



### **Donaldson Company Sponsoring Science Fusion, Four-Part Event Series Celebrating Science, Culture and Opportunity at the Science Museum of Minnesota**

MINNEAPOLIS--Where do culture, science and fun collide? Answer: The Science Museum of Minnesota beginning this January. For the fourth consecutive year, Donaldson Company, through the Donaldson Foundation, will be sole sponsor of *Science Fusion: a celebration of science, culture and opportunity*. Through a Foundation grant of \$30,000, the Science Museum will offer a four-part event series, held over two consecutive weekends, bringing scientific and educational professionals together to offer children and families interactive opportunities to learn about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

"The *Science Fusion* event series encourages visitors from all walks of life to make personal connections with some truly amazing achievers from diverse backgrounds and gives them an opportunity to be inspired by their accomplishments," said Dr. Eric J. Jolly, president of the Science Museum of Minnesota. "We are helping to build the ever-important next generation of scientists and science educators, the individuals who will help shape our day-to-day lives through their exploration and innovation."

The four-part event series, which will take place from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., begins on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> with "African Americans in Science." On site experts will guide visitors through interactive displays and presentations, while helping them to discover the inspiring contributions African Americans have made to technology, education, health care and innovation in Minnesota.

On Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, the Museum will host the "American Indians in Science" event where a wide variety of presenters from the Twin Cities' and statewide American Indian community will share their areas of expertise through hands-on activities and dynamic displays.

"Amantes de la Ciencia" (Lovers of Science) will be held Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. Latino and Hispanic professionals will be on-hand from the Twin Cities community to encourage youth to fall in love with science.

The event series will conclude on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, with "Asian Americans in Science." Museum visitors will meet science and education professionals who represent many geographic backgrounds from Southeast Asia to the mainland and the Pacific Islands.

To learn more about the *Science Fusion* programs, visit [www.smm.org/sciencefusion/](http://www.smm.org/sciencefusion/).

"Our collaboration with the Science Museum of Minnesota is an excellent way for Donaldson to support STEM-based programs in our community," said Jessica Exley, president of the Donaldson Foundation. "Last year, over 17,000 visitors attended the *Science Fusion* events. It is exciting to know that our volunteers are inspiring students of all ages and backgrounds to see themselves in STEM-related professions."

Established in 1966, the Donaldson Foundation funds charitable causes on behalf of Donaldson Company, Inc. Its mission is to positively impact the communities in which its employees live and work by supporting education. To learn more about the Donaldson Foundation, visit the website at <http://www.donaldson.com/en/about/community/foundation.html>.

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