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Science Chicago Connects Youth to Cool Jobs and Hot Careers in Science & Technology

Science Works! event lets kids learn what it's really like to chase tornadoes, be a CSI and live underwater

CHICAGO [April 15, 2009] – Science Chicago is offering local youth a rare opportunity to discover the fascinating – and even surprising – careers that exist in the fields of science and technology, all in one fun-filled day at the Museum of Science and Industry. From tornado chasing, to crime scene investigation, to designing video games, **Science Works!** will let kids from across the Chicago region meet real scientists and learn how they transformed their science dreams into successful and exciting careers.

Science Works! is Saturday, May 2 from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m at the Museum of Science and Industry, 57th Street and Lake Shore Drive, Chicago. Presentations will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Little Theater, and a career fair will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the West Pavilion.

Science Works! will feature scientists and engineers from over 30 universities, laboratories, corporations and museums across Chicago and the surrounding region. Kids will have the opportunity to speak face-to-face with scientists throughout the day to learn how they made the decision to pursue a career in science and the steps they took to become leaders in their fields. Between 700 and 1,000 kids are expected to attend **Science Works!**

“Science Works! gives kids an insider’s look at exciting career opportunities in science through one-on-one interaction with real scientists doing cool jobs,” said Cheryl Hughes, Executive Director of Science Chicago. “We hope this unique personal experience will raise awareness of the wide spectrum of science careers available and encourage our children to pursue jobs in these fields.”

In addition to the dynamic science career expo, several innovative scientists will give brief stage presentations, showcasing the exciting science behind their work. Featured science jobs and speakers include:

Storm Chasing - Meet Daniel Leonard, a meteorological daredevil who tracks hurricanes, tornadoes and other weather patterns to provide real-time weather forecasts to the aviation industry, energy traders and the media.

Living Under the Sea - Jump into marine biology with Dr. Ellen Prager, a scientist who studies the ocean at exotic locations around the world and heads the world's only research lab under the sea!

Building it High - Catch up with Larry Novak, a structural engineer who's designed some of the world's most notable buildings, including the Burj Dubai Tower, the tallest free-standing building on Earth!

Designer Gaming - Plug into your inner computer geek with Michael Sharps, an engineer who's created software and games for some of the biggest names in the business.

Collecting the Evidence - Visit the scene of a crime with an FBI special agent and hear how their scientific approach to evidence collection helps catch the criminals and prosecute cases.

Imaging the Cosmos - Get a 3-D view of physicist Michelle Borkin, who's turning medical computing technology into a new way to look at our universe.

Mobilizing Robotics - Get up-close with Dr. Karl Iagnemma, designer of sophisticated mobile robots that can climb walls, travel rough terrain and explore other planets.

Admission Info

Admission to **Science Works!** is FREE but does not include General Admission to the Museum. Reservations are recommended. To reserve, please call 773-947-3150 or email svp@sciencechicago.com. This event is recommended for ages 13 and up. For up-to-date information, please visit the [Science Works!](#) page at sciencechicago.com.

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About Science Chicago

The Museum of Science and Industry is spearheading Science Chicago, a collaboration of more than 140 public and private institutions that have come together to present the world's largest science celebration. Designed to awaken the inner scientist in each and every one of us, thousands of dynamic and interactive activities will provide hands-on learning; spur thoughtful debate; enhance classroom learning; and build enthusiasm for the pursuit of cutting-edge science while establishing the critical value of science and math education.

For more information, visit www.sciencechicago.com.