



The Living Arts & Science Center, Inc. (LASC) is excited to announce the promotion of Gallery and Operations Director Jeanette Tesmer to the role of Executive Director. Tesmer advances into the senior leadership position following an extensive search led by members of the LASC board and local community leaders.

“The more we spoke with Jeanette about the Executive Director role, her vision for LASC, and it’s place in our community, the more it became apparent that the leader we were searching for was already achieving amazing things for the Center,” said search committee chairperson and board member Keleigh Arnett.

LASC is a 55-year-old nonprofit organization located at 362 North Martin Luther King Boulevard in the historic Kinkead House. It hosts numerous local artist exhibitions each year and boasts Lexington’s only planetarium. Annually the center offers more than 400 classes for children and adults and hosts over 6,000 students for field trips, summer camps, and more. Committed to making art and science accessible to all community members, LASC offers free and low-cost family events as well as free educational programming for underserved children through public school partnerships.

“I am humbled to lead the Living Arts & Science Center into the next chapter. Everyday I am in awe of the creative innovation of my colleagues and their passion for arts and science education. Together we are going to set the standard for nonprofits in Lexington and be the place to visit, play, explore, and learn for all ages,” said Tesmer.

Tesmer joined the LASC staff in April of 2022, bringing with her 11 years prior experience working in the non-profit industry. She received an undergraduate degree in international business from Hezberg Business School at Rockhurst University, as well as a master’s degree in museum studies from University of Kentucky.

LASC board chairperson John Spires said, "On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are overjoyed to have Jeanette take charge as our new Executive Director. Having seen the energy and passion she has for the organization, we are confident she is the right person to continue our mission of promoting life-long learning in the arts and sciences."

Spires said, “I also want to give the board’s sincere thanks to Gene Guinn of MG Coaching & Consulting who did an incredible job serving as our interim executive director. Agreeing to temporarily lead the organization while the committee searched, Gene was able to continue development of LASC staff and programming while ensuring a strong financial position for our organization throughout the transition.”

The LASC Board invites you to a Meet and Greet Reception on May 4th from 4-7 pm.

Learn more about LASC at [www.lasclex.org](http://www.lasclex.org).