

A Message from the President



The opening of the new **EcoDiscovery Center** on November 11, 2011 promises an exciting year for students. The 34,000 square foot expansion doubles the exhibit experience with five exciting and immersive new areas:

Be transported into the wilderness in the **Everglades Airboat Adventure**, experience hurricane force winds in the **Storm Center**, dig for fossils alongside a giant prehistoric megalodon and confront a saber-toothed cat and an Imperial Mammoth in **Prehistoric Florida**, and enjoy the playful antics of North American river otters in their two-story indoor/outdoor **Otters At Play** habitat. Walk through an aquifer and experiment with how water transforms our state in the **Florida Water Story**. More to explore + more fun = more learning!

Students will learn in exciting new ways through dynamic presentations in the new **Keller Science Theater** and via hands-on discovery in the new **Mangurian Foundation Lifelong Learning Center** labs.

Two wonderful national traveling exhibitions this year will add more dynamic experiences. Opening on November 11, **K'NEX: Building Thrill Rides** encourages students to learn about physics, math and engineering while building their own creations. In 2012 animal adaptations come to life in **Geckos: Tails to Toepads**. Opening May 19 this engaging exhibit will introduce students to the sights and sounds of 15 live lizard species. Lush, naturalistic habitats complete with rock ledges, live plants and waterfalls showcase these geckos from around the world.

Students can continue to enjoy the coral reefs and sharks in our **Florida EcoScapes** environments. In **Aviation Station** they can learn how things fly and climb into one of nine cockpit simulators to test their piloting skills. For the real flight enthusiast a trip in the **MaxFlight** simulator offers a full 360 degrees of pitch, roll and spin that will definitely enforce the principles of flight. **Powerful You!** allows students to explore the amazing human body by using robots to conduct simulated surgery, driving a DUI simulator, testing their flexibility, balance and heartbeat, and learning how teamwork supports the latest health technology. They can meet Harry the Heap in the **Go Green** exhibit and learn about recycling, conservation and clean energy.

Use an IMAX® experience to support existing curriculum or to open new vistas for exploration. **Sea Rex 3D** takes you on a journey to a prehistoric underwater world. **Ultimate Wave: Tahiti 3D** takes you to a beautiful island in the South Pacific while teaching wave science on the BIGGEST screen in South Florida. **Born To Be Wild 3D** is a heartwarming adventure into the lush rainforests of Borneo and across the rugged Kenyan savannah where teams rescue, rehabilitate and return orphaned orangutans and elephants back to the wild. You may also select a film out of our library to meet your specific requirements.

The Museum of Discovery and Science with its new EcoDiscovery Center is your extended classroom this year.

Sincerely,

Kim L. Cavendish, President/CEO

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The mission of the Museum of Discovery and Science is to provide experiential pathways to lifelong learning in science for children and adults through exhibits, programs and films.



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