and empower children and families to use science in shaping a better future.

Living Laboratory
Cornell researchers use the Sciencenter as a Living Lab to study early learning. The Living Lab provides researchers with the opportunity to learn how children understand and engage with the world, while also providing parents the chance to learn about current studies in child development, and strategies to encourage skill development in children.

Naturalist Outreach Group
Our educators present a class to students in Cornell University’s Naturalist Outreach Program on engaging audiences through hands-on activities in an informal setting. Class members then present Saturday Showtime! programs in our amphitheater. Last year, 175 Sciencenter guests learned about spiders, aquatic animals, and other topics.

Community Science Institute and the Finger Lakes Institute
Scientists from the Community Science Institute and the Finger Lakes Institute mentor Future Science Leader participants about conducting scientific research. Future Science Leaders work with scientists to collect and analyze data on water chemistry and insect life in Cascadilla Creek.

National Collaborative for Early Science Learning
The Sciencenter is leading a national collaboration to share best practices in professional development for Head Start teachers. As part of this collaborative, we are working with museums nationally, from California to Florida, and with local Head Start and Early Head Start teachers in Tompkins County, to share professional development models and science-based activities for Head Start classrooms.

Leading Nanotechnology Learning and Building with Biology
As one of the leading organizations for the National Informal STEM Education Network (NISE Net), the Sciencenter directs the development of NISE Net educational products, leads the annual national NanoDays, Building with Biology, and other events, and coordinates a network of museum partners in the northeastern U.S. Using educational science activities developed by the Sciencenter, over 500,000 guests in 250 U.S. museums experience applications of current science in everyday life.

Touring Exhibitions in North America
The Sciencenter reaches over 1 million museum guests each year through its international traveling exhibitions program. Exhibition topics range from ocean conservation to nano technology to how toys work, and more. In 2016, the Sciencenter toured 11 exhibitions, 7 of which were developed or co-developed by the Sciencenter with support from the National Science Foundation and other sponsors.
105,316 TOTAL ATTENDANCE

- 46,003 visits by MEMBERS
- 40,700 visits by PAYING GUESTS
- 15,455 FREE VISITS through ACCESS PROGRAMS
- 3,158 visits using COUPONS

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1,093 guests attended PROGRAMS IN THE COMMUNITY

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12 LIQUID NITROGEN SHOWS

That's equivalent to greenhouse gas emissions from:
# OF SUMMER CAMPERS WHO:
solved a mystery 48
explored Mars 48
dissected a squid 21
"scrambled" (broke) their eggs in the egg drop challenge 43
protected their eggs in the egg drop challenge 5

10 LOAVES OF CHALLAH BREAD
baked by staff member Bethany and eaten by staff

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979 PEOPLE transformed from SNAKE FEARING TO SNAKE LOVING thanks to volunteer Barbara Thorp

LOUDEST SCREAM in the Scream Chamber
113 db

585 GUESTS experienced the “coolest” science at our LIQUID NITROGEN SHOWS

90 STORM DRAINS labeled by Future Science Leaders

117 QUESTIONS answered by Colin in the Animal Room

1 PAPER WIND TURBINES built by kids at Kids Discover the Trail! field trips to the Sciencenter

In 2016, Sciencenter EXHIBITIONS traveled to 17 STATES and 1 CANADIAN PROVINCE

14 institutions around the U.S.
6 museums around the U.S.
325 TEACHERS 25 locally and 300 nationally
300 PARTNERS across the country

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– Marc J.
THANK YOU

Twenty-seven years ago, I saw the announcement for the position of executive director of the Sciencenter. As an engineering researcher at Cornell who was keenly interested in connecting children in the community with the amazing science and engineering going on at the university, it was the opportunity of a lifetime. Over the years, by working together, we have created a remarkable center that enhances our quality of life and contributes to the renaissance of Ithaca and Tompkins County.

I am so grateful for having had the opportunity to take part in this remarkable process of creating a museum, growing its exhibits and educational programs, and sharing our experiences with other communities throughout the world.

And so, as I hand over the reins to my good friend and colleague Dean Briere, I thank each of you, whether you are a volunteer, trustee, advisor, staff member, donor, member, or guest of the museum, for your part in creating the story of the Sciencenter. We have much to be pleased about, and I look forward to seeing the next exciting direction that the Sciencenter takes in empowering every young person to use science in shaping a better future.

Charlie

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Compound Eye Challenge
Can you solve a puzzle using the eyes of a monarch butterfly?

