

COX SCIENCE CENTER AND AQUARIUM CAMPAIGN DONOR DINNER



Recently, a buzzy evening was held at the **Cox Science Center and Aquarium (CSCA)** for donors involved in its *Elevating Science Education* capital campaign.

Sponsored by **Christie's**, the evening offered fine food and wine pairings to celebrate the Center's most visionary donors. Thanks to overwhelming generosity, the campaign has raised \$100 million of its \$122 million goal.

Special guests in attendance included **Lew and Kathleen Crampton, Wendy Cox, Tony and Amanda Cummings, Bob and Sally Gilbane, Peter and Paula Lunder, Eric and Lucinda Stonestrom, Christopher and Tara Vecellio and Kathryn Vecellio**, amongst others.

"I want to thank all of you here tonight for getting us to this point," said CSCA President and CEO, **Kate Arrizza**. "Your support has been astonishing, and we would not be able to break ground later this week without you. Everyone here tonight is a friend and supporter of the Science Center, and you truly see the value in what we do here."

Later that week, CSCA leadership ceremoniously put shovels in the ground to commemorate the start of construction. After more than six decades, the planned expansion will revolutionize CSCA, allowing it to serve nearly 1 million guests annually in new and renovated spaces. This includes a new science building visible from I-95, new outdoor spaces, and one of Florida's largest indoor aquariums. The current indoor/ outdoor campus is set to double in size from 50,000-square-feet to more than 100,000-square-feet, with the aquarium expanding from 10,000 gallons to 130,000 gallons.

CSCA will remain open to the public throughout construction and will host its spring and summer exhibit, *Dinosaur Revolution*, into the fall. To be part of this transformative campaign or to learn more about CSCA current or future offerings, email philanthropy@coxsciencecenter.org, visit coxsciencecenter.org/support-us or call 561.832.1988.



FIRST ROW: Lew and Kathleen Crampton; Lucinda and Eric Stonestrom; **SECOND ROW:** Katharine and Bill Eyre; LeeAnne Stiles Nicholson LaBanz and David John Stiles Nicholson; **THIRD ROW:** Chris and Tara Vecellio; Sarah Johnson, Chip DiPaula and Katie Carpenter; **FOURTH ROW:** Tony and Amanda Cummings; Amanda Cummings, Victoria Hagen and Laing Rogers. PHOTOS: CAPEHART