



Perot Museum of Nature and Science Names Chief Learning Officer

Drexell Owusu to Expand the Museum's Long-Term Statewide Impact on STEM Education

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DALLAS (April 30, 2024) - After a comprehensive search, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science has named innovative business executive and community advocate Drexell Owusu as its Chief Learning Officer. Owusu joins the Perot Museum after leading The Dallas Foundation as its Chief Impact Officer and previously serving the Dallas Regional Chamber as its Senior Vice President of Education & Workforce. He assumed his duties and was officially welcomed to the Perot Museum on April 1, 2024.

“The Perot Museum is delighted to welcome Drexell Owusu, a leader in organizational strategy, as we expand access to STEM education to the widest possible audience,” said Dr. Linda Silver, Eugene McDermott Chief Executive Officer of the Perot Museum of Nature and Science. “He brings extensive expertise in education, equity and outreach – which will be crucial as the Perot Museum expands and refines its approach to museum education. Drexell’s innovative and entrepreneurial spirit will be instrumental in our pursuit to ignite passion for science and nature in every mind.”

Owusu joined The Dallas Foundation as Chief Impact Officer in April 2021, where he focused on improving lives and outcomes across Dallas County, advising and directing more than \$70 million in annual community philanthropy each of the last three years. He’s worked closely with philanthropic, nonprofit, and civic leaders across Dallas and collaborated with the Foundation’s donor partners. Owusu was previously the Senior Vice President of Education & Workforce at the Dallas Regional Chamber, where he led the organization’s efforts to equitably grow and develop the existing regional education and workforce pipeline.

Additionally, Owusu brings the invaluable perspective of a business executive and entrepreneur with great depth in education . Previously, he founded and served as CEO of Brave Capital Partners, an investment company focused on catalyzing minority communities. Owusu also served as Managing Director and Chief of Staff at Civitas Capital Group, a private real estate investment firm, where he led the establishment of the GrowSouth Fund to invest in southern Dallas. Additionally, Owusu has served in several corporate leadership and strategy roles during his career, including at Blockbuster, FedEx Office, and Accenture. His proven track record of finding unique, collaborative solutions to challenging problems will be key to fostering the ongoing work to move the Museum from a mono-lingual to a fully bilingual (English/Spanish) organization and to one that finds even more ways to attract and welcome multi-ethnic audiences.

“Joining the incredible Perot Museum team is the culmination of all the threads of my career,” remarked Owusu. “I am eager to collaborate with our dedicated staff to amplify our impact, extending our educational initiatives beyond the museum’s walls. Our goal is to forge meaningful connections and provide substantial support to all communities of North Texas, as well as to partner with our school systems to inspire minds throughout our region.”

Owusu serves on a number of civic and nonprofit boards, including on the boards of Better Block, Education is Freedom, Education Opens Doors, Impact Ventures, the SMU Simmons School of Education and Human Performance, Trust for Public Land – Texas, United to Learn, Year Up Texas, and the Dallas Development Fund. He also works closely with Dallas ISD, where he chairs the Dallas ISD Bond 2020 Advisory Council and the West Dallas STEM School Advisory Council, as well as serving as a board member for the Dallas Education Foundation.

Owusu earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from Rice University, where he was a two-time Track and Field All-American in the triple jump. He lives in Oak Cliff with his wife and their three children, each of whom attend Dallas ISD schools.

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About the Perot Museum of Nature and Science:

Located in the heart of Dallas, Texas, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science is a nonprofit educational and research organization dedicated to inspiring minds through nature and science. Visitors will find everything from dinosaurs to diamonds and space to sports, packed into five levels of hands-on discovery and adventure. Through its state-of-the-art exhibits, educational programming and community outreach, the Museum offers exciting and innovative experiences for learners of all ages. To learn more, please visit perotmuseum.org.