GATEWAY TO SCIENCE
MISSION AND PROGRAMS
Gateway to Science is North Dakota’s hands-on science center. Our mission is to inspire the discovery of science through hands-on experiences.

We further this mission by operating an interactive exhibit gallery in Bismarck and by developing and implementing educational outreach programs across the state. As an informal setting, we complement the formal education system and offer youth, families, and the public a fun, stress-free gateway to explore science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

Our programs, including STEM Adventure Club, summer camps, Preschool Discovery Hour, and Girls Who Code, spark students’ interests and connect their passions with STEM education and career opportunities in North Dakota.

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
Gateway to Science has experienced tremendous growth over the past decade. The time has come for a new, stand-alone science center to serve visitors of all ages from across the region and to anchor Gateway to Science’s statewide outreach programs.

On October 7, 2019, Gateway to Science broke ground for a new facility that will house an expanded, hands-on exhibit gallery, telling the story of innovation and opportunity in North Dakota with exhibits on energy, agriculture, health care, transportation, and more. The facility will also feature a laboratory classroom, indoor and outdoor classrooms, and a flexible maker space.

Our visionary, multi-phase project will provide a much-needed hub for hands-on STEM experiences and will stand as a legacy for generations to show our commitment to education and innovation. Investing in Gateway to Science is investing in North Dakota’s future.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIRS
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A VARIETY OF FACILITY AND EXHIBIT NAMING OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE.
A Statewide Resource

2019 OUTREACH
60 PROGRAMS / 31 COMMUNITIES

2019 GROUP VISITS
96 VISITS / 31 COMMUNITIES
Let’s give North Dakota a top-notch learning facility and strong programming to grow the next generation of industry and agriculture leaders.

Kathy Neset  
NESET CONSULTING  
CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIR

The hands-on approach to learning is proven to increase creativity, logic development, and reading readiness, and is the hallmark of an exemplary science center.

Mikey Hoeven  
FORMER FIRST LADY OF NORTH DAKOTA  
CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIR

Kids learn best when they are playing and having fun. What they learn at Gateway to Science encourages them to explore the world around them.

Levi & Bethany Andrist  
PARENTS & GATEWAY TO SCIENCE MEMBERS

It makes sense for North Dakota’s industries to support these efforts if we truly want to help teach and groom the next generation of STEM leaders in our state.

Doug Goehring  
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