



Science Soiree

Your Donation, Their Brighter Future

Your auction item donation to our 2025 Science Soiree helps us to deliver on our mission of bringing science to life and lives to science for all.



Dear Community Partner,

The Da Vinci Science Center invites you to be part of an evening where curiosity sparkles, connections deepen, and science takes center stage.

On April 24, 2026, the Science Soiree and STEAM Scholarship Awards will bring together community leaders, supporters, and advocates for an engaging fundraising celebration in support of our mission to bring science to life and lives to science. This signature event fuels hands-on learning, access to science experiences, and bold educational programs that serve learners of all ages throughout our region.

In addition, we are honored to present Dr. Sian "Leo" Proctor, an astronaut, geoscientist, artist, poet, and trailblazing space communicator with our Pioneer in Science and Creativity Award. Dr. Proctor's visionary work fuses science, creativity and humanity, inspiring future explorers to see themselves as pioneers of possibility. We are currently gathering donated items and experiences for our event auctions, and we would be honored to include your business as a contributing partner. Donations may be designated for:

- **Live Auction**

One-of-a-kind experiences, premium packages, or high-value items that inspire excitement and friendly competition.

- **Silent Auction**

Gift cards, curated baskets, services, or merchandise that highlight the best of our local businesses and organizations.

- **Wine Pull**

Bottles of wine or spirits that help create a fun and festive fundraising moment for guests.

All donated items directly support Da Vinci Science Center's work to ignite curiosity, strengthen STEAM education, and build meaningful connections between science and the community we share.

The Science Soiree will take place at the Da Vinci Science Center on Friday, April 24, 2026, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Tickets to attend the event are available, and we would be delighted to welcome you or a representative of your business to join us for an evening of discovery, celebration, and impact.

Your generosity helps transform inspiration into opportunity and ensures that science remains accessible, engaging, and rooted in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for considering a contribution and for being a valued part of our community.

With appreciation,
The Science Soiree Committee
Da Vinci Science Center

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Contact Name

Business Name

Preferred Email

Preferred Phone

Estimated value of the item donated

Description of the item donated

Your donation is more than a prize. It is a meaningful show of support for our community and the belief that curiosity, learning, and opportunity should be accessible to all. Small businesses like yours are the backbone of our region, and your willingness to give speaks volumes about your commitment to the people you serve every day.

Because of you, this fundraiser becomes more than an event. It becomes a celebration of connection, creativity, and shared purpose. Your contribution helps us inspire learners, recognize achievement, and create opportunities that extend far beyond one evening.

We know how much care and effort it takes to run a small business, which makes your support especially appreciated. Thank you for standing with us and helping make this fundraiser a true community success.

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