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THE CATALYST SOCIETY
Honoring individuals who invest in the future of the Sciencenter by including a gift to the Sciencenter’s endowment in their living philanthropy or estate plans.

Gift planning options that will help our endowment grow:
- Outright bequests in a will or living trust
- Gifts of appreciated securities
- Life income gifts (charitable remainder trusts or pooled income funds)
- Charitable gifts from IRAs and other pension plan assets
- Gifts of life insurance
- Real estate and certain other types of property

The Sciencenter extends its deepest appreciation to our Catalyst Society Members:

Jane Bassett
William Bassett
Hans Bethe*
Rose Bethe
Jeb Brooks
Jean Cottrell
Walt Cottrell
Robert Cowie
Vanne Cowie
Nancy Downes
Paul Downes
Brad Grainger
Mary Grainger
Jean Hadfield*
Richard Hutcheson*
Keith Kennedy*
Dr.* & Mrs. Fred H. Kulhawy
Debbie Levin
Gil Levine
Ilma Levine
John Morton*
Ruth Morton
Janie Rempel
Carrie Shearer
Sue Spitz*
Edmund Sutton
Bruce Thompson
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Carol Travis
Mack Travis
Cherie Wendelken
Barbara Yale*
Cathy Zumoff
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TRIBUTE GIFTS
In honor of Bethany Resnick,
Alan & Debra Ledet
In honor of James Winiarski,
Alan & Debra Ledet
In honor of Lydia Dolch,
Doug & Megan Turnbull
In honor of Martha Taylor,
Susan Robinson & Martha Fischer
In honor of Richard Kiely,
Carolyn McPherson
In honor of Brad & Mary Grainger,
Jack & Amy Little

SUPPORT NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE:
SUE SPITZ
Last year we lost a long-time friend, volunteer, and dedicated supporter, Suzanne (Sue) Spitz. Sue was a founding member of the Sciencenter’s Catalyst Society and the Sciencenter’s first board secretary. In fact, Sue’s house was the official Sciencenter address for nearly a decade.

During her 33 years volunteering for the Sciencenter, Sue was essentially another staff person, giving her time and energy each week to help with mailings and events. Beyond the day-to-day work, Sue showed her dedication to the Sciencenter not only in the reliability of her volunteerism, but also in her kind heart, often making homemade baby gifts or cooking gourmet meals for staff members and other Sciencenter volunteers.

Sue’s dedication to education was a lifelong pursuit. Her work with the Sciencenter was just one of the many ways in which she helped inspire generations of children. She was a volunteer for several educational institutions in Ithaca, as well as an elementary school educator for a number of years.

In addition to making a planned gift to the Sciencenter, Sue also made annual contributions to provide immediate support for the projects that were most important to her.

Sue was inspired to make a planned gift to the Sciencenter because it was her hope that the Sciencenter would continue to grow and become a central part of our community. Because of Sue’s dedication to education and science, she established the “Suzanne Spitz Science Education Fund” through a significant bequest to the Sciencenter’s endowment.

We are honored to have known Sue and greatly appreciate the many ways that she contributed to the Sciencenter over the years, and through her bequest, her impact will be felt forever. We look forward to inspiring generations of children in ways that were important to Sue.
The Sciencenter places highest priority on sound fiscal management to ensure that every dollar is put to the best possible use in helping us fulfill our mission of inspiring excitement for science in children through interactive exhibits and programs that engage, educate, and empower.

2016 Operating Revenue: $2,912,764

2016 Expenses: $2,581,497
THE SCIENCENTER ENDOWMENT

The Sciencenter Endowment is a set of funds that we invest long term to generate income to support the museum and its core programs. The contributed amount, or principal, remains invested in perpetuity, and a portion of the income generated each year supports the Sciencenter.

Income from the endowment helps keep Sciencenter admission prices low and allows us to create innovative exhibits and programs each year. During 2016, the endowment funded field trips for 2nd grade classes in Tompkins County, funded care taking of, and education about, animals in the Saltonstall Animal Room, and supported educational programs and activities in the Brooks Family Foundation Ocean Education Gallery.

ENDOWMENT VALUE

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* Reflects total contributions to date plus income earned, less payout of 4.5% to fund designated purpose.

Balance as of 01/01/16          3,300,517
Contributions in 2016           74,576
Growth in Market Value          279,567
Distribution to Sciencenter     141,000

Balance as of 12/31/16          3,513,661