

Your portal to the world



ST. LOUIS' **portal** TO THE WORLD

“The Science Center provides a great opportunity to excite people about science and the impact science and technology have on our daily lives.”

Dan Getman, Vice President, Global Research and Development
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■ The Age of Innovation is upon us. Across our region and around the world, science and technology have become an integral part of our everyday lives, providing previously unimagined advancements and opportunities in medicine, biotechnology, agriculture, aerospace, information technology, education and many other areas. Discoveries seem endless, and their potential benefits offer exciting possibilities for longer, healthier, more productive lives for all of us.

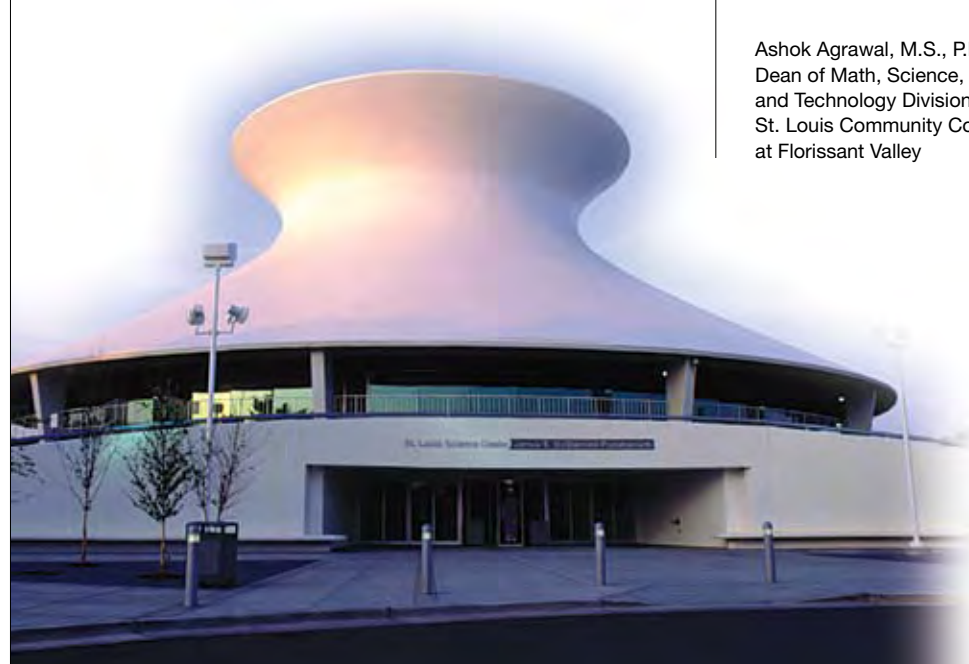
In such a rapidly changing, challenging and interconnected world, a fundamental knowledge of science and technology is essential to our individual and collective ability to compete and succeed. The Saint Louis Science Center provides a portal to this world of discovery and imagination. We are the focal point for science in the community, an interpretive center that reaches out across the planet to bring innovations in science and technology and their meaning back to our community and its citizens.

From the top of Mount Everest to the ancient tombs of the pharaohs and from the heights of outer space to the innermost workings of the human body, the Saint Louis Science Center introduces us to the possibilities, connects us to the opportunities and prepares us for the future.

Internationally acclaimed, the Saint Louis Science Center helps build a science-enriched St. Louis community and lays the groundwork for securing our place in the world of tomorrow.

“The Science Center is connected to everything going on with science and technology in the community. They provide leadership where it’s needed, they partner whenever possible and they support a wide range of initiatives that showcase what local companies are doing, what local colleges and universities have to offer, and what it means for all of us and how the society benefits from these activities.”

Ashok Agrawal, M.S., P.E.
Dean of Math, Science, Engineering,
and Technology Division
St. Louis Community College
at Florissant Valley





THE **view** FROM HERE

“We are in remarkable times in terms of medicine and biotechnology. No one could have predicted most of the things we now do on a daily basis. The Science Center helps everyone in the community understand how exciting this is.”

