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SCIENCE CENTER WELCOMES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD MEMBERS BRING EXPERIENCE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 27, 2017 — Carnegie Science Center is welcoming two new members to its Board, LaShawn Burton-Faulk and Devesh Sharma.

- LaShawn Burton-Faulk is Executive Director of Manchester Citizens Corporation, one of Pittsburgh's most accomplished community development corporations. As the Executive Director of MCC, she has led new construction and renovation projects, drawing new residents to Manchester. She also oversees the relationship between the community and Rivers Casino, and is working on development planning with the Millcraft Companies in the Chateau section of the neighborhood. Prior to joining MCC, Burton-Faulk served as Assistant Vice President and Manager at First National Bank, before transitioning to Manager at Fifth Third Bank. She also served as Vice President at P.W. Campbell Construction and oversaw the company's business lines in residential community development. Burton-Faulk has served as a Director of Youth Places, as former President of Neighborhood Centers Association, and is currently President of Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group (PCRG), and past President of the Northside Leadership Conference. A graduate of Slippery Rock University, Burton-Faulk, is a native of Pittsburgh's North Side neighborhood, where she currently resides with her husband and three children.
- **Devesh Sharma** is the Managing Director of Aquatech International, a global leader in water purification technology for industrial and infrastructure markets. Established in 1981, Aquatech helps some of the world's most recognized companies solve water scarcity challenges by providing solutions in desalination, waste water reuse, and zero liquid discharge. Sharma has worked with Aquatech since 1997 in a number of capacities including process engineer, project manager and business development manager. From 2006 to 2013 he was responsible for Aquatech's business activities in Asia. Sharma holds a degree in Chemical Engineering and Industrial Management from Carnegie Mellon University, and an Executive MBA from INSEAD. He has served on the Board of Directors of the International Desalination Association and is currently on the Board of Directors for the American Middle East Institute. Sharma, a native of Canonsburg, Pa., currently resides in Washington, Pa., with his wife Prerna, and two boys, Avyakta, age 10, and Yuvaan, age 6.

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.

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 2016, the museums reached more than 1.6 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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