

LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER



Innovation is all about looking forward; dreaming up new technologies, medicines, systems, and solutions that will make the world of the future a better place. But looking back on decades of progress has its merits as well. It's hard to believe that our distinctive building in Liberty State Park has welcomed curious learners and science enthusiasts for more than 30 years! We are proud of the experiences and opportunities we have been able to offer our guests and partners, and we're grateful for the support that has made our work possible.

Currently, nearly 800,000 children and adults visit us annually for engaging science experiences in our multiple exhibition galleries, theaters, labs, and the Jennifer Chalsty

Planetarium—the biggest planetarium in the Western Hemisphere. Liberty Science Center also serves 280,000+ Pre-K - 12 students and teachers who participate in an extensive suite of immersive STEM education programs in eight laboratories in LSC's Center for Learning and Teaching, in other unique learning spaces throughout the Center, and in their own schools and communities throughout New Jersey, the region, and beyond. LSC's team of STEM educators provides dozens of specially tailored science programs on site, off site, and online. During the past six years, **3,257 schools and 1,735 informal education groups** have participated in LSC programs. These organizations come back year after year, and they spread the word to other educators about the good work happening at LSC.

Working with outside experts and partners, LSC delivers opportunities to high-needs communities, including devoted Sensory Days for those on the autism spectrum. The Science Center provides vital experiences and instruction to the 99,000+ students from our most vulnerable communities, including free Community Evenings for those in qualifying districts. LSC assists teachers, providing them with important and unique opportunities for professional development in the teaching of science. And every summer, we battle vacation learning loss by providing lively science and technology experiences at LSC Science Camp, which includes many Jersey City campers who attend on full scholarship.

Looking ahead to the next 30 years, LSC has undertaken an ambitious expansion called SciTech Scity, a mini city of tomorrow. This 30-acre innovation campus—opening in 2026—is devoted to using science and technology to address humanity's greatest challenges, from inadequate healthcare to climate change, and create a better future for all of us. It will include a business incubation facility with research labs and offices, a residential housing complex, public space for community events, and a brand new science-focused high school. To ensure that the Science Center remains a state-of-the-art destination as SciTech Scity rises around it, we have also undertaken a campaign to upgrade, reimagine and expand the experiences in LSC's permanent gallery spaces.

As we continue creating an extended community of future-focused citizens, Liberty Science Center invites you to explore the impact our work is having right now on the learners and community members we serve today.

Paul Hoffman / President and CEO



Liberty Science Center is steadfast in advancing our mission to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers. We are actively working to remain relevant and responsive to the evolving needs of the students, educators, and families we serve while reimagining and revolutionizing informal STEM education.

Liberty Science Center has been

a recognized leader in STEM education throughout the tri-state area for 30 years. From pioneering virtual programming, such as our Live From Surgery programs, to world-class resources, such as our Jennifer Chalsty Planetarium, to passionate and knowledgeable educators, Liberty Science Center is well equipped to provide engaging and enriching interactive STEM experiences.

Our STEM education programs model and encourage best practices that promote learning science by doing science. Our professional learning workshops equip teachers with tools and techniques to give students more meaningful, collaborative sense-making opportunities.

Liberty Science Center will continue to design, develop, and deliver transformative experiences that spark and sustain interest in STEM. As the demand grows for dynamic STEM educational programming connected to current science and technology, defining new career pathways, and investigating issues such as climate change, so does the significance and power of Liberty Science Center.

Ivory Williams

Vice President, STEM Education



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LSC strives to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers and close the STEM-workforce gap.



Biggest, fastest growing, and most visited

hands on science learning center in the NYC area.



Home to the

largest planetarium

in the Western Hemisphere.



total annual attendance



280,000+

K-12 students served annually

3,000+

schools served within 6 years

99,000+

"high needs" students served annually







OUR IMPACT ON PRE-K TO HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

In the past six years alone, LSC has served an astounding 3,257 schools and 1,735 informal education groups. Our STEM team offers weekly traveling science sessions and spectacular stage shows on site at schools to a year-long series of hands-on laboratory workshops at the Science Center.

