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Experienced Education Trailblazer Joins Quest Science Center

As the Director of Learning and Innovation, Caleb Cheung is launching pilot programs in the summer of 2020

Livermore, CA: June 9, 2020 - [Quest Science Center](#), a Tri-Valley organization dedicated to providing hands-on learning experiences that connect everyone to the value of science, announced that Caleb Cheung has been named Director of Learning and Innovation. Hiring a seasoned and innovative educator in this role marks a turning point for Quest, which had been an all-volunteer organization.

Cheung is a science education leader and visionary with 24 years of experience teaching and developing science programs in multiple contexts with educators, youth and families. Cheung knows how to connect people of all ages to the value of science. Among his many firsts, he led the Oakland Unified School District's transition to become one of the first districts in California to implement the new national Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) - a fundamentally different way to teach science that involves science and engineering practices, crosscutting concepts, and disciplinary core ideas. At Chabot Space & Science Center, he spearheaded new educational programs onsite and within the community, including an immersive summer camp and an innovative yearlong science academy for middle school students to build exhibits and conduct research projects.

At Quest, Cheung will focus on developing programs that spark curiosity, cultivate exploration, and foster inclusion. Through pilot programs starting in summer 2020, Quest will test and refine its approach for engaging youth and the public in novel and meaningful ways. Quest is also exploring intersections between science and other fields, such as the arts. Quest plans to create short-term exhibits with community partners, beginning in September with the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. All of these projects will ultimately inform the development of an educational framework to guide the design of Quest's permanent science center and fulfill Quest's mission to inspire and nurture everyday exploration for lifelong engagement with science and technology.

“Caleb’s expertise and vision are invaluable as we engage with regional partners to create science experiences that are inclusive and accessible,” said Monya Lane, CEO of Quest Science Center. “With his help, we launched [Quest@Home](#), our virtual learning center created during the COVID-19 crisis to connect learners of all ages to activities, resources and original content. Now, we are offering our first summer programs and internships for youth.”

About Quest Science Center

Quest invites participants of all ages to learn by doing as they discover how science works. Since 2018, we have engaged over 3000 students in the region with outreach activities that encourage people of all ages to question, understand and explore science and technology – hence the name Quest.

Quest is dedicated to helping everyone see how science and technology impact the way we learn, work, and live in our ever-changing world. We encourage learning online through Quest@Home, and through in-person events and virtual programs. Quest’s permanent science center plans to open its doors in 2024, in downtown Livermore’s Stockmen’s Park.

For more information, visit: <https://quest-science.org>