The California Science Center is pleased to provide special insights to our Members! Here’s what’s in this issue of *The Nucleus*:

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Members, we hope that you and your loved ones are safe, healthy and continuing to learn. During these challenging times, your vital support enables the California Science Center to continue inspiring science learning in everyone as a trusted educational resource – THANK YOU!

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**MEET EVELYN!**
Evelyn grew up just blocks away from the Science Center and Exposition Park was her family’s favorite weekend destination. While her parents enjoyed the Rose Garden, she and her siblings would spend their afternoons roaming the Science Center and enjoying all the hands-on exhibits. Evelyn does not recall having any

Evelyn Serrano is the California Science Center’s Assistant Manager of Science Live! Programs and celebrates 10 years in the Education Department. She oversees a team of educators who facilitate fun, hands-on interactive demonstrations for guests throughout the Science Center. These demonstrations are inspired by and expand upon the science concepts illustrated in our permanent exhibit galleries and special exhibitions. You may have experienced the Slime Bar in Creative World or the Touch Tank in Ecosystems during a visit to the Science Center. Evelyn enjoys the challenge of presenting a different scientific principle to a new audience every day. This drive to fearlessly turn people on to science makes Evelyn an effective and engaging Stuck at Home Science live stream video presenter who is featured in Ice Cream Science, Kelp Exploration, Scat a Poop Story and, new this week, Ooey Oobleck.

Evelyn loves science because it is exciting and messy, and because there are so many different ways to find an answer. “Everyone has their own approach to solve a problem but, in the end, everyone arrives at the same answer.” Evelyn truly enjoys teaching science to the Science Center’s diverse audience, but she didn’t always think that she liked science. As a child, Evelyn had “a weird concept of what science was.” She had a lot of teachers encouraging her to do science and had fun “doing science” but she didn’t recognize it as science. It wasn’t until Evelyn began studying in college that she realized she had been doing science all along and really liked it. This is what led her to earn a bachelor’s degree in marine biology with a minor in education from the University of California, Santa Cruz and then to pursue a masters’ degree in conservation biology from California State University, Fullerton.
specific role models in the sciences. Instead, her upbringing helped her develop important skills.

“Whenever we had a problem, my parents didn’t always give us the answer right away. They would let us think about it and try to figure out how to solve it on our own.”

Evelyn thinks that this approach to problem-solving is what taught her to think like a scientist. She believes parents can encourage their children to take an interest in science by letting them explore the world around them and by not always answering their questions but letting them figure things out on their own. “Let them struggle a little. Struggling helps them remember the experience.” It also helps them appreciate that hard work and failure are sometimes necessary to accomplish worthwhile goals.

Science Live! demonstrations remind Evelyn of the California Science Center’s mission. This is why she is particularly grateful for the support of the Science Center’s Members and donors who make these demonstrations possible and allow us to create fun, memorable experiences to stimulate curiosity and inspire science learning in everyone.

In the next issue of The Nucleus we will meet Dr. Perry Roth-Johnson, Assistant Curator for Aerospace Science who develops exhibits and oversees the care and restoration of artifacts for the Samuel Oschin Air and Space Center, the future home of Space Shuttle Endeavour.
Missing your visits to the California Science Center? Science Beyond the Center, a new online portal on our website, will give you special behind-the-scenes access to Science Center exhibits in ways you’ve never seen before. Take tours through Space Shuttle Endeavour and hear exclusive interviews with astronauts. Meet Ecosystems animals and keepers up close. Listen to original podcasts on cutting-edge science topics – coming mid-June. Explore amazing images and insights from our curators and find out how exhibits are made. And check out some videos from our traveling exhibitions! New content will be added regularly.

This Friday, May 15, we will debut the first of four Inside Endeavour tours. Inside Endeavour tours give 360-degree views of Space Shuttle Endeavour, from the flight deck up front to the aft compartment in the back. Created by photographer Jon Brack and narrated by California Science Center assistant aerospace curator Dr. Perry Roth-Johnson, the tours give extra-special access, including some views that are rare even for astronauts! Four tours will be released over the late spring and summer.

Bookmark the Science Beyond the Center page and check back often to see what’s new!

STUCK AT HOME SCIENCE

This week in Stuck at Home Science, swing high and free fall fast! Experiment and learn about incredible invisible forces with Fantastic Physics. New activities are released every weekday at 10:00 a.m. PST. Bookmark the Stuck at Home Science page for FREE unlimited access to exciting videos and activity guides that are easy to understand and
available in both English and Spanish.

**Stuck at Home Science**, developed in a collaboration of the California Science Center’s content experts, educators and professional development team, is an online series of hands-on and age-appropriate science activities using supplies you can find at home. Activities feature videos and downloadable lessons that support the Next Generation Science Standards Science and Engineering Practices. Each week through mid-June covers a themed content goal – such as rocketry, life science, engineering or ecosystems.

**Having fun learning with Stuck at Home Science?** Send photos of you and your family doing the activities to [member@californiasciencecenter.org](mailto:member@californiasciencecenter.org) for an opportunity to be featured in an upcoming issue of *The Nucleus* and on our [Member News & Events](#) page.

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Make science learning at home FUN with our cool [Stuck at Home Science activity kits](#) and other fun products! For a limited time, Members will receive a special discount of 20% – double the usual member discount – and free shipping on orders $25 and over through May 17 using promo code: **MemberMay20**.

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