Our young scholars were shocked and amazed by the pushes and pulls involving electricity as STEM experts demonstrated the science behind attraction and repulsion.

DR. MARTHA OSEI-YAW
Principal, Alexander D. Sullivan School





SPECIAL EDUCATION

Sensory Day

An entire day of science learning designed for children who are on the autism spectrum or who have other sensory challenges. Developed in consultation with experts from Children's Specialized Hospital, Sensory Day allows guests to explore the Center with reduced wait time and crowd size.



Children's Specialized Hospital



SCIENCE CAMP

LSC's expert STEM educators lead campers through weeklong explorations using real-world science and tech skills and tools. Engaging sessions are available for campers entering grades 1 through 8 every summer. In 2023, Science Camp welcomed 258 campers.



PARTNERS IN SCIENCE

Every summer, LSC welcomes about 30 promising students to this prestigious program. These students are matched with scientists and researchers in labs in their specific area of interest.



TANVI BANOTA
2017 & 2018 Alum, PIS
2030 Graduate, Yale School of Medicine

I entirely credit Partners in Science as the reason why I am where I am today and the reason I was able to fall in love with science.

Being someone who's part of a low-income family, I was taught to take every opportunity given to me. This program felt like it was my beginning, a new page turned so more can be written down.



BETSY NUNEZ 2024 Graduate, HSoF

HIGH SCHOOLS OF THE FUTURE

A two-year pilot program for 40 juniors at two Hudson County high schools. Students who successfully completed the program, which focused on coding and soft job skills, were offered jobs at Bank of America.





LIVE FROM SURGERY

66 Live From Surgery is a unique field experience for our learners. The program has exposed our scholars to the many career opportunities in the medical field that they may not have otherwise been aware of. 57

DR. NICOLE SILVA Principal, Hillside Innovation Academy

LSC's Live From Surgery Partners













TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

OpenSciEd is a curriculum aligned with the current educational standards. Teachers learn and practice new instructional strategies and gain invaluable classroom resources.

Verizon Innovative Learning HQ is a free and public available online education portal which is built around Augmented and Virtual Reality. LSC is partnering with Verizon to bring this into more classrooms.



COMMUNITY EVENINGS

LSC opens its doors several evenings a year to welcome students, families, and educators free of charge, from high-need communities throughout New Jersey. In 2023, LSC proudly presented NASA Nights with support from NASA's Community Anchor Award. LSC staff worked with the Goddard Space Flight Center and the Goddard Institute for Space Sciences to coordinate special presentations in the Jennifer Chalsty Planetarium.





By partnering with the Liberty Science Center, we are supporting the success of programs that will inspire New Jersey's next generation of STEM innovators. 77

ALBERTO GAROFALO
President, Bank of America New Jersey



LEADERS ON LOAN

Via this initiative, Bank of America generously "loaned" one of its senior leaders to work closely with LSC's CFO and team for an entire year.



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Abbett has proudly stood as a corporate sponsor, championing Liberty Science Center's mission to ignite curiosity and foster a deep passion for science. We proudly underwrite 30 school trips, providing underserved students with opportunities to explore the wonders of science.

CATHERINE TANTILLO
Head of Social Impact, Lord Abbett

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LOOKING AHEAD

In celebration of our milestone 30th anniversary, we launched a \$30 million capital campaign to continue updating and reimagining LSC's galleries and experiences. Our goal is to be the most dynamic, engaging, and inspiring science museum in the world.

REIMAGINING OUR HUDSON HOME EXHIBITION: **RIVER RISING**



OUR SUPPORTERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

LSC plans to turn the *Our Hudson Home* gallery into a new experience called *River Rising* that tells the important story of global warming's potential effects on the Hudson ecosystem. As a first step, the Izzo Family Foundation has funded the creation of an expansive Touch Tank of Tomorrow that will enable LSC visitors to have close-up encounters with threatened Hudson River animals.





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