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**NEW INSTALLATION AT CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER CELEBRATES WOMEN IN STEM**  
***INSTALLATION TO BE UNVEILED ON INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE***

**PITTSBURGH, Feb. 8, 2021** — In celebration of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, Carnegie Science Center will unveil a new installation that honors influential women in STEM during a [Facebook Live](#) on Thurs., Feb. 11 at 10 am. During the Facebook Live, Science Center staff members will introduce viewers to the seven women featured in the installation by describing their accomplishments in biomedical engineering, paleontology, sports medicine, conservation, and a variety of other STEM fields.

The installation, which is displayed in Carnegie Science Center's FedEx STEM Learning Labs, highlights the following women:

- **Dr. Ritu Raman**, Postdoctoral Fellow at MIT
- **Adele Luta**, Scientist and Innovator at Oceaneering International, INC
- **Dr. Arlyne Simon**, Biomedical Engineer at Intel and author of "Abby Invents"
- **Dana Bolles**, Payload Logistics lead at NASA
- **Dr. Monica Rho**, Director of Women's Sports Medicine at Shirley Ryan AbilityLab
- **Myria Perez**, Fossil Preparator at Perot Museum of Nature and Science
- **Dr. Kristen Lear**, Bat Conservationist and Environmental Educator at Bat Conservation International

Each of the women featured in the installation are ambassadors with the IF/THEN® Initiative, a nationwide effort by Lyda Hill Philanthropies to increase the representation of women and gender minorities in STEM fields through projects that illustrate their accomplishments. Carnegie Science Center was awarded an IF/THEN® Gender Equity Grant last year to support such projects, including the [Women in STEM Speaker Series](#), [Girls Rock Science](#), and this new installation.

The FedEx STEM Learning Labs, located on the Ground Floor of the PPG SCIENCE PAVILION™, are nine specialized classrooms that support inquiry-based instruction and project-based learning in biology, chemistry, and physics. The FedEx STEM Learning Labs are a multipurpose space used for summer camps, student workshops, teacher professional development workshops, and meetings.

**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.

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