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Orlando Science Center Unveiled Newly Named VyStar Adventure Theater Ribbon cutting celebrated VyStar Credit Union's $1 million commitment to OSC's Unlock Science Campaign

ORLANDO, FL - September 17, 2026 - Orlando Science Center celebrated a new chapter in its partnership with VyStar Credit Union with the official unveiling and ribbon cutting of the VyStar Adventure Theater on Wednesday, September 16.

The event was hosted by OSC's President & CEO JoAnn Newman and attended by VyStar Credit Union's President/CEO Brian Wolfburg and SVP/Foundation President Patricia McElroy, along with community leaders and supporters.

The newly christened theater recognizes VyStar's $1 million commitment to Orlando Science Center's Unlock Science Campaign, a significant investment in its mission to inspire science learning for all and expand opportunities for people of all ages to explore the possibilities of science, technology, engineering and math.

"Tonight was about much more than putting a new name on our theater," said JoAnn Newman, President and CEO of Orlando Science Center. "It honors the strong relationship between two organizations that believe deeply in investing in people, families and the future of our community. We are incredibly grateful to VyStar for believing in our work, investing in our future and helping us continue to grow our impact."

The VyStar Adventure Theater is an important part of Orlando Science Center experience, providing an immersive venue where guests can explore the natural world, travel to distant places and experience science through films, live demonstrations and other engaging presentations. Following the ribbon cutting, guests caught a glimpse of the theater's potential with the preview of a 3D film and an explosive live show called KABOOM!, which presented the science behind combustion, energy, pressure and colorful chemistry.

"At VyStar, we believe investing in education is one of the most meaningful ways we can strengthen our communities and inspire future generations," said VyStar SVP/Foundation President Patricia McElroy. "The VyStar Adventure Theater will create opportunities for families, students and visitors to explore, discover and experience science in new ways. We're proud to partner with Orlando Science Center to help make learning more accessible, engaging and inspiring for people of all ages."

This event highlighted how VyStar's investment will help support OSC's ability to create unforgettable hands-on experiences that spark curiosity, ignite imaginations, encourage questions and inspire the next generation of scientists, innovators and problem-solvers.

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Photo Captions:

Photos 1: VyStar Credit Union's AVP Regional Community Engagement Sheldon Dutes, OSC's President & CEO JoAnn Newman, OSC's VP Development Nicholas Chapman.

Photo 2: Participating in the ribbon cutting for the newly named VyStar Adventure Theater (from left to right) OSC's VP Development Nicholas Chapman, OSC Board Chair Michelle DeVos, VyStar Credit Union's SVP/Foundation President Patricia McElroy, OSC's President & CEO JoAnn Newman, VyStar's President/CEO Brian Wolfburg, VyStar's VP Community Engagement Kemal Gasper and VyStar's SVP Partnerships Lysa Barbano.

Photo 3: VyStar Credit Union's SVP/Foundation President Patricia McElroy sharing remarks during the celebration for the newly named VyStar Adventure Theater.

Photos 4 & 5: Following the ribbon cutting, guests caught a glimpse of the theater's potential with an explosive live show called KABOOM!, which presented the science behind combustion, energy, pressure and colorful chemistry.

Photo 6: OSC's President & CEO JoAnn Newman making opening remarks during the celebration for the newly named VyStar Adventure Theater.

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About VyStar Credit Union
VyStar Credit Union is the second-largest credit union headquartered in Florida, with 80 full-service branches across Florida and Georgia, more than 1 million members and assets of over $14 billion. VyStar is a major employer in the region with over 2,200 employees across the communities it serves. VyStar membership is open to everyone who lives or works in the 49 contiguous counties of Central to North Florida, 29 Georgia counties, as well as past and present military members and their families all over the world. Members benefit from convenient access to over 55,000 surcharge free ATMs worldwide. VyStar has earned national recognition from Time Magazine, Fortune, USA Today and Forbes for excellence in financial services, innovation and customer service, reflecting its commitment to delivering value and exceptional experiences to members. For more information, visit vystarcu.org, and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter), and LinkedIn.

About Orlando Science Center
Orlando Science Center is Central Florida's award-winning, hands-on science museum. For more than 70 years, OSC's exhibits and programming have brought science to life for not just residents of Central Florida, but also visitors from around the world. With four floors of interactive exhibit halls, labs and workshops, theaters, an observatory, and experiences that change with the seasons, there is always something exciting for our more than 650,000 annual visitors to see and do. OSC also reaches 153,000 students and educators each year through STEM Discovery Center educational programs, both onsite and offsite at schools and community organizations. OSC was incorporated in 1955 as the Central Florida Museum and opened in Orlando Loch Haven

Park in 1960. The current facility opened in 1997 and has undergone numerous renovations, becoming one of the most popular museum destinations in the region.