Arp 273 is an interacting pair of galaxies. The larger of these tangoing partners, UGC 1810, is being distorted into a shape reminiscent of a rose by its companion, UGC 1813, which makes the flower’s stem. A bridge of material connects the two galaxies across tens of thousands of light-years.

NASA, ESA, THE HUBBLE HERITAGE TEAM (STSCI AND AURA)
This year was special, as we celebrated the centennial of Society for Science. In our first 100 years, the Society launched a magazine, advised government agencies, created and grew three world-class STEM research competitions and developed a suite of outreach programs focused on ensuring that every young person with an interest in STEM has an opportunity to pursue that passion.

The Society launched a digital timeline in recognition of our impressive history, dating back to our founders’ first meeting. University of California professor and zoologist William Ritter connected with newspaper magnate Edward W. Scripps in the summer of 1903, and in 1921 they founded Science Service, now called Society for Science. And as they say, the rest is history.

Our magazine, Science News, created a special series to celebrate our centennial. Century of Science delves into major advances across the sciences, including Earth’s history, human evolution, the genetic revolution, climate change, the workings of our brains and the vastness of the cosmos.

One element that excited us: all the content found in Century of Science is grounded in the more than 90,000 articles in the Science News archive.

In the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Society worked to ensure that the virtual experience had by all the finalists who competed in our world-renowned science research competitions was second to none. To celebrate Science Talent Search’s 80th anniversary, the virtual Regeneron STS finalists were also honored to have four Nobel laureates—Walter Gilbert, Sheldon Glashow, Roald Hoffmann, and Frank Wilczek—who are also STS alumni, speak with them via Zoom. The Broadcom MASTERS finalists were brought together via Zoom to participate in exceptional team challenges and met alumni from around the country during a 10-year anniversary event.

The biggest digital achievement was the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair going fully online. We created a virtual world for the Regeneron ISEF finalists that enabled them to interact, play virtual soccer and hear from industry experts, in addition to being judged—1,779 finalists from 64 countries, regions and territories participated in nearly 6,000 virtual judging appointments! We awarded over $5 million, with nearly 30,000 views of the virtual awards ceremony. Our outreach and equity programs, meanwhile, continued to provide thousands of teachers and millions of students with resources for their classrooms aimed at helping them during an exceptionally challenging school year.

Science News and Science News for Students not only continued to provide their audiences with the latest scientific information but also kept readers informed about the latest COVID-19 variants. The Science News Media Group also hosted a virtual symposium on topics ranging from climate change to COVID-19.

The Society has an incredible team, and we are grateful for all the work they do to ensure the success of our journalism, competitions, and outreach and equity programs.

We thank the Board of Trustees, whose commitment and guidance ensure the continued success of the Society. We extend our deepest thanks to Paul Maddon, Tom Leighton and Alan Leshner for their long-term service to the Board. We will miss them. We welcome Lance R. Collins, Mariette DiChristina and Charles McCabe to the Board and look forward to their guidance in the years ahead. We also thank our sponsors for their valued support of our competitions and programs. Most importantly, we could not do our work without the generous support of you, the Society’s subscribing members, donors, alumni and readers. Here’s to another extraordinary century at Society for Science!

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“Making History

We know that a very small portion of the great human story that is being unfolded daily by the scientific institutions, government and industrial research bureaus, and by individual pioneers the world over, finds its way into the American press.”

EDWARD W. SCRIPPS
For the second time in its 80-year history, the Regeneron Science Talent Search was held virtually in order to keep finalists and their families safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. The winners were selected from 1,760 applications received from 611 high schools across 45 states; Washington, D.C.; Puerto Rico; and 10 countries. Yunseo Choi of Exeter, N.H., won the $250,000 top award. Second place and $175,000 went to Noah Getz of New York, N.Y., and third place and $150,000 went to Eshani Jha of San Jose, Calif. Dasia Taylor of North Liberty, Iowa, was named the Seaborg Award winner and given the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Regeneron STS Class of 2021 during the awards ceremony.

