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CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH
VIRTUAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHT NOTABLE BLACK SCIENTISTS

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 2, 2021 — During Black History Month, [Carnegie Science Center](#) is celebrating Black history and the amazing and groundbreaking influences of notable Black scientists that left indelible marks on STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and math). As the Science Center continues its work and aspires to model practices and a culture that advances equity, diversity, and inclusion within the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh every day, a lineup of special virtual events and programs are slated throughout February to highlight that commitment. [See the exciting lineup of virtual and on-site events and programs!](#)

Facebook Live Career Connections Chat: Dr. J'Tia Hart, Nuclear Engineer at Argonne National Laboratory

Tues., Feb. 16 at 5:30 pm | [Facebook Live](#)

Dr. J'Tia Hart is a nuclear engineer at Argonne National Laboratory where she directs analysis covering international affairs, nuclear energy and safety, energy security, and cybersecurity to inform executive cabinet decisions. Before rejoining Argonne in March 2020, she served as the Executive Briefer to the Secretary of Energy in the Department of Energy's Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence and led intelligence analysis on nuclear proliferation, foreign nuclear energy programs, and nuclear fuel cycle issues of a portfolio including high priority foreign programs at Headquarters and the national laboratories.

Facebook Live Career Connections Chat: Afua Bruce, Chief Program Officer at DataKind

Tues., Feb. 23 at 7 pm | [Facebook Live](#)

Afua Bruce is the Chief Program Officer at DataKind, a global nonprofit that harnesses the power of data science and AI in the service of humanity. Afua leads DataKind's product offerings, center of excellence, volunteer community, and chapter network to partner with social sector organizations. Prior to joining DataKind, Afua was the Director of Engineering for New America's Public Interest Technology program. At New America, Afua oversaw projects in technology and policy to improve outcomes in criminal justice reform, foster care, immigration, the opioid epidemic, and more. She also supervised the Public Interest Technology University Network. Previously, she spent several years leading science and technology strategy and program management in the Federal government—as the Executive Director of the White

House's National Science and Technology Council and in a variety of positions at the FBI. Before joining the Federal government, she started her career as a software engineer at IBM. Afua holds a degree in Computer Engineering from Purdue University, and an MBA from the University of Michigan.

Exhibit spotlights:

Miniature Railroad & Village® -- Reopens Sat., Feb. 13!

NEW MODEL! The [Hill District Home of Daisy Lampkin](#), a famous suffragist

[Pittsburgh Courier Building](#)

[The LeMoyne House](#)

[Crawford Grill](#)

Live Demonstration Shows:

Buhl Planetarium

Story Time Under the Stars: View our [Daily Calendar](#) for show times!

Early learners and their grown-ups are invited to celebrate diversity and enjoy science-themed stories under a starry sky. Settle in and watch the sunset. Relax under a starlit sky as our planetarium educators read stories about a bright and beaming Moon.

Building capacity is limited to 15% to ensure ample social distancing in our wide-open galleries. Our mask policy is strictly enforced, and we have enhanced surface cleaning and increased fresh airflow in the building. In addition, our air-filtration system exceeds American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning (ASHRAE) recommendations. You and everyone in your group will also undergo temperature checks using a touchless thermometer. Timed tickets required for entry. [Buy yours today!](#)

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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