SOAR
ESCAPE
DREAM
IMAGINE
CONNECT
INSPIRE
WONDER
HERE.
EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

VAN A. ROMANS
President

KIPPEN DE ALBA CHU
Chief of Staff

KIT GOOLSBY
Deputy Director

DOUGLAS A. ROBERTS, PHD
Chief Public Engagement Officer

DENISE WILKERNON
Director of Development

DANAE PERRY
Director of Accounting

DENISE HAMILTON
Director of Strategic Initiatives

MILTON PRATHER
Director of Guest Experience

SARAH OLIVER
Museum Preschool Director

AMBER SHIVE
Director of Education

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Executive Committee

WILLIAM D. POLLARD
Chair

RICHARD RUSSACK
Vice Chair

DAVID NOLET
Treasurer and Chair, Capital Campaign Committee

MICHAEL PARKS
Chair, Trusteeship Committee

KIT MONCRIEF
President, Cattle Raisers Foundation

JOHN DUDLEY
Chair, Collections Committee

JOHN RYAN
Chair, Development Committee

WHIT SMITH
Secretary and Chair, Government Affairs

TYLER CRUMLEY
Chair, Education Committee

ALSTON ROBERTS
Past Chair

LYNNY SANKARY
Member at Large

ANNE CARVALHO
Member at Large

Trustees

Lorene Agather
Mike Atkinson
Marianne Auld
Stephanie Bird Baker
Brandon Bledsoe
Judy Carter
James D. Finley
Romelia H. Flores
Neil Geurin
Ryan C. Harrington
Gary Havener
Ashley W. Johnson
Carter Martin
Louella Martin
John Pinkerton
Jennifer K. Rosell
Benjamin Rosenthal
Steve Tatum
Benson Varghese

Brad Wharton
Amy Yudiski

Trustees Emeritus

John Hernandez
Dwight Horton
Rob Kelly
Bob Lansford
J. Andy Thompson

© Copyright 2020, Fort Worth Museum of Science and History
Watch the **FACES**.

That’s where you see it first. A hint that something special is happening here. Young or old, experiencing an exhibit for the first time—or the 40th. The eyes widen. **That’s the WONDER.**

Then a smile dawns before breaking into a full grin.

**That’s why we are HERE!**

**WELCOME** to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, where exploration has been inspiring imaginations for nearly 80 years. And where dreams are driving innovation for the future.
With **WONDER**, we seek wisdom.

Open your mind and learn **HERE**.

Face to face with a Tyrannosaurus Rex in our DinoLabs, your imagination starts sprinting, along with your pulse. A glance over at the battling dinosaurs keeps the adrenaline pumping. This is a place where curiosity finds company and learning happens.

**“DINOSAURS ARE REAL? I THOUGHT THEY WERE LIKE DRAGONS!”**

Young Afghan refugee, encountering fossils for the first time in DinoLabs
WONDER
If your goal is to **INSPIRE**, find that special spark **HERE**.

Museum School pioneered a learning approach more than 70 years ago. Hundreds of thousands of children have been inspired since. In recent years, our reach extended into local schools with the Fort Worth Children’s Partnership. Last year alone, 200,000 students explored our galleries with their classes.

“PUH-LEEZE ... CAN WE STAY A LITTLE LONGER?”

Eager student, reluctant to leave the Innovation Studios
It’s natural to want to **CONNECT**.

Friends and ideas **meet HERE**.

Shared interests bring people together. Shared experiences foster friendships. In the past year, nearly 6,500 guests joined us for recurring events, including lectures, Science on Tap gatherings, Reel Adventures in the Omni, and Polar Express PJ parties.

“**SO THAT’S HOW IT WORKS!**”
Friend to friend, watching a demonstration
Why not roar back at a dinosaur? What happens in the winds of a tornado? When you unleash your imagination, you open the door to creativity. And creativity fuels progress.

“IT’S WATCHING ME!”
Young time-traveler, unafraid of an inquisitive dinosaur
A HISTORY OF SHAPING THE FUTURE

1941
Texas issues a charter on May 21 for the Fort Worth Children's Museum, the dream of a group of local teachers.

1949
The Junior League of Fort Worth buys a Spitz star projector for the Museum. Planetarium shows are in a tent behind the Harding House.

1950
Volunteers start the “Frisky and Blossom Club,” the forerunner to our modern Museum School. (Frisky was a live possum and Blossom was a live skunk.)

1955
The Noble Planetarium opens on April 18. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Davis donated the money to honor Miss Noble.

1968
On March 14, trustees vote to change our name to the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, reflecting the growth of our collections and educational offerings.

1945
The Museum finds its first home: two spare classrooms at De Zavala Elementary School. After-school classes cover such subjects as the stars and planets, the weather, and migrating birds.

