

Kim L. Cavendish
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Kim L. Cavendish, President and CEO of the Museum of Discovery and Science, has led science museums for 36 years. She led the development of the Museum in Fort Lauderdale from its original small "Discovery Center" in 1981 into a new \$32 million state-of-the-art science center and IMAX theater that opened in 1992. After leaving MODS in 1995 to serve as CEO of the Virginia Air & Space Center and later the Orlando Science Center, she returned in 2002 to take the helm of MODS again. Since then she has spearheaded a \$35 million expansion and renovation of the museum, developing its EcoDiscovery Center wing that opened in 2011, the complete renovation of the IMAX Theater in 2016, and a new Science Park, scheduled to open in early 2018.

She is well known for her ability to turn institutions around from fiscal crisis into sustained success. Active in the international Giant Screen Cinema Association, which serves over 250 member institutions around the world, she was Chair of its Board for two years and continues as a Board member. She served for many years on the Board of Directors of the Association of Science-Technology Centers and was a two-term President of the Florida Association of Museums, which recognized her with its Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013. She has been an active presenter at international museum and theater conferences, including a featured role in the US-China Forum on the Popularization of Science, and has published writings on museum management, marketing and strategic planning.