Dear Members, Friends and Volunteers,

Winter Solstice may be the perfect time for reflection and to enjoy the beauty and splendor that each season brings. Try your best not to cocoon. Visit your favorite hiking trail, stay physically active and engage yourself in new ways.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter!

Annual Meeting 2017

The Ohio Academy of Science will celebrate its 126th Annual Meeting at the University of Cincinnati on Saturday, April 8, 2017. Registration is now open. Look for the "Just-in-Time" call for professional and undergraduate poster submissions. It will be sent later in the month!

Also, a big thank you to our local host Mr. Greg Hollon, Program Director in the College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services(CECH).
National Youth Science Camp

The National Youth Science Camp is a residential science education program for young STEM enthusiasts the summer after they graduate from high school. Students from around the country (two are selected to represent each state and Washington, D.C.) are challenged academically in exciting lectures and hands-on studies, and have voluntary opportunities to participate in an outdoor adventure program, gain a new and deep appreciation for the great outdoors, and establish friendships that last a lifetime.

To apply, please visit:  [http://apply.nysc.org](http://apply.nysc.org)

Believe in Ohio

What a busy semester for the Believe in Ohio program!! On Thursday, December 8 at Wright State University, BiO completed its 13th STEM Forum. More than 2,500 middle and high school students participated this fall. BiO helps students understand the importance of a STEM education and an entrepreneurial mindset to become innovators in Ohio's Innovation Economy. Below, Dr. Robert Midden, BGSU is explaining the scientific research, processes and the economic benefits of turning "manure into gold". Thank you to each of the host universities and colleges! What a great partnership it has been.
Click here for a complete list of the Believe in Ohio STEM Forums.

District Science Days and State Science Day

The Granddaddy of them all! The Rose Bowl? No, District Science Days and State Science Day.

The District 14 Science Day will be held for the first time at the University of Rio Grande. Dr. John Means, Associate Professor of Chemistry is the District Chair for the inaugural Southern Ohio Science Day on March 25, 2017. I hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars for May 13, 2017, the 69th anniversary of State Science Day. This event is not possible without our host The Ohio State University and each of the Title Sponsors:

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The OAS is the leading organization in Ohio advancing the understanding of science, engineering and technology. Thank you for continuing to support this noble vision.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Michael E. Woytek
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