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COMMUNITY UPDATES

Saturday Science: Building Community Through STEM Exploration Uptown

Inside the light-filled Education Lab at Columbia's Zuckerman Institute on the Manhattanville campus, you'll find high-powered microscopes, neuron model guides, and interactive activity stations designed to teach local youth about the different facets of neuroscience.

Launched in 2017, Zuckerman's **Saturday Science** program transforms cutting-edge research into interactive experiences that encourage visitors to experiment, ask questions, and make their own connections.

"Built through a collaboration between

BioBus and Columbia University researchers, students, and educators, Saturday Science reflects a shared commitment to making science welcoming and accessible to all," said Kent Katner, Senior Public Programs Manager, Zuckerman Institute. "Since 2017, Saturday Science has engaged **nearly 10,000 children and their families**, opening doors to scientific exploration and lifelong interest in how the brain and world around us work."

See photos from a recent event at neighbors.columbia.edu/satsci.

Jennifer L. Mnookin Named President-Designate

Columbia University's Board of Trustees has appointed Jennifer L. Mnookin, a nationally recognized legal scholar who serves as the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, to be the next president of Columbia University, effective July 1, 2026.

The appointment concludes an extensive national search led by a committee of trustees and faculty, who sought input from students, faculty, staff, alumni, and members of the community.

"I am honored and thrilled to join Columbia University at this important moment," Mnookin said. "Columbia is defined by rigorous scholarship, a deep commitment to open inquiry, world-class patient care, and an inseparable and enduring connection to New York City, the



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greatest city in the world. I look forward to working closely with faculty, students, and staff, and with both our local and global community of alumni and friends, to advance the University's critically important mission and to ensure that its teaching and research continue to contribute meaningfully to society."

Read more about her at news.columbia.edu/mnookin.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Instrument Discovery Day

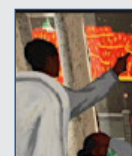
February 1, 10:00 am

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced musician, join Bloomingdale School of Music for an exciting day of exploring different musical instruments. neighbors.columbia.edu/instrument

Pop-Up Concerts: Chico Pinheiro

February 17, 6:00 pm

Brazilian-born guitarist and composer Chico Pinheiro returns to Miller Theatre with a set that blends Brazilian classics, jazz standards, and his own striking original compositions. neighbors.columbia.edu/chicop



A VR Window Into a Silenced Past

February 19,
5:00-8:00 pm

Gibbi is a new virtual reality experience that transports viewers into the American compound in 1937, where Ethiopian civilians sought refuge as Italian forces turned their city to fire and ash. neighbors.columbia.edu/yekatit12

Valentine's Market at the Bollinger Forum

February 12-13, 1:30-6:30 pm

Discover something special at the local small business pop-up market at the Lee C. Bollinger Forum! neighbors.columbia.edu/vday