Arin Casavant returns to NDGTS
Joins staff as Programs Director

Arin Casavant is a returning employee to North Dakota’s Gateway to Science and is glad to be back “home.” Prior to her current role as Programs Director, Arin was an educator for several school districts, as well as an NDGTS after-school instructor, camp instructor, and Educational Outreach Coordinator. She has taught in a fourth grade classroom, as well as all levels of middle school science.

Arin has a passion for robotics and helps coordinate regional robotic tournaments for high school level students, while coaching a multiple award-winning middle school robotics team. Her passion for robotics began at NDGTS, where she led camps, facilitated multiple professional developments and curriculum development for several school districts, and served as an area expert on programming and coding for all levels of youth.

She holds a Masters in Educational Leadership from NDSU, a Bachelors in Elementary Education with endorsements in middle school, as well as an Associate Degree from United Tribes Technical College in Elementary Education. In 2017, she was awarded Bismarck-Mandan’s Chamber of Commerce Elementary Teacher of the Year.
Arin’s goals as Program Director are to continue innovative programming for all ages, while creating more opportunities for youth to prepare and enter STEM-related careers and trades in North Dakota.

Welcome home, Arin!

### Summer STEM camps off to great start

**Openings remain for some camp weeks**

STEM Adventure Camp for grades 1-5 kicked off our summer programming last week. And the first of three middle school camp meets this week at the BPS Career Academy.

STEM Adventure Camp offers a choice of full day or half day (morning or afternoon). There is space available in some of the camps while others are filled.

STEM Camps for grades 6-9 are full day camps. The July 11-15 camp will be held at Dakota Carrier Network (DCN) with a focus on technology. Ducks Unlimited hosts the August 1-5 camp focusing on environmental science. Both camps have openings at this time.

Details and registration at [gatewaytoscience.org/summer-camps](http://gatewaytoscience.org/summer-camps).

### NDGTS and workforce development

**New building expands opportunities**

How is North Dakota's Gateway to Science connected to the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber EDC's workforce development efforts?

Chamber EDC President & CEO Brian Ritter talks about the role we play in "Keeping workforce development at the forefront in Bismarck-Mandan." Read it at [gatewaytoscience.org/2022/06/workforce_development](http://gatewaytoscience.org/2022/06/workforce_development).

### Celebrate your birthday with us

**Adventure and Spectacular package options**

Programming Calendar

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Grade(s)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>6/18</td>
<td>STEM Saturday Workshop</td>
<td>(grades 1-5)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7/11-15</td>
<td>STEM Camp at DCN</td>
<td>(grades 6-9)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7/16</td>
<td>Preschool Discovery Hour</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>- The Secret Life of Weather</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8/1-5</td>
<td>STEM Camp at Ducks Unlimited</td>
<td>(grades 6-9)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Looking for a fun place to celebrate your birthday? North Dakota's Gateway to Science is that place!

Both the Birthday Spectacular and Birthday Adventure packages include:

- Party room for two hours: 1 hour in gallery, 1 hour of social time.
- T-shirt for birthday child.
- Party favor for birthday child and guests.
- Party host.
- Admission to hands-on science exhibit gallery.
- Storage for your things during the gallery visit.

The Birthday Spectacular Package also includes one fun, guided, hands-on science activity and the children take their creations home. Activities to choose from are:

- Make Slime (recommended for ages 4+)
- Build a Catapult (recommended for ages 6+)
- Make Ocean in a Bottle (recommended for ages 6+)
- Cast and Mold Fossils (recommended for ages 4+)
- Build a Rocket (recommended for ages 4+)

NCGTS members receive a discount when scheduling a party.

For more details and to request a party date, please visit gatewaytoscience.org/birthday-parties!

Please visit our website at www.gatewaytoscience.org.
Donate to support our mission at www.gatewaytoscience.org/donate.