In 2021, Broadcom MASTERS took place virtually for a second year, with students competing in team challenges online. Akilan Sankaran from Albuquerque, N.M., won the Samueli Foundation Prize. Akilan is the first student in the competition’s 11-year history to take home the top award for a math project. Camellia Sharma of Henrico, Va., won the $10,000 DoD STEM Talent Award; Prisha Shroff of Chandler, Ariz., won the $10,000 Lemelson Award for Invention; Josephine E. Schultz of San Antonio, Texas, won the $10,000 Marconi/Samueli Award for Innovation; and Nyka C. Chopra of Fremont, Calif., won the $10,000 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Award for Health Advancement.

Nearly 2,000 young scientists, engineers and innovators from 49 states and 64 countries participated in the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair’s first virtual competition. Finalists participated in virtual judging, watched streamed programming and had fun in a virtual world created just for them. Top winners included Michelle Hua of Troy, Mich., who won first place and the $75,000 George D. Yancopoulos Innovator Award; Catherine Kim of Jericho, N.Y., who received a $50,000 Regeneron Young Scientist Award; and Daniel Shen of Cary, N.C., who also received a $50,000 Regeneron Young Scientist Award.

The Society named 66 educators to serve in the Advocate Program for the 2021–2022 school year. Throughout their one-year terms, Advocates encourage at least three to five students whose race or ethnicity is historically underrepresented in STEM to undertake science and engineering research and help them enter their projects into competitions. To date, Advocates have supported more than 4,000 students through the life of the program; of these, 3,076 students have successfully competed in at least one science research competition.

More than 17,000 educators and an estimated 5 million students have access to Science News in High Schools, our program that brings reliable and trustworthy STEM journalism into the classroom. In 2021, the Society filmed a series of webinars highlighting how teachers have effectively integrated the program into their classrooms. During a year when many educators were teaching virtually, the Society wanted to provide teachers with as much support as possible.
HIGH SCHOOL RESEARCH TEACHERS CONFERENCE

In the Society’s first hybrid event, high school teachers from around the country gathered online while those living near the Society’s home of Washington, D.C., met in person. The conference included peer-led sessions that focused on topics ranging from leading students in independent scientific research to engaging students from underserved communities.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Society added to its Board of Trustees, bringing on Mariette DiChristina, Dean of the College of Communication at Boston University; Lance R. Collins, VP and Executive Director of the Virginia Tech Innovation Campus; and Charles McCabe, Chief Advisor of the Manifold Fund and great-grandson of Society for Science founder E. W. Scripps.

ENGAGING OUR ALUMNI

The Society brought together alumni from around the world—virtually—for conversations and panel discussions on topics that ranged from data science to aero-space. During our annual Signature Event, alumni and members were treated to a talk by Al pioneer Tom Gruber, Co-founder, CTO, and Head of Design for the team that created Siri. Michael Kanfer (STS 1976; ISEF 1976), a visual effects Academy Award winner, also spoke with alumni after a screening of his film Apollo 13.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RESEARCH TEACHERS CONFERENCE

Middle school teachers from across the country gathered together online for the Middle School Research Teachers Conference, supported by the Department of Defense through its Defense STEM Education Consortium (DSEC). The peer-led conference included more than 100 teachers from 27 states, Washington, D.C.; Puerto Rico; and Guam. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference took place, in part, in a virtual world created by the Society, enabling the educators to interact as customized avatars.

100 YEARS OF IMPACT

In honor of the Society’s centennial, we launched an online timeline, “100 Years of Impact,” detailing the Society’s role in covering key scientific moments and discoveries, encouraging science literacy, and identifying the next generation of leaders in science and engineering. The timeline includes documents, photographs, and audio and video clips, such as the very first Science News Bulletin from April 2, 1921, an Adventures in Science broadcast from 1958 discussing applying science to disease outbreaks; and photos of presidents and first ladies, including Eleanor Roosevelt and President Barack Obama, with Science Talent Search finalists.

ECENTURY OF SCIENCE FROM SCIENCE NEWS

Science News launched a new site, Century of Science, which delves into major advances across the sciences that have transformed our understanding of the world, the universe, and our lives. Topics include Earth’s history, human origins, the workings of our brains, the genetic revolution, climate change and the vastness of the cosmos.

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As Society for Science looks forward to a bright future, it draws inspiration from the past 100 years. Read on to view a sampling of our online timeline—featuring historic photographs, founding documents, trailblazing news coverage and more. You can find the full timeline at centennial.societyforscience.org

**HOW THE SOCIETY CAME TO BE**

In the summer of 1903, University of California professor and zoologist William Ritter met newspaper magnate Edward W. Scripps. Scripps funded Ritter’s marine life laboratory in San Diego, Calif., which became the Scripps Oceanographic Institute. As their friendship grew, Ritter shared his expertise in scientific inquiry with Scripps, who imparted to Ritter his vision for science’s potential to improve humankind.