Larry Shapiro, M.D.
Dean, Washington University School of Medicine
Member of the Saint Louis Science Center Board of Trustees



Left: Arnold W. Donald, Chairman, Board of Commissioners
Right: Douglas R. King, President and Chief Executive Officer

In Appreciation of Community Support

In 2007, the Saint Louis Science Center was honored by Forbes Traveler as one of the nation's top 25 most visited museums. We are understandably proud of this accomplishment, as it underscores our success in *stimulating interest in and understanding of science and technology throughout our community*. As our region competes in the global marketplace, the need for scientific education and exploration has never been greater.

In the past year, that quest has taken Science Center staff and volunteers to the slopes of Mount Everest as part of a medical study to learn how the body reacts to low oxygen levels. It has inspired us to enlist scientists across the globe to investigate the origins of our "Child Mummy," a search that also led to the development of new exhibits and the showing of an award-winning OMNIMAX® film on mummies. Our international reputation for excellent presentation and supplementary programming, as well as strong community support, attracted world class exhibitions to St. Louis, including the groundbreaking *BODY WORLDS 3: The Anatomical Exhibition of Real Human Bodies* and *Genome: The Secret of How Life Works*.

In 2007, we realized the full benefits of the recent *Transform Tomorrow* campaign. The Emerson Lobby teems with activity as thousands of visitors of all ages marvel at the kinetic energy of the Energizer® Machine, fulfilling the vision of Carol B. and Jerome T. Loeb. Improvements to the Anheuser-Busch OMNIMAX® Theater, the James S. McDonnell Planetarium, the Ecology and Environment Gallery and the Discovery

Room enhance visitors' experiences, as has our new DNA Zone genetics and biotechnology gallery. The state-of-the-art Taylor Community Science Resource Center at the southwest corner of Kingshighway and Manchester is daily connecting students and teachers with science and technology and facilitating the development of a highly skilled workforce that will sustain the region's competitive edge and economic future throughout the 21st century.

Our efforts in St. Louis and around the planet are made possible through the support of taxpayers through the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District, as well as through revenue generated by museum operations. An important and greatly appreciated source of financial support of educational programs, such as summer camps, Flight Academy, FIRST® Robotics and the Youth Exploring Science program, comes from the generosity of our members and donors. In 2007, the Science Center received more than \$3 million in donations, grants and proceeds from events. This has been our most successful fundraising year ever!

We are grateful for your continued partnership and support as the Science Center serves as a portal to the world around us.

With appreciation,

Arnold W. Donald
Chairman, Board
of Commissioners

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Learning From Our Past

A 2,000-year-old Child Mummy is one of the newest and most popular exhibits at the Saint Louis Science Center. Al Wiman, the Science Center's Vice President of the Public Understanding of Science, recognized the mummy's unique educational value. This led to a year-long, worldwide effort to discover more about the mummy's origins.

"Our research may well have been the most extensive work ever done on a child mummy," said Charles Hildebolt, DDS, PhD, a Washington University scientist who led the research team. The team included specialists from Washington University's School of Medicine and Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, Florida State University, University of California-Irvine, American University in Cairo, Egypt and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

State-of-the-art CT scans, DNA analysis and radio carbon dating confirmed that the child lived between 40 BC and 130 AD, approximately at the time of Cleopatra.

Today, the Child Mummy occupies a prominent place in a permanent exhibit at the Science Center, where thousands of visitors can see this remarkable piece of human history.





SCIENCE **beyond** THE BOUNDARIES

“My trek to Everest Base Camp was the most powerful thing I have ever done. Everyone believed in our role in this important medical study, that could one day save lives in emergency rooms and intensive care units around the world. It helped us all put one foot in front of the other on the most difficult days.”

Cheri Fromm, Member, Albert Einstein Society
and Participant, Mount Everest Expedition



The Saint Louis Science Center's position at the forefront of science leadership and education took it around the world and back again in 2007.

In conjunction with the filming of a new OMNIMAX® film, *Return to Everest*, Science Center President Doug King and loyal donors Cheri Fromm, Cindy Peters, Ellie Peters Berquist and Amanda Peters joined an expedition to Mount Everest. The group participated in a study of hypoxia to learn how the body reacts to low oxygen levels. To share the experience and related educational materials, we created Science Beyond the Boundaries, a network of more than 50 science museums in North America. Through this network, science museums collaborate on educational programming and other initiatives.

