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Connecticut Science Center Announces Two New Trustees ***Laura Marzi and Dr. Kola Olofinboba Elected to Board***

Hartford, CT, July 30, 2016 –The Connecticut Science Center is pleased to announce the addition of two new members to its Board of Trustees. In a unanimous vote in June, Laura Marzi of The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. and Dr. Kola Olofinboba of Fairview Capital were elected to join the board of prominent executives.

“Laura and Kola are both highly accomplished and embody the professional experience, leadership skills, and core values needed to support Matt and his team,” said Tom Barnes, Chairman of the Connecticut Science Center’s Board of Trustees. “We have a very strong leadership foundation in place and we couldn’t be more pleased with these appointments. Each of these individuals’ deep professional backgrounds and passionate commitment will bring insightful perspectives to our Board.”

“I continue to be astounded at the level of experience that we are able to access with our board,” said Matt Fleury, Connecticut Science Center President and CEO. “We are very privileged to have such engaged and committed trustees. It is with their vision and support that we are able to deliver the exciting, inspiring, and educational experiences the Science Center provides to our community.”

About Laura Marzi



Laura Marzi is Vice President of Marketing of Group Benefits for The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. In this role, she is responsible for all external marketing and brand positioning, creative services, sales communications, and internal communications supporting Group Benefits’ disability and life products. Her teams provide specialized support for growth areas in the group industry, including voluntary and absence management markets. She joined The Hartford in 2006 and has served as a marketing director in Group Benefits.

Laura has worked in marketing and public relations in the Hartford area for over two decades. Her resume includes serving as Marketing and Communications Director for *Connecticut Innovations, Inc.*, Director of Public Relations at *Sullivan & LeShane Public Relations*, and most recently as Director of External Communications for *the Phoenix Companies*.

Laura currently sits on the Board of Directors of the *Council for Disability Awareness* and is on the Executive Advisory Board of the *Disability Management Employer Coalition*. She won the Hartford Chairman’s Award in 2011.

She earned her BA in English and journalism at *the University of New Hampshire* and went on to receive her MA in communication with a minor in marketing from the *University of Hartford*. She is a certified Group Benefits Disability Specialist and licensed under the Series 6 exam.

About Dr. Kola Olofinboba



Dr. Olofinboba is a managing partner at Fairview Capital and is involved in a broad set of investment, business development, and governance activities at the firm. Additionally, he serves on the advisory boards of several private equity partnerships in Fairview's fund portfolios.

Prior to joining Fairview, Dr. Olofinboba was an Engagement Manager at McKinsey & Company, serving U.S. and global clients in healthcare and private equity. He has also practiced medicine as a board-certified internist/hospitalist and assistant professor at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, CT.

Dr. Olofinboba received his medical degree from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria and an MBA in Financial Management from the MIT Sloan School of Management, where he was a Robert Toigo Fellow.

He is a director on the boards of the National Association of Investment Companies (NAIC) and the Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford, CT.

The Connecticut Science Center is the state's premier science and technology learning destination for families and K-12 schools, serving more than 2-million people since opening in 2009. For a complete list of 2016 Trustees and information about the Connecticut Science Center, please visit www.CTScienceCenter.org/about-us/board-of-trustees.aspx.

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About the Connecticut Science Center The LEED-Gold certified Connecticut Science Center, located in downtown Hartford, sparks creative imagination and an appreciation for science by immersing visitors in fun and educational hands-on, minds-on interactive experiences while maintaining an environmentally conscious presence. Serving more than 2 million people since opening in 2009, the Science Center features more than 165 exhibits in ten galleries and a range of topics, including space and earth sciences, physical sciences, biology, the Connecticut River watershed, alternative energy sources, Connecticut inventors and innovations, a children's gallery, and much more. Other features include four educational labs, a 200-seat 3D digital theater, function room, gift store, and ongoing events for all ages. The Science Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing science education throughout the state of Connecticut and New England, providing learning opportunities for students and adults of all ages, and engaging the community in scientific exploration. The Connecticut Science Center is also the home to the **Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Academy for Teachers**, offering powerful Professional Development for educators. More information: www.CTScienceCenter.org or 860.SCIENCE.