**1903**

**1921** 

On April 2, 2021, Science Service published the first Science News Bulletin. As Science Service’s journalistic debut, this weekly collection of science news stories furnished subscribing newspapers with syndicated science material that editors could choose when and where to print. Over time, Science Service developed additional means of distributing its journalism, including its own magazine, Science News-Letter.

**1921** 

**1922** 

As word spread about Science Service’s journalism, individuals increasingly asked if they could subscribe themselves. To meet popular demand, the editors created Science News-Letter, first published on March 13, 1922. In 1926, Science News-Letter became a magazine, with pictures and advertisements.

**1922**

**1925** 

In July 1925, biology teacher John Scopes stood trial for teaching evolution in a Dayton, Tenn., public school. In addition to arguing for evolutionary theory’s validity in Science News-Letter, Science Service helped cover Scopes’ defense costs and located scientists to testify—an intervention journalists would not engage in today.

**1925**

**1938**

In the 1930s, Science Service started developing a new radio program with CBS. By 1938, this series of interviews with scientists was named Adventures in Science. Science Service director Watson Davis hosted most of these weekly broadcasts, which remained on the air until 1958.

**1938**

**1942**

Sponsored by Westinghouse and administered by Science Service, the first Science Talent Search took place in 1942. After passing a grueling 100-question science aptitude examination, psychological evaluations and a committee selection process, 40 finalists won scholarships and a trip to Washington, D.C. STS quickly became the premier science research competition for students attending American high schools.

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YEAR OF CHAMPIONING SCIENCE
The National Science Fair continued to grow and evolve over time, and the first international competitors—traveling from Japan and Germany—joined 281 U.S. finalists in Flint, Mich., for the 1958 National Science Fair. In acknowledgment of its global scope, the competition became known as the International Science Fair in 1965 and the International Science and Engineering Fair in 1971. In recent years, the fair has welcomed participants from more than 80 countries, regions and territories.

Science Service and Science Clubs of America held the first National Science Fair in Philadelphia. At the fair, 30 exceptional young finalists—selected at regional science fairs—competed for acclaim and prizes totaling $1,000 in scientific equipment. Today, around 400 Grand Awards are given each year in more than 20 categories at the Regeneron ISEF.

Science Service director Watson Davis noted that the program was effective for “the enlightenment of the public and the… teaching of science.” Over the course of four decades, thousands of children came to love and understand science and scientific thinking through the kits.

In the summer of 1962, Science Service received a congressional charter—a law that officially recognized the organization’s public service mission. Science Service was granted the charter for promoting science education through science clubs, fairs and the Science Talent Search—programs that now engage over 1 million students nationwide each year.

In the 1960s and 1970s, Science News published more than 100 stories related to the Apollo missions, from the moon landing to experiments on lunar material. As it hailed Apollo’s achievements, the publication also documented many Americans’ ambivalence toward investment in space research during an age of social unrest, war and the struggle for civil rights.

In 1972, Leon Cooper and Gerald Edelman became the first STS alumni to win the prestigious Nobel Prize. Cooper and two colleagues won the Nobel Prize in physics for developing the theory of superconductivity. Edelman won his award in medicine for his research on the chemical structure of antibodies. Since 1972, 13 STS alumni have received the coveted prize in recognition of their outstanding achievements.
As the HIV/AIDS epidemic spread in the 1980s, Science News featured dozens of articles covering scientists’ race to understand the virus. In an era when AIDS was widely misunderstood and stigmatized, Science News published well-researched articles that helped the public better understand the disease.

Discovery Communications partnered with Science Service to expand the organization’s middle school programming to encourage achievement and communication in science and math at a younger age. In 1999, Science Service and Discovery Communications held the first Discovery Young Scientist Challenge, giving finalists educational and career-shaping opportunities. Students nominated from local science fairs applied for this national recognition.