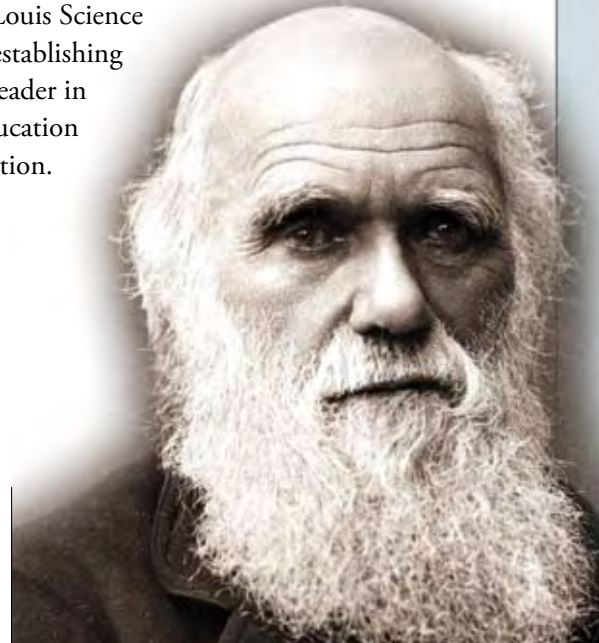
Reaching beyond traditional boundaries resulted in the Science Center's designation as the only North American science center partner of the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH) chosen to develop a major international exhibit on climate change. The AMNH also chose us to host its highly acclaimed exhibit on Darwin in celebration of his 200th birthday.

The Science Center's growing international reputation led to an invitation from the Cheltenham (England)

Science Festival to be their first international site. We will present the 2008 International Cheltenham Science Festival in St. Louis—the world's most prestigious celebration of science, engineering and the arts. The Science Center also serves as the X PRIZE Foundation's official education partner and the coordinator of an international network of museums and science centers involved in the X PRIZE, the Google Lunar X PRIZE, the Archon Genomics X PRIZE and other innovative programs.

Wherever science is scaling new heights, wherever exploration and collaboration are leading to discovery and advancement, the Saint Louis Science Center is establishing itself as a leader in science education and exhibition.

Charles Darwin



Challenger Learning Center

In partnership with the Ferguson-Florissant School District and the Cooperating School Districts of Greater St. Louis, the Saint Louis Science Center presents the educational opportunities provided by the Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis. The Center offers hands-on space science experiences for students in grades 5-8. More than 5,000 area students and their teachers flew simulated space missions in 2007, experiencing the thrill of space flight while learning the science behind modern space exploration and the exciting careers that lie ahead for them.



UNRAVELING THE

mysteries

OF LIFE

“The Science Center plays an important support role in the St. Louis area’s burgeoning research and development environment in plant and life sciences by helping to explain the benefits of the new knowledge we are discovering and inspiring our next generation of scientists.”

Roger N. Beachy, Ph.D., President and Director
Donald Danforth Plant Science Center
Member of the Saint Louis Science Center Board of Trustees



Promoting Life Sciences

The St. Louis area is rapidly becoming a world-class center for life science, biotechnology, plant and life sciences, agribusiness and medicine. The Science Center partners with local and national corporations in each of these areas to provide opportunities for visitors, students, educators and others to learn about the exciting progress being made in these modern scientific fields.

Through dramatic and awe-inspiring exhibits, the Science Center is also helping to raise awareness of the potential advancements on the horizon and to encourage greater interest in life sciences careers.

BODY WORLDS 3

In October 2007, the Saint Louis Science Center unveiled *BODY WORLDS 3: The Anatomical Exhibition of Real Human Bodies* an internationally acclaimed exhibition by Dr. Gunther von Hagens. Featuring real human bodies preserved through a groundbreaking Plastination procedure, the exhibition provides a fascinating look at how

various systems in the body are broken down and how they work in unison. *BODY WORLDS 3* and activities presented in conjunction with educational partner BJC Healthcare drew record crowds of all ages, many of whom reported that they planned to make lifestyle changes in diet, alcohol consumption, tobacco use and exercise habits as a result.

The Human Genome

In conjunction with *BODY WORLDS 3*, the Science Center hosted *Genome: The Secret of How Life Works*. The 5,000-square-foot, multi-media exhibition was made possible by Pfizer and uses 3-D reproductions, virtual reality, hands-on activities, video and other interactives to explore the nature, history of discovery and future impact of human genetics.