1952
On October 24, Museum and city leaders break ground for the Museum's first new building on Montgomery Avenue. It is financed with $800,000 in city bonds. The building opens on January 24, 1954.

1969
Men walk on the moon, and the Museum’s annual attendance reaches 180,000. At least 5,000 children and adults enroll in 508 Museum School classes.

1947
The Museum moves to its first standalone building: the R.E. Harding House on Summit Avenue. Miss Charlie Mary Noble, a math and astronomy teacher, organizes a Junior Astronomy Club.

1961
Roy Brooks, fan of science and son of a Fort Worth doctor, becomes the first African-American student at the Museum School.

1983
On April 12, the OMNI Theater opens, becoming the first IMAX® theater in the Southwest with the most advanced technology. (More than 10 million guests have seen films in the distinctive dome since, but it is now one of the last IMAX theaters to rely on film, not digital projection.)
The Museum celebrates its FIRST CENTURY, proud of its accomplishments and excited to embrace new challenges.

What began HERE

Your Museum was:

THE FIRST children’s museum in the state, and one of the first in the nation.

THE FIRST museum preschool in Texas, and one of the first in the nation to recognize that 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds have the capacity to learn about science and natural history.

THE FIRST museum in what became Fort Worth’s Cultural District.

THE FIRST children’s museum in the world to have a planetarium, and the first planetarium named for a female astronomer: Miss Charlie Mary Noble.

THE FIRST IMAX® dome in the Southwest.

And your Museum will be:

THE FIRST Museum in the world to offer the experience of flying with V-DROME, and to explore the frontiers of applied technology with an Academy of Digital Learning.

2005-06

Museum leaders, realizing that their long-time home has been loved a little too much for a little too long, initiate a strategic planning process. In 2006, trustees approve plans to build a new home. The board launches a capital campaign and hires the acclaimed architectural firm Legorreta + Legorreta to create a new landmark for the Cultural District.

2009

On November 20, the Museum opens its vibrant, new 166,000-square-foot home. Re-imagined galleries offer fresh ways to explore the world, past, present and future.

2011

On the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, the Museum and city unveil a memorial. The 36-foot, 6,500-pound exterior beam is one of the largest artifacts recovered from the World Trade Center.

2020

The Museum breaks ground for V-DROME, an immersive film experience that provides guests the sensation of soaring over landscapes, through the oceans, into space or even inside the human body.

2041

The Museum celebrates its FIRST CENTURY, proud of its accomplishments and excited to embrace new challenges.
A **DREAM** is a seed for change.

Nurture the future **HERE**.

Dreamers created languages, crossed the seas, took flight, invented computers and launched us into space. They also built this Museum. And where do dreams begin? Where ideas are celebrated and possibilities are embraced.

“I FEEL LIKE I’M LEAVING FINGERPRINTS ON THE FUTURE.”

Proud father, watching his son explore space in the LaunchPad exhibit
More than 40,000 guests ventured through the Solar System in the Noble Planetarium in 2019. And we took thousands of guests to America’s Moon landing sites via virtual reality in LaunchPad, our exhibition celebrating the space program.

“WILL WE GET TO MARS IN OUR LIFETIME?”

Young adult to friend, after visiting the Solar System in the Noble Planetarium
ESCAPE
SOAR into the unknown, and discover yourself HERE.

Next on our horizon: The amazing V-DROME. Have you dreamed of soaring into space? Maybe you’ve considered a fantastic voyage inside a human body? Or wondered what it would be like to take flight over breathtaking landscapes? Embark on those journeys in V-DROME. We will be the first museum in the world to offer this immersive learning experience. We break ground in 2020.

“DADDY, LET’S FLY!”
Little boy, leaping up while watching V-DROME preview video. (Yes, Dad “flew,” too.)
Simulation, flying over an asteroid toward Jupiter
What makes everything **here** possible? Only **you**.
INVESTORS,
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

$1,000,000 OR MORE
The Paul E. Andrews, Jr. Foundation
Sasha and Edward P. Bass
The Burnett Foundation
Amon G. Carter Foundation
J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation
Sid W. Richardson Foundation
The Thomas M., Helen McKee & John P. Ryan Foundation, Inc.

