



THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE BRINGS HANDS-ON LEARNING FOR LEGISLATORS TO THE FLORIDA CAPITOL DURING STEM DAY

The Museum joins other Florida science centers in a statewide initiative to advocate for a future of innovation and prosperity through STEM learning

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. – (January 12, 2022) – Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) and leaders of science centers and museums from around the state are assembling during STEM Day at the Florida Capitol on January 25, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Together, the institutions are engaging legislators about the critical role that science centers and museums play with inspiring and creating the STEM workforce of tomorrow while also advocating for increased funding to support these efforts.

“We are proud to bring science to the Capitol with other museums and science centers of excellence to advocate for STEM in our community. We believe our youth can protect the world, and science can help them do it,” said **Joseph P. Cox, president and CEO of MODS**. “The past two years have reminded all of us that science matters now more than ever. Science literacy leads to a better understanding of life’s challenges and promotes the development of skills to help solve them.”

Participants will be stationed inside and outside the Capitol building with experiments, displays, robots and more! Throughout the day, state legislators will take part in hands-on activities while learning how STEM education helps grow Florida’s technological workforce. Science museums act as a hub for STEM learning and can easily facilitate opportunities between industry, education and the public. Collaborations between science museums, corporations and education are key to developing a comprehensive approach to promote STEM learning from cradle to career.

During STEM Day at the Capitol, participating partners, including student groups, will share their passion for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) with legislators, demonstrating the impact that their efforts can have on economic development across the state. Displays will reinforce how science museums light the spark of curiosity, promote future careers and build essential 21st century skills while also illustrating how increased funding could expand these efforts.

STEM DAY 2022 PARTICIPANTS:

- Museum of Discovery and Science (Fort Lauderdale)
- Orlando Science Center
- Motorola Solutions Foundation
- Cox Science Center and Aquarium (West Palm Beach)
- Tallahassee Museum
- FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), Northwest Florida

- River City Science Academy (Jacksonville)
- STEM SimX

WHEN: Tuesday, January 25, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

WHERE: Florida Capitol Courtyard & Rotundas
400 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399

For more information about the 2022 STEM Day at the Florida Capitol, please visit osc.org/blog.

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ABOUT MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE

Founded in 1976 as the Discovery Center, today the Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) is at the forefront of science education, innovation and exploration. In addition to daily hours, MODS is currently offering virtual and offsite programming, which allows us to continue connecting people around the globe to inspiring science - whether at home or in virtual classrooms. The Museum showcases more than 300 interactive exhibits, immersive films, experiential programs and an aviation-themed Makerspace. Families can enjoy super science shows and demonstrations, wild Creature Feature animal encounters, awesome avatar tours and private experiences, mind-blowing Makerspace labs, cool camps, unforgettable birthday parties, engaging field trips and STEM curricula, professional development workshops for educators, distinguished speakers, and more.

The Museum celebrates diversity and welcomes visitors from all walks of life. The Museum hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. MODS is located downtown at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, please visit mods.org or call 954.467.MODS (6637).

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