BODY WORLDS 3: The Anatomical Exhibition of Real Human Bodies

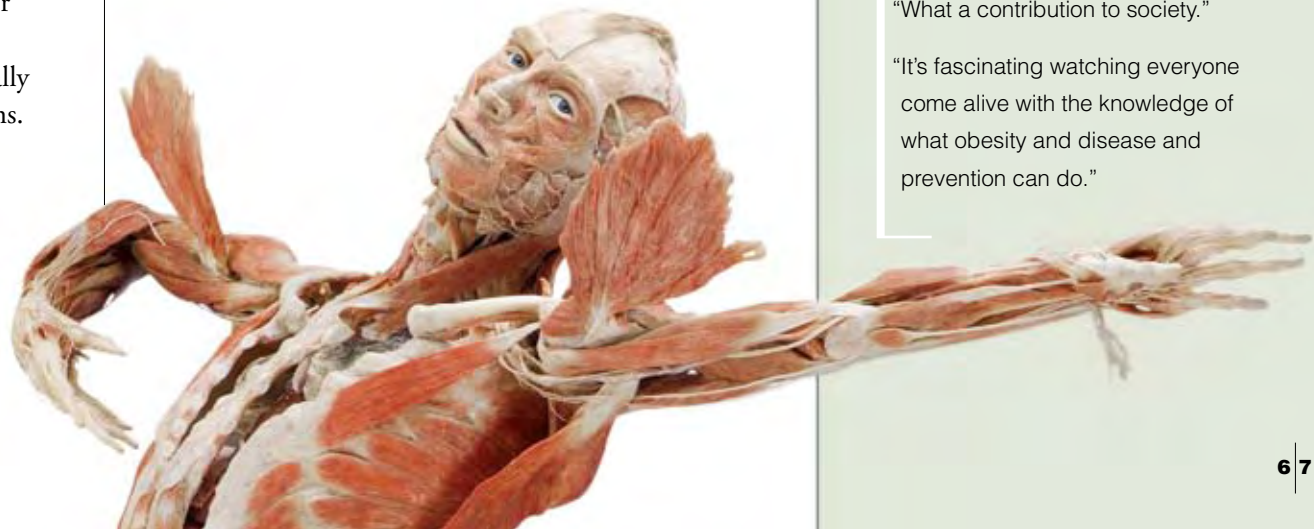
More than 335,000 visitors experienced Gunther von Hagens' *BODY WORLDS 3* exhibition at the Saint Louis Science Center. Here are a few visitor comments about the anatomical exhibition of 200 authentic human specimens:

