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## Andy Tanaka Elected to Connecticut Science Center Board

**Hartford, CT (April 5, 2024)** Andy Tanaka, Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer and Treasurer at Wesleyan University, has been elected to the Connecticut Science Center Board of Trustees. A dedicated and passionate professional focused on science education and community involvement, he is poised to bring new ideas and a fresh perspective to the Science Center's leadership team.

"We are thrilled to welcome Andy to our Board of Trustees," said Matt Fleury, Connecticut Science Center President and CEO. "His exceptional leadership skills and genuine enthusiasm for STEM education make him a strong addition to the Board. I am confident that Andy's insights will greatly contribute to the Science Center's continued growth, inspiring families across the state to explore and enjoy science."



**About Andy Tanaka** As the Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, and Treasurer, Andy Tanaka provides leadership for managing Wesleyan University's financial resources and achieving its overall strategic goals.

Prior to joining Wesleyan in 2004 as a major gift officer, Andy worked for the consulting firm Towers Perrin and then as a national account executive at Aetna. He graduated from Wesleyan with a BA in economics and earned his MBA through the executive program at Cornell University. Andy also serves on the boards of the Middlesex YMCA, the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce, and the

Community Foundation of Middlesex County.

View the full list of Connecticut Science Center Board Members online at <https://ctsciencecenter.org/about/board-of-trustees/>.

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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 3.5 million people since opening in 2009, the Science Center features more than 165 exhibits in ten galleries, covering 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 the state's only year-round butterfly habitat, five 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 the home to the Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Academy for Teachers, offering powerful professional development for educators. More information: [CTScienceCenter.org](http://CTScienceCenter.org) or (860) SCIENCE.