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## Connecticut Science Center Welcomes New Trustees *Jane Milas and Meryl Mallery Join Board of Trustees*

**HARTFORD, CT (April 2, 2019)**– The Connecticut Science Center is pleased to welcome attorney Jane Milas and engineer and business executive Meryl Mallery to its Board of Trustees. Milas is Managing Director of Garcia & Milas, P.C. in New Haven, and Mallery is Vice President of Engineering at Ensign-Bickford Aerospace & Defense, in Simsbury.

“The Connecticut Science Center is fortunate to have such a dedicated and engaged group of individuals on our board,” said Matt Fleury, Connecticut Science Center President & CEO. “Each Trustee unique and valuable talent, experience and perspective. We are grateful to Jane Milas and Meryl Mallery for their passionate support of the Science Center’s work to engage boys, girls, men and women of all backgrounds in the possibilities that STEM provides for them and our community.”

The Connecticut Science Center will soon be celebrating its tenth anniversary, building on its first decade with a strategic plan focused on STEM career awareness amid the growing demand and opportunity for STEM talent in the state. The Science Center’s diverse offerings have inspired more than three million people, from throngs of young families to high school students and lifelong learners.



**Jane Milas** is the Managing Director of Garcia & Milas, P.C. Since beginning her legal career, Jane has practiced in the area of construction, commercial, products liability, alternative dispute resolution, real estate, and employment law. She regularly appears before state and federal courts, administrative tribunals, and arbitration panels. Jane has held a number of leadership positions in local and state bar associations, including serving as President of the New Haven County Bar Association and Chairman of the Construction Law Section of the American Bar Association. She has been named a Fellow of the American Bar Association and a James W. Cooper Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Association. Active in the community, Jane is a supporter of the CT

Veterans Legal Center and provides pro bono services through their referrals. She was recently chosen as a 2019 recipient of the Honorable Anthony V. DeMayo Pro Bono Award presented by the Connecticut Bar Association. She has written numerous articles for ABA section publications on litigation related topics, as well as taught construction law related seminars for various construction industry groups. Jane is a graduate of Byrn Mawr College, Northwestern University, and the University of Connecticut- School of Law.



**Meryl Mallery** has over 25 years of experience in the Aerospace and Defense Industry. Currently, she is the Vice President of Engineering at Ensign-Bickford Aerospace & Defense, a position she has held since 2015. Meryl began her career working at Kaiser Marquardt Corporation in Van Nuys, CA where she was involved in the analysis and design of liquid and gas rocket propulsion systems for tactical and missile defense. She joined Ensign-Bickford Aerospace and Defense as a Research and Development Engineer working on commercial mining and blasting IR&D projects. Her move to the Aerospace group involved working as an Aerospace Project Engineer and Analytical Engineer before getting promoted to Manager of

Aerospace Projects, then to Director of Project Engineering and eventually to her current position as Vice President of Engineering. Meryl has published several papers in the aerospace field and was a finalist for the Petit Family Women in Science Leadership Award in 2014. She holds a B.S. in Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering from U.C. Davis and an M.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Penn State.

For a complete list of current Trustees, please visit [CTScienceCenter.org/about/board-of-trustees](http://CTScienceCenter.org/about/board-of-trustees).

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**About the Connecticut Science Center About the Connecticut Science Center:** The LEED-Gold certified Connecticut Science Center, located in downtown Hartford, sparks creative imagination and an appreciation for science by immersing visitors in fun and educational hands-on, minds-on interactive experiences while maintaining an environmentally conscious presence. Serving more than 3 million people since opening in 2009, the Science Center features more than 165 exhibits in ten galleries. Covering a range of topics, including space and earth sciences, physical sciences, biology, the Connecticut River watershed, alternative energy sources, Connecticut inventors and innovations, a children's gallery, and much more. Other features include an all-season tropical butterfly habitat, four educational labs, a 200-seat 3D digital theater, function room, gift store, and ongoing events for all ages. The Science Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing science education throughout the state of Connecticut and New England, providing learning opportunities for students and adults of all ages, and engaging the community in scientific exploration. The Connecticut Science Center is also the home to the **Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Academy for Teachers**, offering powerful Professional Development for educators. More information: [CTScienceCenter.org](http://CTScienceCenter.org) or (860) SCIENCE.