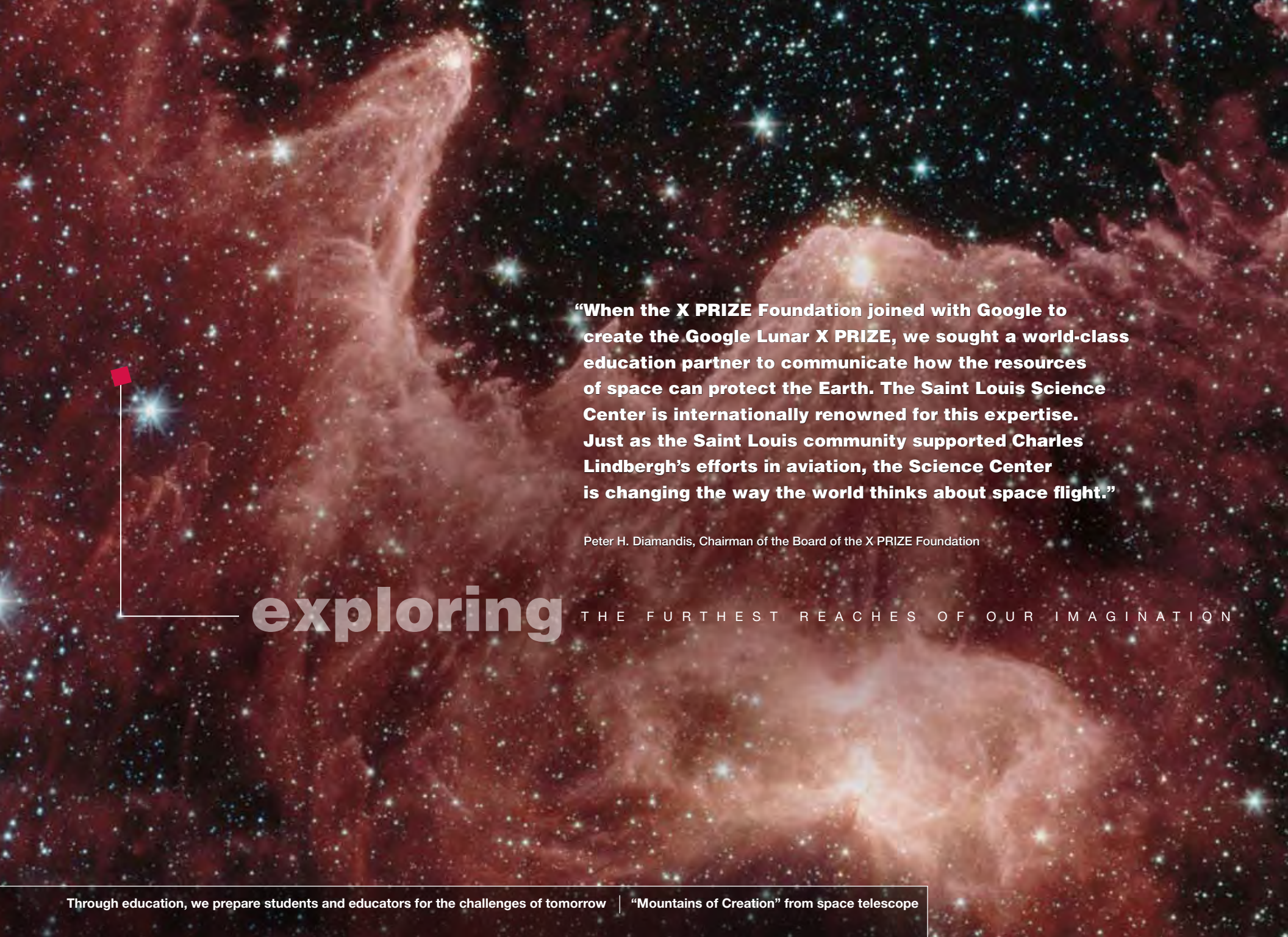
"You go in with one feeling, but you come out thinking about yourself, your health."

"You can see exactly how all the pieces fit together."

"What a contribution to society."

"It's fascinating watching everyone come alive with the knowledge of what obesity and disease and prevention can do."





“When the X PRIZE Foundation joined with Google to create the Google Lunar X PRIZE, we sought a world-class education partner to communicate how the resources of space can protect the Earth. The Saint Louis Science Center is internationally renowned for this expertise. Just as the Saint Louis community supported Charles Lindbergh’s efforts in aviation, the Science Center is changing the way the world thinks about space flight.”

Peter H. Diamandis, Chairman of the Board of the X PRIZE Foundation

exploring THE FURTHEST REACHES OF OUR IMAGINATION



Mr. Jack Taylor and YES teens



Open Every Mind to Science

Education is the heart of the Science Center's mission. We develop exemplary exhibits and educational programs that promote interactive learning for youth and professional development opportunities for teachers. These resources enhance the understanding of science and technology for the 1.2 million visitors we serve annually.

Youth Exploring Science (YES)

The YES program promotes science as interesting, relevant and worthy of pursuit. The program provides 150 high school youth with multiple risk-factors opportunities to attain academic, professional and real-world skills that lead to self-confidence and personal success. Teens work with partnering community organizations to facilitate science events and activities. They participate in professional development workshops that teach fundamental workplace skills, such as managing diversity and interpersonal communication. The YES program has received international acknowledgement for its achievements in positively impacting the lives and futures of young people. In 2007, nearly all of our YES program graduates were enrolled in college and prepared to learn.

Searching for Yesterday's Secrets

The Science Center encourages a search for knowledge that extends far beyond St. Louis. In summer 2007, area students and teachers joined Science Center staff on treks to experience life as a paleontologist. The Paleotrek and Teachertrek programs took students and teachers to the fossil-rich Badlands of eastern Montana, where the first T-Rex was found. They excavated 65 million-year-old fossils and experienced the thrill of discovering evidence of life from long ago.

