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# Gateway to Science

*Inspiring the scientist in everyone!*

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## The Gift of Science

'Tis the season for giving, and if you are looking for the perfect gift idea, may we suggest...

[Gift memberships](#)

Purchase online today!

Our staff has put together an [Amazon Wish List](#) of items to enhance our programs & gallery.

## Leach Foundation Contributes to Campaign

### Will Name Lobby



Ninety years after Thomas Leach was inspired to search for oil in North Dakota, his name will be inspiring North Dakotans of all ages to explore science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

A gift of \$500,000 from the Tom and Frances Leach Foundation puts Gateway to Science another step closer to breaking ground in 2019 on a new science center with the Leach name in the lobby entrance. Clearly, the Foundation is committed to investing in North Dakota's greatest asset - our children.

"We are extremely grateful to the foundation. They have not only put their mark on our future vision, but they've brought us another step closer to realizing our dream of a truly first-class center to inspire tomorrow's scientists," said Beth Demke, Executive Director of Gateway to Science. "I know that Tom Leach would be very proud that his life's work will inspire thousands of young minds for generations to come." Anyone is welcome to join in our investment in the future at <http://www.gatewaytoscience.org/donate>.

"The Board of Directors of the Tom and Frances Leach Foundation is very proud to make this grant to Gateway to Science. This is not just about a new building. It is about sparking the imaginations of young people." said Bill Daniel, president of the Leach Foundation.

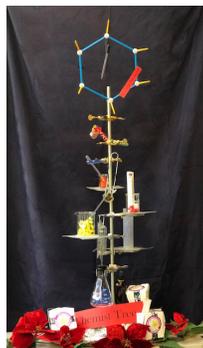
The Tom and Frances Leach Foundation, a private, non-profit, charitable organization, promotes the public welfare with private resources. The Foundation has given

Gateway to Science has an [Endowment Fund](#) with the North Dakota Community Foundation.

more than \$15.5 million to organizations, universities and charities over the past 60 years.

### **Oasis Petroleum to Sponsor Exhibit**

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Our Chemist Tree



Michael Kukuk, pictured left, stopped by to confirm Oasis Petroleum's commitment to the new science center in their sponsorship of an oil/gas exhibit. The GTS expansion offers Oasis an opportunity to further their mission to make a long-lasting positive impact on the communities in which they operate. The new science center will serve visitors from across North Dakota and surrounding states and serve as headquarters for STEM educational outreach throughout the state, including the Bakken.

### **Upcoming Programs & Events**

Follow the links below to learn more.

January 12: [Drone Flight School for Beginners](#)

January 19: [Farwest Rotary Bowling Tournament](#)

January 26: [Winter STEM Spectacular](#)

January 29: [STEM Adventure Club](#) begins

### **Check out Scout's Dragon Diaries**

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#### **A Dragon's Life at Gateway to Science**

Scout, our resident bearded dragon, decided she has a lot to share about what goes on at Gateway to Science, so she started a blog.



To keep up with Scout and her gallery observations and activities, check out her [Dragon Diaries](#).

Please visit our website at [www.gatewaytoscience.org](http://www.gatewaytoscience.org).  
Donate to support our mission at [www.gatewaytoscience.org/donate](http://www.gatewaytoscience.org/donate).