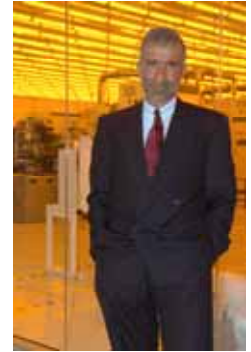


# CMOST Chronicles

The Children's Museum of Science and Technology

Spring 2008

## CMOST to Honor Dr. Alain E. Kaloyeros at the 2008 Anniversary Gala



The Children's Museum of Science and Technology (CMOST) has selected Dr. Alain E. Kaloyeros, Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer and Professor of Nanoscience at the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) of the University at Albany, to receive the "Explore★Discover★Imagine" Award at CMOST's 2008 Anniversary Gala on Thursday, June 12, 2008. Dr. Kaloyeros was selected for his commitment to instilling a sense of wonder and discovery in children that inspires their lifelong exploration of science and technology.

The Anniversary Gala is being held at The Children's Museum of Science and Technology (CMOST), and will include a wine and hors d'oeuvre reception where adults will experience CMOST as kids do everyday, with planetarium and animal shows. Guests will then enjoy an elegant dinner "Under the Stars," followed by the awards ceremony and presentation of the "Explore★Discover★Imagine" Award to Dr. Kaloyeros. John Nigro, of the Nigro Companies and John Cavalier, formerly of MapInfo, are the 2008 Honorary Committee co-chairs.

"The Children's Museum of Science and Technology is pleased to present Alain Kaloyeros with its highest honor, the "Explore★Discover★Imagine" Award, in recognition of his extraordinary leadership in the critical effort to motivate the next generation of scientists in our region and state," said John Graydon Smith, President of CMOST. "It is admirable that in building the world's finest college for nanotechnology, one which is breaking new ground in education and research while stimulating our economy, Dr. Kaloyeros has demonstrated an uncommon devotion to ensuring that students are given the chance to explore the world that will likely define their careers as adults."

"On behalf of the UAlbany NanoCollege, I am deeply grateful and privileged by the honor of being selected for the "Explore★Discover★Imagine" Award by The Children's Museum of Science and Technology. The Museum is widely recognized as a pioneering leader in educating and instilling the wonder and excitement of science and engineering in our children, and preparing them to become the scientists and researchers of tomorrow," said Dr. Kaloyeros. "We salute The Children's Museum's commitment to capturing the imagination and spurring the interest of students in technology, which is essential to our regional, statewide, and national competitiveness in the knowledge-based economy of the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

To purchase sponsorship opportunities and tickets to the 2008 Anniversary Gala, contact Laurie Miedema, at CMOST, by phone at 518-235-2120 extension 202, or by email at [info@CMOST.org](mailto:info@CMOST.org).

## Construction on the Junior Science Lab Complete!



The walls are up, the floor is down, and the windows are in place as the Junior Science Lab is now available as classroom space for CMOST science camps, workshops, group presentations and CMOST member's birthday parties.

"With the completion of the Science Lab's first phase CMOST now has additional teaching space that enables us to offer diverse science programming to kids of all ages from our pre-school "My Parent & Me" program to offering three camps during school break weeks and over the summer, said John Smith, CMOST President.

The final phase of the lab will be completed this summer with the addition of lab furniture and computers, and installation of the electron microscope enabling kids and their families to explore, discover and imagine our world on the nanoscale level.

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## A Letter from CMOST's President & CEO

Dear Friends,

It seemed like it would never get here, but at long last Spring has sprung! While that means sunshine, baseball and barbecues for most of us, here at CMOST that means April and Summer camps, new birthday parties, and most importantly, our 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

As you read of the front cover of this edition of *CMOST Chronicles*, our Anniversary Gala will be held Thursday, June 12 and our honoree this year is Dr. Alain Kaloyeros, from the University at Albany. Dr. Kaloyeros will be presented with our highest honor, the "Explore ★ Discover ★ Imagine" award, in recognition of his tireless work in helping inspire children to explore science and technology. The Gala will feature a reception in The Museum (amidst the animals, exhibits, and shows) which will be followed by an elegant dinner "under the stars" in a tent near the trailhead of our Kline Plantasies Killitie trail. If you'd like to join us for the evening, tickets or sponsorships may be purchased by calling The Museum at 235-2120.

In addition to preparing for the Gala, we have been hard at work creating several fantastic new "edutainment" opportunities for the children who visit us. Our Spring and Summer break camps are filling up fast, and interested parents looking to sign up their kids for great new experiences like "The Art of Science" or any of our new girls-only "GIST." camps featuring day-trips to The Emma Willard School science labs, should call quickly!

We also have finished construction on the new Junior Science Lab and while we wait on the new computers and electron microscope to arrive, we are using the space for "member-only" birthday parties like Bubbology or any one of our great new party themes just introduced this Spring. Experience our liquid nitrogen ice-cream party or get buggy with our bug-themed party that features an outdoor scavenger hunt – great for all those summer birthdays coming up!

Of course, we'll also be switching to our Summer hours starting June 30, when we'll be open Monday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm. These hours will give every family the opportunity to come experience all the new and wonderful exhibits and programs CMOST offers, and we've also lengthened our regular Sunday hours (all year except July/Aug) to 10am-5pm, so come by soon and check us out!