To provide middle school students with age-appropriate, topical science news, Science Service launched Science News for Kids in 2003. With input from educators, journalists and students, the organization created an engaging, free website featuring new science developments not found in school textbooks. Articles defined scientific terms and used language appropriate for readers aged 9 to 14. Over its first two years, the site received 200,000 visitors. In 2013, its name changed to Science News for Students, and it now publishes new articles each week for learners of all ages.

President George W. Bush met with STS finalists multiple years and supported science education through the 2007 America COMPETES Act, which created new STEM education programs. In 2006, prize-winning finalists identified water quality problems, discovered new geometric properties of random walks and studied the molecular mechanisms behind heart disease.

Broadcom Foundation partnered with the Society in 2010 to re-launch and revitalize a middle school science competition with an emphasis on learning 21st-century skills. The result was Broadcom MASTERS (Math, Applied Science, Technology, and Engineering for Rising Stars). Each year, Broadcom MASTERS selects a group of 30 exceptional young scientists to travel to Washington, D.C., to present their projects and participate in team challenges, competing for cash awards and prizes.

To advance its mission to expand science literacy and opportunity for all members of the public, the Society launched a slate of new outreach and equity programs for underserved communities in 2015. Today, six programs—Science News in High Schools, the Advocate Program, STEM Research Grants, STEM Action Grants and the High School and Middle School Research Teachers Conferences—support students and educators across the nation.

Throughout the coronavirus pandemic, Science News has made trustworthy information on the virus and its global impact widely accessible to the public. In addition to offering extensive coverage of the pandemic, a free email newsletter provides subscribers with weekly updates on the latest coronavirus research. Science News also made its coronavirus content available to other publications for free. These efforts have provided widespread access to accurate information on the rapidly evolving pandemic.
GROWTH IN 2021

Society for Science operates within three broad areas of program work: (1) science journalism, (2) world-class science competitions for high school and middle school students and (3) outreach and equity programming. In 2021, 85 cents of every dollar spent by the Society supported program work. General and administrative costs accounted for 7 cents of every expense dollar, and fundraising costs equaled 8 cents of every expense dollar.

Our science competitions, which were held virtually in 2021, remain a vibrant and important segment of our work and accounted for 55% of program spending. Our outreach and equity programming, which seeks to expand access to STEM opportunities for students across the country, together with our work focused on building our alumni community, accounted for 10% of program spending. Science News Media Group’s work, which includes Science News as well as Science News for Students, accounted for 35% of program spending.

The Society’s balance sheet continues to be very healthy, with total net assets of $89.6 million, composed of unrestricted net assets of $27.7 million and restricted net assets of $61.9 million. The Society carries no long-term financing and owns its primary office real estate. As a result, unrestricted current assets exceed current liabilities by $52.9 million, resulting in a 6.8 ratio of current assets to current liabilities. The Society’s unrestricted investment balance is entirely liquid and accounts for almost 50% of current assets composed of cash, investments, prepaid expenses and the amount of grants receivable to be received in the next year. The investment portfolio holdings are well diversified and professionally managed in order to take advantage of market growth while minimizing risk of loss.

Restricted assets make up the largest asset class and are mostly grants receivable for future funding commitments from Regeneron, Broadcom and other funders for science competitions and other program work, with all of the receivables to be provided within the next five years.
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Energizing the Next Generation

In the two decades since our retirement, we have been involved with ISEF and more recently with Science News in High Schools. We have really enjoyed encouraging the next generation of scientists and engineers to pursue their dreams. It has been an honor for us to work in collaboration with the dedicated and talented executive team and staff at Society for Science to help achieve this goal.

BILL & LORNA GLAUNSINGER

ISEF Judge Advisory Committee Members

Bill and Lorna Glaunsinger have been ISEF Judging Chairs and Category Co-chairs as well as Science Coaches for Science News in High Schools. They have also supported Society for Science as donors and fundraisers. Lorna is a retired secondary school science teacher who played a leadership role in promoting hands-on science curricula. Bill is an Emeritus Professor in the School of Molecular Sciences at Arizona State University and is the Dean of Sciences and Professions in the ASU Emeritus College.

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I volunteer at iSEF to help international students from Spanish-speaking countries explain their projects in front of their judges. Most of the international students are visiting the United States for the first time. For some, it’s their first international trip. The enthusiasm, joy and desire to share their projects is contagious, and perhaps the most fulfilling aspect of volunteering is seeing students grow in confidence. Giving Voice to Young Innovators

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