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CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER CO-DIRECTOR NAMED WOMAN OF INFLUENCE
ANN METZGER HONORED BY PITTSBURGH BUSINESS TIMES FOR LEADERSHIP, IMPACT

PITTSBURGH, March 14, 2018 – Carnegie Science Center is proud to announce one of its leaders, Henry Buhl, Jr. Co-Director Ann Metzger, is the winner of a 2018 Women of Influence award, presented by the Pittsburgh Business Times. The Women of Influence Awards honor the region’s most influential businesswomen at both for-profits and nonprofit organizations, representing various industries and professions.

Metzger, who has held her current role since 2009, received recognition for her efforts to advance the Science Center’s mission by leading the operations, administrative, fundraising, and strategic planning and implementation functions of the organization.

“With Ann on our team, the Science Center has made tremendous strides in providing innovative exhibits and programs, promoting STEM education, and addressing the workforce skills gap,” said Ron Baillie, fellow Henry Buhl, Jr. co-director. “Her passion for STEM shines through the initiatives she has influenced, from the Carnegie STEM Excellence Pathway – a program dedicated to improving STEM education in school systems, to Fab Lab Carnegie Science Center – Pittsburgh’s hub for digital fabrication workshops. She’s a vocal advocate for young women pursuing science and technology careers, helping to develop Tour Your Future, a program for introducing girls ages 11-17 to female professionals working in STEM fields. She is an invaluable asset to the Science Center and to the larger Pittsburgh community.”

Metzger helped lead the incredibly successful SPARK! Campaign, a fundraising effort that brought in \$46 million, exceeding its original \$34.5 million goal and making the construction of The Rangos Giant Cinema and the new PPG Science Pavilion possible.

“As we approach PPG Science Pavilion’s June opening, I feel very fortunate to have played a role in enhancing one of Pittsburgh’s most inspiring museums,” said Metzger. “I’m truly honored to be named a Woman of Influence and to be recognized alongside other impactful women leaders of Pittsburgh.”

With Metzger’s leadership, the Science Center will continue to impact the Pittsburgh region through interactive, educational experiences and serve as a leading family-centered destination for fun and learning.

The Women of Influence Awards ceremony took place March 14 at the Westin Convention Center Hotel.

About Carnegie Science Center

Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center’s goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums

of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh's premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes, and off-site education programs.

Accessibility: Features for All

Carnegie Science Center welcomes all visitors. We work to assist visitors with disabilities in obtaining reasonable and appropriate accommodations, and in supporting equal access to services, programs, and activities. We welcome visitors in wheelchairs on the deck of our USS Requin (SS 481) submarine. Below-deck visits require full mobility. Hearing assistance devices are available for The Rangos Giant Cinema. Please ask when you buy your ticket.

Please note that requests for accommodations should be made at least two weeks prior to your visit. For specific questions about wheelchairs, strollers, or other programmatic or equipment needs, see the ticket counter located on the first floor of the main building or contact Customer Service at 412.237.1641 or info@carnegiesciencecenter.org. Please contact Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh's Accessibility Coordinator with concerns regarding accessibility for visitors with disabilities at the museums. On weekdays, call 412.622.6578 or email accessibility@carnegiemuseums.org.

About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh

Established in 1895 by Andrew Carnegie, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is a collection of four distinctive museums: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. In 2017, the museums reached more than 1.4 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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