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## Lauren Kochian Named MOST President

**SYRACUSE, NY (Aug. 1, 2018)** – The Milton J. Rubenstein Museum of Science & Technology (MOST) is pleased to announce that Lauren Kochian has been named President of the MOST.

“Stepping into the role of MOST President is very exciting,” Kochian said. “The MOST is such an important STEM educational resource, and a place to inspire the love of learning and discovery in our children. I look forward to advancing the museum’s vision for our community.”

Kochian has been serving as Interim President of the MOST since the resignation of former MOST President, Toni Martin, on June 21, 2018. Prior to appointment as Interim President, Kochian championed MOST Foundation and museum operations efforts as Executive Vice President beginning in May 2016. She has more than 18 years of fund development, marketing and public relations experience.

Her previous roles include marketing and development for Arc of Onondaga and Syracuse Stage, and public relations for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins of the American Hockey League. Kochian also serves on the board of GiGi’s Playhouse.

“We look forward to working with Lauren to fulfill our vision as the preeminent science center for CNY. We have the utmost confidence that the MOST will thrive and continue to offer outstanding educational opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math under Lauren’s leadership,” said Howard Hollander, chair of the search committee and Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Kochian is the fourth president of the MOST and second woman to head the Museum. A Syracuse native, Lauren is a graduate of the ESM School District, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations from Syracuse University’s S.I. Newhouse School and a Master of Science in Media Management from Syracuse University’s S.I. Newhouse School & Whitman School of Management.

Effective today, Kochian assumes the role of MOST President.

The Milton J. Rubenstein Museum of Science & Technology (MOST) is a hands-on science and technology museum for all ages. The MOST hosts numerous STEM education programs and community outreach events annually and is home to 35,000 square feet of interactive permanent and traveling exhibits, Silverman Planetarium, and Bristol IMAX® Omnitheater - the only domed IMAX theater in New York State. The MOST's vision is to be a preeminent science and technology center, inspiring all generations through hands-on education and entertainment.

The MOST is regularly open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. The Museum is open on Mondays and Tuesdays for local school Winter Recess, Midwinter Break and Spring Break. For hours and pricing, visit [most.org](http://most.org) or call 315.425.9068.

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