$100,000 TO $999,999
Anonymous
Bird Family Foundation
BNSF Railway Company
James and Dorothy Doss Foundation
Fidelity Foundation
Ashley and John Michael Fierer
Folsom Point Companies
Garvey Texas Foundation
Hamnett-Russack Charitable Foundation
Mary Potishman Lard Charitable Trust
Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company
Mazur Capital
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Patton Jr.
The Rainwater Charitable Foundation
Ann L. and Carol Green Rhodes Charitable Trust
Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company
Schollmayer Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Ryan C. Harrington
Joan and Howard Katz
Mark Litzler
The Rainwater Charitable Foundation
Nancy and Andy Thompson
Virginia Clay
Webb Maddox Trust
Wells Fargo

$10,000 TO $50,000
Anne and Orlando Carvalho
Tyler and Brian Crumley
Marionie M. Auld and Jimmy Coury
Dubose Family Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Ryan C. Harrington
Joan and Howard Katz
Mark Litzler
Luther King Capital Management
David and Noel Nolet
North Texas Community Foundation
William and Kathryn Pollard
The Cleaves and Mae Rhea Foundation

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTORS
AND VOLUNTEER PARTNERS

Acre Distilling Company
Alchemy Pops
Alcon
Alto Hotels
American Airlines
BCTAL Rocket Engineering Class at Birdville ISD
Ruby Bellows Tintype
Bennett Benner Partners
Birdville High School
Blackland Distillery
Blue Mesa Grill
Bob's Prop Shop
Jessica Bolten Photography
Botanical Research Institute of Texas
Brain Performance Institute at Center for BrainHealth
Burns & McDonnell
The Cantina Band
Capital Grille
CBS Channel II
Central Market
Cockrell Enovation
Collin College
Craftwork Coffee Co.
Cyclebar
Dallas Personal Robotics Group
Design Den, DFW Makers
DFW Scrollers
The Dock
Education Unbound Inc.
Facebook Fort Worth Data Center
Fort Worth Academy
Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts
Fort Worth Arborist
Fort Worth Astronomical Society
Fort Worth Business Press
Fort Worth Catering
Fort Worth Country Day
Fort Worth Key Magazine
Fort Worth Library
Fort Worth Library Panther Lab
Fort Worth Weekly
Friend and Foe Board Game Café
Abe Fromans of Fort Worth
Gemelle
Great Outdoors
Happy Tomato Salsa
Hebron High School
Lawrence Jenkins Pictures
Junior League of Fort Worth
Ben E. Keith Company
Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Corporation
Lonesome Dove Bistro
Manna Custom Pools
Mariachi's Dine-In
Brigate Marquardt
Monnig Meteorite Gallery at TCU
Monticello Neighborhood News
Mouser Electronics
National Space Society of North Texas
North Texas Squad of the Star Garrison
NuMinds Enrichment, LLC
Oakwood Cemetery's Saints and Sinners Tour
Oncor Electric Delivery
Pacific Table
Penske Trucks
Performing Ads
Peterbilt
PolyPrinter
Poppy Lane Staging and Interiors
Real Ale Brewing Company
REFUEL: local + fresh ready to go meals
Righteous Foods
Rogue Brick Builders’ Lounge
Southwest Christian School
Sportswear Graphics
STEAM Middle School-Burleson ISD
Tanglewood Moms
Tarrant Construction Services
Tarrant County College-Northwest Campus
Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office
TechGenies LLC
Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association
Texas Christian University
Texas Pinball Museum
Texas Triffid Ranch
Texas Wesleyan University
Texas Woman's University
Trenda HR LLC
Trinity Valley School
University of Dallas
University of North Texas
University of North Texas Health Science Center
University of Texas at Arlington
University of Texas at Dallas
UNT Department of Learning Technologies
Varghese Summersett PLLC
VECTOR
ViaChem
Visit Fort Worth
WhatchamaCallit
What's Up Fort Worth
Wild Acre Brewing Company
Woodshed Smokehouse
Z Café
This community has every right to be proud of this special place.

Our journey started nearly 80 years ago with a grand vision—in two small, borrowed classrooms. Since then, we have been moving, expanding our collections, refining our pioneering approach, and earning a national reputation for excellence in education. A decade ago, we opened a beautiful new campus with a nod to our legacy and an eye on the future.

We have created a magical home where learning happens, dreams take flight, imaginations are sparked and generations make connections.

This community's support has made all of this possible. Today, we rely upon your memberships, donations and sponsorships for almost half of our annual budget, and contributions cover the costs for all of our capital projects and renovations. So on behalf of generations past and present, we are grateful for your involvement with our mission.

And our work continues! Our scientists, technology leaders, designers, curators and teachers are busily creating dynamic new learning experiences for future generations. Will you continue to support these efforts so that the Museum remains a cultural and educational icon? We would welcome the chance to share our dreams with you! And we'd love to hear how you might like to honor the past, celebrate the present or shape the future.

Thank you for making a difference.

VAN A. ROMANS
President | (817) 255-9312
Experience YESTERDAY.
Explore TODAY.
Imagine TOMORROW.

FORT WORTH MUSEUM
SCIENCE AND HISTORY

1600 GENDY ST, FORT WORTH, TX 76107
(817) 255-9300 | FWMUSEUM.ORG