

The Adler Planetarium Welcomes New Vice President, Chief Information Officer, Chris Comerford

CHICAGO – May 23, 2016 – The Adler Planetarium enthusiastically welcomes Chris Comerford as the museum's Vice President, Chief Information Officer. Reporting to the Adler's President and CEO, Michelle B. Larson, PhD, Comerford will be a strategic partner tasked with staying ahead of the technology curve, supporting the museum's working needs, and providing a long-term vision for how technology and digital resources can modernize the business.

"I'm extremely excited to join the Adler team, and be part of this outstanding institution that inspires curiosity about and appreciation for the world and Universe in which we live," says Comerford. "There are so many possibilities for encouraging exploration and experimentation, and I can't wait to help contribute."

Chris Comerford joins the Adler with almost two decades of experience in leadership, strategy, and technology. He has successfully led a series of initiatives to enable organizational priorities through technology in both the academic and private sectors. Comerford was most recently the Senior Director of Information Technology and Administrative Initiatives for the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences at Northwestern University. He has also held technology leadership roles at Maven Wave Partners, ShopLocal, and the University of Chicago. Comerford earned his bachelor's degree in economics and his MBA in strategy and management from the University of Chicago.



"Chris Comerford brings both technical and strategic thinking skills to the Chief Information Officer role at the Adler. He has a reputation for delivering user-focused IT support that simultaneously helps move the institution forward," says Larson. "Chris will be an outstanding addition to our innovative and collaborative Adler team."

About the Adler Planetarium:

The Adler Planetarium—America's First Planetarium—is more than a museum; it is a laboratory, a classroom, and a community exploring the Universe together. Each year, over 550,000 visitors experience the museum's interactive exhibitions, live planetarium shows, hands-on, minds-on STEM education programs, and world-class collections. Founded in 1930 by Chicago business leader Max Adler, the Adler Planetarium is a recognized leader in public engagement. The museum's scientists, historians, and educators inspire the next generation of explorers and invite you to explore space with us.