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Exploratorium Announces Three New Board Members.

SAN FRANCISCO, California — Exploratorium announces the addition of three new board members to its Board of Directors. Jennifer Van Natta, W. Brewster Ely IV, and Jennifer Rainin join the group of Tech Executives, Bay Area philanthropists, and scientists already on Exploratorium's growing board.

"The new board members all show a remarkable depth of passion for education, evidence-based thinking, and the kind of genuine engagement with the world that inspires both scientists and artists to move ever forward. They bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our mission and to our momentum as an organization " – Executive Director, Chris Flink.



Jennifer Van Natta is Board President for My Digital TAT2, a nonprofit organization that helps schools, healthcare professionals and communities develop healthy habits and critical-thinking skills in the integration of technology into their work and lives. With a proven, face-to-face curriculum, My Digital TAT2 inspires conscious and responsible participation in an increasingly connected world. Jennifer served on the Board of Trustees of CuriOdyssey at Coyote Point from 2010-2016 and attended Parents Nursery School (PNS) with her children from 2003-2008, where she taught and served as President. Prior to PNS Jennifer taught in Seattle at St. Marks Preschool while studying Curriculum and Instruction at Seattle University's Graduate School of Education. She began her career at Little Gators Preschool in San Francisco after receiving her B.A. from San Francisco State

University in 1993. Jennifer holds a Master of Science in Organization Development from the University of San Francisco and a Masters of Education from Seattle University. Jennifer's interests are exploring San Francisco, early childhood science education, marine biology and art in all its forms. She and her husband, Owen, are raising two daughters and three guinea pigs in San Francisco. Owen Van Natta is a former COO at Facebook, and has held leadership positions at Zynga, Amazon and MySpace.



W. Brewster Ely IV is the former Headmaster of Town School for Boys. He arrived at Town School in 1989 carrying the strong personal values and traditions of his family, and following in the footsteps of his father, who was also an educator and a headmaster for 24 years. During his 27 years as Headmaster, Ely helped countless students discover their strengths and talents, pursue their dreams, express their creativity, and develop their unique character. Every morning, Headmaster Ely greeted his students with a handshake that conveyed his commitment to their education, his respect for their well-being, and the promise of a bright future. With Ely's

leadership, the campus has been dramatically transformed and the performing arts and athletic programs expanded. By the time of his retirement, Ely had served as Headmaster for more than a third of the Town School's nearly 80-year history; during that time he also worked to support the educational opportunities of those beyond the Town School. In 1990 Ely co-founded Project Discover, an educational summer camp serving low income children in the San Francisco Bay Area. He created the New Teacher Institute which trains new educators and administrators to carry on the academic excellence and values of Town School throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, and further.

Brewster Ely has been deeply committed to our San Francisco community. He has served on the boards of the San Francisco Zoo, the Boys and Girls Clubs of San Francisco, KIPP Bay Area Schools, Carney Sandoe and Associates, Stevenson School and the International Boys' Schools Coalition, of which he was president.



Dr. Jennifer Rainin has served as CEO of the Kenneth Rainin Foundation since its public launch in 2008. She previously worked as a teacher and literacy specialist, earning her doctorate in education from the University of Illinois, Chicago. In addition to helping create award programs for Bay Area performing arts organizations, Dr. Rainin established the SFFS/KRF Filmmaker Awards for feature films with a social justice theme. She also commissioned Stage Left, an Emmy-nominated documentary film that outlines and celebrates the history of Bay Area theater and helped create the Community Arts Stabilization Trust (CAST), a nonprofit that supports arts organizations in San Francisco's Central Market Street corridor. In education, Jen has focused the Foundation's efforts on supporting literacy development for children in Oakland. Her work in health includes establishing the Innovator and Breakthrough Awards for research on Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) and launching the Rainin Foundation's Innovations Symposium, which brings together interdisciplinary experts to find innovative approaches to IBD research. Jen's deep commitment to philanthropy was instilled early on by her father and she continues to be personally involved in supporting numerous nonprofits and community based organizations. She has supported the Center for Colitis and Crohn's Disease at the University of California, San Francisco, and has participated in fundraising for HIV/AIDS, Fragile X, Multiple Sclerosis, Breast Cancer and Cystic Fibrosis. Jen was a founding member of the San Francisco Ballet's Encore Group and has volunteered in the production department of the San Francisco International Film Festival. Her leadership and dedication to philanthropic efforts have been recognized through key awards, including the Inside Philanthropy 2014 IPPY award and being named the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America's 2013 Champion of Hope. Jen actively engages with grantees and experts in the field, bringing people together to create new ideas and collaborations, and listening to ideas outside of philanthropy's traditional circles. Jen is the only daughter of Kenneth Rainin, who founded laboratory instrument company Rainin Instrument Co. He was an active philanthropist who gave significant gifts to USCF, the San Francisco Ballet, and Cleveland Clinic Foundation for research on colitis and Crohn's disease and other intestinal disorders.

About the Exploratorium

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