Engineers of the Future

For the sixth year, the Science Center sponsored FIRST® (For Inspiration of Science and Technology) Robotics, an engineering competition at the Family Arena in St. Charles. Competitors from 29 area high schools designed and built robots to carry out a specific function, a process requiring ingenuity, dedication and teamwork. Studies show that participants are three times more likely to major in engineering and twice as likely to pursue a science or technology career.



The Taylor Community Science Resource Center

Science Center staff always dreamed of having a place where science education could become a fun, hands-on experience. That dream became reality when Enterprise Rent-A-Car founder Jack Taylor made a generous gift to establish the Taylor Community Science Resource Center. In 2007, Mr. Taylor made another significant gift to support educational programs.

Located in a leased 69,000 square-foot facility in the nearby Forest Park Southeast neighborhood, the Taylor Center bustles with excitement each day. School groups, neighborhood children, YES program students and teachers frequent the center, working with Science Center education staff to learn, experiment and develop a love for science and technology.

The Science Center is the only science museum in the U.S. with a separate facility devoted to science education. That distinction has earned it national acclaim and helped attract several significant national grants that will further the work being done there.



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From left to right: Douglas King,
 Donna Wilkinson and Jim Berges

**Celebration of Science
 Gala and Extravaganza**

In conjunction with the premieres
 of *BODY WORLDS 3* and the
Genome exhibition, the Science
 Center hosted the *Celebration of
 Science Gala and Extravaganza*,
 held on October 19, 2007, at the
 Science Center's main building.

Sponsored by Emerson and 21 other
 sponsors and patrons, this successful
 event drew more than 1,000 guests and
 helped raise more than \$700,000 for
 the institution's education and outreach
 programs. The highlights of the evening
 included exclusive tours of *BODY
 WORLDS 3: The Anatomical Exhibition
 of Real Human Bodies* and *Genome:
 The Secret of How Life Works*. Donna
 Wilkinson and Jim Berges served as
 co-chairs of the gala.





“The staff is creative and open to new ideas. They’re always thinking about exciting ways to bring science education to children and the whole community.”

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Loeb Prize Recognizes Outstanding Educators

When Carol Loeb, member of the Saint Louis Science Center Board of Trustees, talks about the importance of teaching math and science to younger generations, she speaks from experience. A math teacher for 46 years, Carol recognizes the need for teachers to engage and challenge students in creative ways that feed into the natural curiosity.

That is why in 2001, Carol and her late husband, Jerry (former Saint Louis Science Center Board of Commissioners Chairman), endowed the Carol B. and Jerome T. Loeb Prize for Excellence in Teaching Science & Mathematics. The Loeb Prize annually recognizes local middle and secondary school teachers who exhibit exemplary skills and commitment to the teaching of science and mathematics. "This is our way to honor those who give so much of themselves every day," she explained.

Since its inception, the Loeb Prize has been awarded to 55 local teachers, many of whom remain actively involved with the Science Center's programs. "We have a community of appreciative teachers who continue to give back," Carol said. "As leaders, these exceptional educators serve as role models and mentors in their own schools and local districts." Equally important, she added, "The experience, recognition and professional growth gained during the Loeb Prize process reinvigorate and revitalize the teachers, who then have an even greater impact on their students!"

Carol Valenta, Science Center senior vice president, agrees. "The Loeb Prize is a central component of our institution's mission to promote the importance of science and technology and excite younger generations about the application of science in their daily lives," she said. "These teachers are inspiring their students in fields that are critical to our future success in a global society."

Five St. Louis area teachers were recognized as winners of the 2007 Loeb Prize. They include:

- **Sandy Burkhard-Canellas:** Chemistry, AP Biology; Ladue Horton Watkins High School; Ladue School District
- **Cathy Farrar:** Ecology & Physics, Grades 10-12; Normandy Senior High School; Normandy School District
- **Suzanne Fillion:** Mathematics; Webster Groves High School; Webster Groves School District
- **Julie LaConte:** Science Grade 6; Hoech Middle School; Ritenour School District
- **Julie Sutfin:** Conceptual and Advanced Physics; Nerinx Hall High School; Archdiocese of St. Louis

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The Science Center's highest honor for volunteer leadership has only been bestowed four times. John McDonnell, Bill Orthwein, Des Lee, and Lou Fernandez have been honored for their roles in shaping the institution over its first 20 years. This year, a fifth person joined them as the Board of Commissioners honors Jerry Ritter for more than a decade of service to the institution.