When you're planning your next visit don't forget about our café "The Eatery", which will be holding cookouts all Spring and Summer and be sure to visit [www.CMOST.org](http://www.CMOST.org) to find out what programs we have planned for the day of your visit. We look forward to seeing you soon and remember, whether it's sunny and 70 or rainy and windy, every season is a great season to visit The Children's Museum of Science and Technology!

Sincerely,

John Graydon Smith  
President and Chief Executive Officer

## CMOST Gears Up for a Summer of Science Fun!



Exploding soda, dancing spaghetti, wetland wonders, robotics, snails, beaver dams, and liquid lasagna. Are you curious as to what these things are? Then CMOST Science camps are for you!

This summer CMOST will continue our popular Co-ed camps **Junior Discoverer** for kids ages 5 to 7, and the **Senior Explorer** for kids ages 8 to 10. **GIST – "Girls in Science and Technology"** is back by popular demand and is being offered this year to girls ages 5 to 7 and 8 to 11.

Summer Science camps take place each week from June 30<sup>th</sup> through August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Each week kids will explore a fun topic, discover amazing and interesting scientific facts and imagine how they can utilize these ideas in their own universe.

Summer Science Camp registration is open, and we encourage you to register early as camps are filling fast! For a complete summer science camp listing and updated weekly camp availability visit [www.CMOST.org](http://www.CMOST.org)

**Save the Date!**

**Thursday, June 12, 2008**

**6:00 – 9:30 PM**

**CMOST's**

**2008 Anniversary  
Gala Celebration  
at CMOST!**

*Call 518-235-2120 for sponsor  
and ticket opportunities!*



## CMOST Expands Birthday Party Themes!

*Celebrating your birthday at CMOST is even more incredible with additional themes now being offered!*

- ★ Join us in an exploration of one of the coldest substances on earth, Liquid Nitrogen (N) at your **"I SCREAM, U SCREAM, WE SCREAM 4 M-ICE CREAM"** birthday party. We'll smash balloons, freeze marshmallows and finish up by creating our own ice cream in seconds flat!
- ★ They are creepy and they are crawly! Invite your friends to join us at a **"GETTING BUGGY"** birthday party and learn about the various kinds of insects, arachnids, and other arthropods that live at CMOST! Then put what you have learned to work as we head outside on a bug hunt of our own! This party is offered seasonally from May through September, and the outside activity is weather dependent.
- ★ Have you ever wondered what makes things glow? Let's get scientific and find out at your **"ILLUMINATING SCIENCE"** birthday party. You and your friends will create secret messages, experiment with glowing putty and learn about animals that glow in the dark!
- ★ Conduct fun and exciting chemistry experiments at your **"KOOKY CONCOCTIONS"** birthday party! Kids learn about solids, liquids, and gases as they create kooky concoctions like liquid lasagna and silly putty. This party features the Molecularium™ dome show.
- ★ We, of course, are still offering our famous **"ANIMALS ABOUND"** birthday party where you learn about the animal world through a hands-on presentation; the **"BUBBLOLOGY"** birthday party where you experiment with the magic, science and art of bubbles during this wild and crazy birthday party; and our **"UNFOLDING MYSTERIES: The Origami Paper"** birthday party, where you try your hand at folding and inventing with nothing other than a flat piece of paper!

All CMOST birthday parties include private use of birthday party room for 2<sup>1/2</sup> hours for 16 or children, a food package for 16 party guests (choose from cheese pizza, macaroni & cheese, cheeseburgers, chicken tenders and a choice of juice or soda). Also included are the party table coverings and place settings, a 30 minute CMOST Educator led program, private Dome Show in the Lally Digital Dome and Planetarium, a Museum Self-tour, day long admission to CMOST for party guests, a souvenir t-shirt and balloon for the birthday child, a small gift for each party guest, passes for all attendees to visit CMOST again (\$80 value) and CMOST birthday party invitations are available at [www.CMOST.org](http://www.CMOST.org).

For more information on our Birthday Party packages or to reserve your date call the CMOST Reservations line at 518-235-2120, extension 206.

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## CMOSTeen Volunteer Program

*Apply now for summer opportunities!*

The Children's Museum of Science and Technology is proud to roll out our updated teen volunteer program **CMOSTeen**, this summer at The Museum. This program offers a unique opportunity for teens to work along side museum employees and explore career interests, discover and build new employment skills, and imagine their involvement in a life-long experience with science and technology.

The Children's Museum of Science and Technology is currently accepting applications for the **CMOSTeen Volunteer Program** from individuals ages 14-18, who are currently attending high school. This program requires an initial commitment of 48 hours and a minimum of 3 hours every other weekend. For additional information visit [www.CMOST.org](http://www.CMOST.org) or contact Laurie Miedema at 518-235-2120.

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- 10% discount in museum gift shop
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- CMOST open seven days a week for members
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**\$120**

All member benefits for two parents, two grandparents and all children under 18. FREE and unlimited admission to dome shows for one year, and six free guest passes

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**FAMILIES SPONSOR**  
**\$250**

All the benefits of the Family Explorer Membership PLUS one sponsorship of educational programs for disadvantaged children in the Capital Region.

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*(please circle desired level)*

All the benefits of the Family Sponsor membership for two adults, two grandparents, all children and two additional guests, invitations to special museum events, discount on museum rental, invitations to private tours, and free guest passes.

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*Memberships are non-transferable and non-refundable.  
Please return form to:*

**CMOST, 250 Jordan Road, Troy, New York 12180**