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Margaret Honey is available for phone interviews after the announcement

NYSCI TO PARTICIPATE IN WHITE HOUSE SUMMIT ON STEMM EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE

WASHINGTON, DC – Margaret Honey, President and CEO of the New York Hall of Science, will join with other education leaders to participate in The White House Summit on STEMM Equity and Excellence (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine) on MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 AT 10AM ET.

The summit will be hosted by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), in collaboration with the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to eliminating systemic barriers to participation in STEMM and ensuring that all of the American public can contribute to and benefit from science and technology.

The White House Summit on STEMM Equity and Excellence will bring together people across STEMM—including from government and businesses, civic, education, higher-ed, nonprofit, community-based, and philanthropic organizations—committed to working collaboratively to build a more equitable and excellent science and technology ecosystem.

The event will be livestreamed at WH.gov/live.

The New York Hall of Science will be announcing a new initiative, Partners in STEM Equity, that will provide opportunities for 1,200 Pre-K through college students from Queens, New York from historically excluded communities to participate in sustained programs of ambitious STEM learning. This investment leverages the science-themed preschool that NYSCI opened on its Queens campus in fall 2022, in partnership with the NYC Department of Education. Over the next decade, NYSCI is committed to ensuring 80 percent of the young people who participate in its Partners for STEM Equity program pursue STEM careers. This program is being launched with generous support from BNY Mellon and Amazon.

WHAT

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WHERE

The White House Washington, DC

WHEN

Monday, December 12 at 10AM EST

About NYSCI

The mission of the New York Hall of Science (NYSCI) is to nurture generations of passionate learners, critical thinkers and active citizens through an approach called *Design, Make, Play*. Design, Make, Play emphasizes open-ended exploration, imaginative learning and personal relevance, resulting in deep engagement and delight in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. NYSCI was founded at the 1964-65 World's Fair and has evolved into a local, global and impactful center for interactive science:

- · 400,000 annual visitors.
- · 1 million learners worldwide use NYSCI's digital products.
- · 3,000 local teachers participate in professional development each year.
- · 1,000 high-school and college students benefit from mentoring opportunities in STEM fields every year.
- 95 percent of the more than 4,000 young people participating in NYSCI's Science Career Ladder program over the last three decades have gone on to college.
- · 70 percent of the Science Career Ladder alumni work in STEM fields.

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