Mr. Ritter joined the Board of Commissioners in 1993 and chaired its Finance Committee. He helped create the strategic plan in 1996 that led to the Science Center's nationally recognized educational effort that exists today. He chaired the Board during the critical early years of the implementation of that plan. From 2000 through 2003 he chaired *Transform Tomorrow: The Campaign for Science Education*, which put the Science Center on a sound financial footing and helped revitalize the whole museum. From 2000 through 2007 he was President of the Board of Trustees as its members helped shape the Science Center's service to the community for the decade to come.

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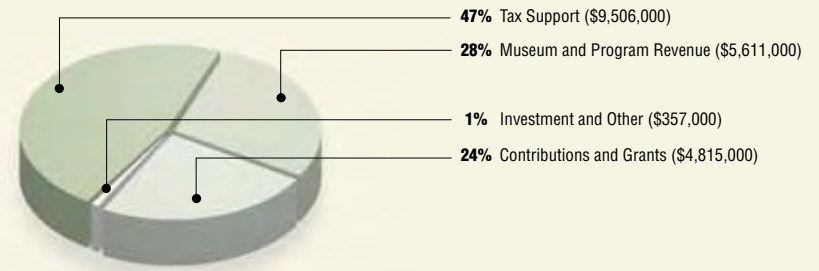
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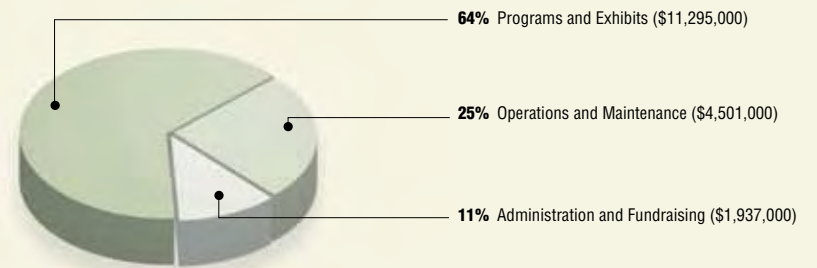
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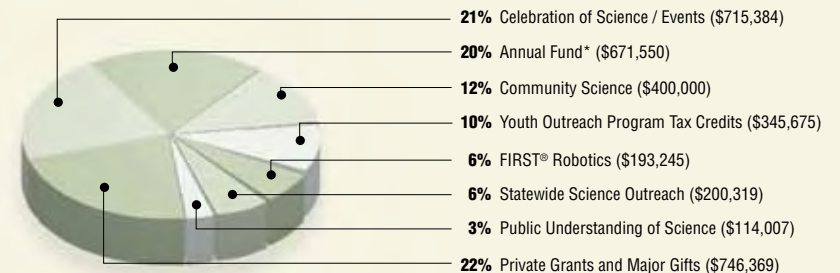
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One of the most intriguing parts of science and technology is that one never knows what the future may hold. New discoveries, new applications and new directions arise almost daily, resulting in a myriad of new opportunities to learn, teach and grow.

The Saint Louis Science Center is committed to taking an increasingly larger leadership role on the local, national and international scientific stage. Through our educational programming, our exhibits, films, expeditions, and national and international partnerships, we will continue to reach out to every corner of the Earth to connect St. Louis to the knowledge, innovation and possibilities that will benefit our community and its citizens.

In anticipation of these opportunities, we are carefully planning for our future with significant input from our Board of Trustees, Board of Commissioners, Advisory Committee, donors, civic leaders, volunteers and staff, as well as corporate, community and educational

partners. A committee led by Ted Hellman, vice chair of the Board of Commissioners, is currently restructuring our strategic plan to ensure that we are well positioned for what lies ahead. Among the issues they will address are how and where future expansion may occur, how to enhance our visitors' experiences and what we need to do to sustain our position as the portal for science in the community.

The view ahead is one of imagination and potential. With each new success story we record, new opportunities present themselves for the Science Center to take its place among the world's leading centers of scientific exploration and explanation. We look forward to continuing that success, wherever it may lead us.

As we move ahead, we are grateful for your support!

To **ignite** and **sustain** lifelong science and technology **learning**

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