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NEW VICE PRESIDENT TAKES HELM AT CNSE CMOST

Catherine Gilbert To Lead CNSE Children’s Museum of Science and Technology Through Expansion And Relocation

Troy, NY – The SUNY College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE)/SUNY Institute of Technology (SUNYIT) today announced Catherine Gilbert has been appointed Vice President of the CNSE Children’s Museum of Science and Technology (CNSE CMOST). Gilbert brings with her a wealth of museum experience and a passion for fostering youthful curiosity.

“Governor Andrew Cuomo has made it a priority to engage our youth in creative science, technology, engineering, and math activities as we prepare them for the high-tech future we are building for them. Catherine Gilbert is highly qualified to meet that challenge and we are delighted to have her leading the team at CNSE CMOST,” said Dr. Alain Kaloyeros, CEO and Officer in Charge of SUNY CNSE/SUNYIT. “Catherine’s appointment is a testament to CNSE/SUNYIT’s commitment to inspiring the great thinkers of tomorrow, and we wish her the best of luck.”

"I am delighted and honored to serve as the Museum's Vice President and I look forward to pursuing CNSE CMOST's vision to be recognized as a world class science center, inspiring students of all ages to explore, discover, and imagine their world. The Museum boasts an incredible staff of dedicated individuals who contribute their talents toward enlivening CNSE CMOST's mission," Gilbert said. "My aspiration is that this venture will result in a museum which will exemplify progressive educational strategies and satisfy the modern museum-goers' expectation to be an active participant in the museum experience."

Gilbert received a Master’s degree in Museum Education from Tufts University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History from Marist College. She has spent the past six-and-a-half years as Director of the Museum Association of New York, including her time spent as Executive Director of Museumwise before the two organizations merged. Prior to that, she spent nearly a decade connecting communities with the wealth of learning experiences offered by museums and heritage organizations by developing programs and resources at the Miami Children’s Museum, the New York State Historical Association, Old South Meeting House, and the Boston Children’s Museum.

Gilbert will lead CNSE CMOST through an exciting time as it prepares to expand and relocate to the Albany NanoTech complex. She expects to forge meaningful and sustainable relationships with the

museum's growing membership, educators, and stakeholders while positioning the museum as a recognized partner for parents, caregivers, and schools.

CNSE CMOST is the Capital Region's only science center designed specifically for children and was named as one of *Parents Magazine's* top 20 science centers in the United States, providing an exciting, hands-on environment that encourages children to explore, discover, and imagine.

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About SUNY CNSE. The SUNY College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) is the world leader in the emerging disciplines of nanoscience, nanoengineering, nanobioscience, and nanoeconomics. CNSE represents the world's most advanced university-driven research enterprise, with more than \$20 billion in high-tech investments and over 300 corporate partners. The 1.3 million-square-foot Albany NanoTech megaplex is home to more than 3,100 scientists, researchers, engineers, students, and faculty. CNSE maintains a statewide footprint, operating the Smart Cities Technology Innovation Center (SCiTI) at Kiernan Plaza in Albany, the Solar Energy Development Center in Halfmoon, the Photovoltaic Manufacturing and Technology Development Facility in Rochester, and the Smart System Technology and Commercialization Center (STC) in Canandaigua. CNSE co-founded and manages the Computer Chip Commercialization Center (Quad-C) at SUNYIT and is lead developer of the Marcy Nanocenter site in Utica, as well as the Buffalo High-Tech Manufacturing Complex, Buffalo Information Technologies Innovation and Commercialization Hub, and Medical Innovation and Commercialization Hub. For information, visit www.sunycnse.com.

About SUNYIT. SUNYIT, the State University of New York Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome, is New York's public polytechnic, offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs in technology, professional studies, and the arts and sciences. Its academic offerings in technology include engineering, cybersecurity, computer science, and the engineering technologies; programs in professional studies include business, communication, and nursing; and offerings in the arts and sciences range from sciences to humanities to the social sciences. Athletics, recreational, cultural and campus life programs, events and activities complement the academic experience. Founded in 1966, SUNYIT is a unique high-tech learning environment on hundreds of acres, offering degree programs online as well as on campus. The SUNYIT family of alumni now numbers 25,000. For information, visit www.sunyit.edu.

About the CNSE Children's Museum of Science and Technology. The CNSE Children's Museum of Science and Technology (CNSE CMOST), named one of the Top 20 science centers in the nation by *Parents Magazine*, is the only place in New York's Tech Valley region specifically designed for children and their families to explore, discover, and imagine the worlds of science and technology together. Located in the Rensselaer Technology Park in Troy, CNSE CMOST is committed to instilling a sense of wonder and discovery in young minds and inspiring a lifelong interest in science and technology. For information, visit www.cmost.org.